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Explanations

1. **Hitler _____.**
   ✓ B) was in power when the 1936 Olympic Games were held
   The passage says the 1936 Olympic Games took place in Germany and that this was **the Germany of Hitler**. So Hitler was **in power when the 1936 Olympic Games were held**. Not **did not believe that his athletes could win**: he believed no race was superior to the Germans, so he expected them to win.

2. **Jesse Owens _____.**
   ✓ A) was brought up in poverty
   The passage says Jesse was **the son of a poor black family** with six brothers and sisters, so he **was brought up in poverty**. Not **started to train for the Olympic games when he was a youth**: he trained in school, but the passage does not say this was for the Olympics.

3. **According to the passage, _____.**
   ✓ C) Jesse was one of the world's most popular athletes
   The last sentence says Jesse **became one of the most popular athletes in the world**. The other options are not in the passage. For example, it never says he was the only man to set four world records.

4. **Cosmetics have been _____.**
   ✓ E) used by people since ancient times
   The passage opens with **Cosmetics have been used for thousands of years** and gives ancient Egypt as an example. So cosmetics have been **used by people since ancient times**. Not **found in jars in museums**: the passage says the jars and bottles are in museums, not the cosmetics.

5. **Cosmetics not only make people look good but also _____.**
   ✓ C) help maintain the appearance of health
   The passage says that today cosmetics are used **to improve the appearance of people and to make them appear healthy**. So they help keep **the appearance of health**. Not **establish the social rank**: that use is described only for some tribes, not for cosmetics in general.

6. **Egyptians used jars and bottles _____.**
   ✓ D) both for decoration and for holding their cosmetics
   The passage describes **beautiful jars and bottles, which held oils and perfumes**. They were decorative and they held cosmetics. Not **to help them with their cleaning**: the jars held the cosmetics and were not used for cleaning.

7. **In 1492, Columbus _____.**
   ✓ B) started travelling towards Asia
   The passage says Columbus wanted **to reach the Indies**, and when he arrived **he believed he had reached Asia**. So he **started travelling towards Asia**. Not **wished to go to America**: he **did not even know** that America existed.

8. **Spices, silks and other treasures _____.**
   ✓ D) from Asia were brought to Europe
   The passage says **the Indies** (Asia) were **a source of wealth for Europeans**, and that Europeans valued spices and silks. So these treasures came from Asia to Europe. Not **were from the West Indies**: Columbus only reached the West Indies by mistake, believing they were Asia.

9. **Columbus believed _____.**
   ✓ E) he was headed for the Indies
   The passage says his purpose was **to reach the Indies**. When he arrived, **he believed he had reached Asia** and called the people **Indians**. The other options are not mentioned in the passage.

10. **The first clocks _____.**
    ✓ C) could only be made after the day had been divided into time periods
    The first sentence says **In order to make the first clock, one had to first divide the day into hours and minutes**. So the first clocks could only be made after the day had been divided into time periods. Not **were made by the Babylonians**: the passage says the Babylonians divided the hour into minutes and seconds, not that they made the first clocks.

11. **Today _____.**
    ✓ E) historians think that the Babylonians are responsible for the trend towards measuring time
    The passage says **the Babylonians were the first to divide the hour into 60 minutes**, so they started the way we measure time. The other options contradict the passage. For example, the atomic clock **is still the world's most accurate clock**, so quartz is not more dependable.

12. **The Chinese _____.**
    ✓ C) used the same type of water clock as the Greeks and Romans did
    The passage says the Greeks and Romans used **water clocks, which had been developed by the Chinese**. So the Chinese used the same type of water clock. Not **taught the Greeks how to tell time**: the passage does not say this.

13. **The Gulf War was the first war in which _____.**
✓ C) there was moment-by-moment coverage of a war which was shown on television
The passage stresses **live coverage** and **minute-by-minute reports**. People could follow events **as they occurred**. That was the new thing about this war. Not **the world saw the events of a war on TV**: earlier wars had also been shown on TV, just not live.

14. **According to the passage, Peter Arnett was _____.**
✓ E) the CNN reporter who told the world what was happening in the capital of Iraq
The passage says **CNN reporter Peter Arnett provided live coverage of the situation in Baghdad, the capital city of Iraq**. Not **given complete freedom**: the passage says they were **not granted complete freedom** with their cameras.

15. **According to the passage, telephone lines _____.**
✓ A) were never cut off
The passage says the telephone lines **were constantly open**, which means they **were never cut off**. Not **were the only means of communication**: the passage calls them the **primary** (main) means, not the only one.

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