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Explanations

1. **The passage is mainly concerned with _____.**
✓ A) the problems of many countries in the world related to the multiplying population and shortage of food as well as several solutions
The passage first describes the connected problems of a growing population and a food shortage. It then lists three possible solutions: fewer children, modern farming and importing food. Only this option covers both the problems and the **several solutions**. Not 'the connection between the problems', because that leaves out the solutions, which take up most of the text.

2. **We may infer from the passage that _____.**
✓ B) the possible solutions to the problems of increasing population and shortage of food in the world should not be restricted to the ones mentioned in the passage
In brackets the writer adds **(and there are of course many more)**. So the three solutions are only examples, and other solutions are possible too. Not the option about modern farming methods: the passage advises people to **modernise their farming methods**, so their methods are not modern yet.

3. **As included in the passage, mentioning the problems of the increasing world population and a shortage of food as well as several solutions, the writer tries to warn us _____.**
✓ C) against thinking that it will be easy to solve the problems of increasing world population and a shortage of food in the world
The writer stresses that **none of them is easy** and that the suggested solutions **simplify the problem**. In this way he warns readers **against thinking** that these problems can be solved easily. The option about governments is tempting, but the passage never criticises any government or mentions poverty in underdeveloped countries.

4. **According to the passage, Niemeyer was lucky in where he worked because _____.**
✓ A) Brazil had little traditional architecture
The passage says Niemeyer was **fortunate** to work in a country **relatively unhampered by traditional forms**. In other words, Brazil had little traditional architecture to hold him back, and it was also rich enough to pay for large projects. 'Brazil had a long architectural tradition' says the opposite.

5. **As is mentioned in the passage, Le Corbusier was _____.**
✓ E) the architect who initially influenced Niemeyer
Le Corbusier came to Brazil in 1936, and Niemeyer **was very much influenced by the established master**. Later **the debt to Corbusier remained** while Niemeyer developed his own style. So Le Corbusier influenced Niemeyer at the start of his career. 'Affected by Niemeyer' reverses the relationship.

6. **As concluded in the passage, Niemeyer _____.**
✓ C) worked for the Brazilian government extensively
Niemeyer worked on the new Ministry of Education and Health building. In Brasilia he was **engaged in the design of the public buildings**, such as the President's Palace. So he worked extensively for the Brazilian government. 'Has greatly influenced world architecture' is not stated: he is only called the greatest **South American** exponent of modern architecture.

7. **The passage is mainly concerned with _____.**
✓ E) how a way of life developed into an international business
The passage tells how Daymond John began by making the hats he himself wanted to wear, working from his home with his friends. It then shows how FUBU grew into a company selling many kinds of clothes in several countries. The celebrity option covers only the last sentence, and hats are only the starting point, not the main topic.

8. **It's understood from the passage that _____.**
✓ A) when FUBU first started the clothing business, it was not selling children's and women's clothes
The passage says **Today FUBU make women's and children's clothes as well**. 'Today' and 'as well' show that these were added later, so they were not sold at the start. Not 'family firm': the Team was a group of **neighbourhood friends**, not relatives.

9. One may conclude from the passage that _____.
✓ C) FUBU has gained a popularity which has even drawn the attention of famous singers
The last sentence says that top musical artists such as Mariah Carey and Snoop Doggy Dogg **have given FUBU their stamp of approval**. So the brand has become popular enough to attract famous singers. The business actually began in Daymond's home in Queens, with hats. 'Entered the world market in 1995' is not stated.

10. It is implied in the passage that Hilaria Supa _____.
✓ C) is a volunteer supporter of a traditional language called Quechua, which has long been in slow decline
Ms Supa speaks fluent Spanish but insists on speaking Quechua in Congress. She says this will **increase respect for Andean Indian culture and help the language to survive**. So she actively supports a language that **has long been in slow decline**. Not 'knows only a little Spanish': the passage says she **speaks fluent Spanish**.

11. We can understand from the passage that in some parts of Peru _____.
✓ D) it is enough to know just Quechua to communicate with the people around rather than Spanish
Ms Supa **has no real need for Spanish because her neighbours all speak Quechua**. So in her area, Quechua alone is enough to communicate with the people around. The other options (being looked down on, election results, fans) are not mentioned in the passage.

12. It is clear in the passage that the main reason why Quechua, the language of the Inca Empire, has long been in slow decline is that _____.
✓ C) the new generation among local people growing up in the cities hardly ever speak Quechua
The last sentence says Quechua has been declining **chiefly because the children of migrants to the cities rarely speak it**. 'Chiefly' signals the main reason. The passage says nothing about Quechua being banned in parliament or not taught in schools.

13. We may infer from the passage that thanks to Sudoku, _____.
✓ A) the circulation amounts of Western newspapers increased
Western newspapers saw sudoku **as a circulation booster**, that is, something that would make more people buy the paper, and they promoted it hard. So we can infer that sudoku helped raise their sales. The passage says nothing about online puzzles or about people improving puzzles.

14. As is stated in the passage, Sudoku's achievement mostly results from _____.
✓ E) its lack of complexity
The passage says **Sudoku's dazzling success owes much to its simplicity**, and **simplicity** means a **lack of complexity**. Not 'a great mathematical ability and general knowledge': the puzzle requires **neither mathematical ability nor general knowledge**.

15. As concluded in the passage, Sudoku took off because _____.
✓ E) Western newspapers worked hard at promoting the puzzle since they saw it as a circulation booster
Newspapers identified sudoku **as a circulation booster and worked hard at promoting the puzzle**. Mr Mepham adds: **Without this, it would not have taken off**. The marketing option is tempting, but the passage never says other puzzles' sales were blocked.

16. The passage mainly explains that _____.
✓ A) the real photographs taken by the photographers can be distinguished from the fake ones with the help of technology
The passage explains that digital technology makes faking photos easy and gives examples of people who did it. It ends by saying that camera makers now use **several coding systems** to show when images have been altered, so technology can separate real photos from fake ones. Not the option about dismissal: the passage says **several** journalists were fired, not that every case **will certainly** lead to dismissal.

17. One point made in the passage is that _____.
✓ E) even scientists have resorted to faking photos in order to deceive the scientific world
The passage says the investigation into Hwang Woo-suk showed that the South Korean scientist **had changed images purporting to show cloning**. To **resort to** something means to use it, often a bad method, to get what you want. The other options mention details (Photoshop, pixel patterns, simple gazing) that are not in the passage.

18. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.
✓ A) there is more than one way to make it clear that a photo is not real but a fake one today
Camera makers are showing when images have been altered **by using several coding systems**, so there is more than one way to reveal a fake. Not 'only one journalist has lost his job': the passage says **Several journalists have been fired**.

19. It is stated in the passage that Oscar Wilde was the son of parents _____.
✓ C) who displayed their love towards their nation through their literary works
His mother wrote **nationalistic poetry**, and his father **showed his nationalism** by collecting and publishing Irish folk tales. So both parents expressed their love of their country through writing. **Literary** means connected with literature. Not 'the initial and the most fervent exponents': the passage never says they were the first or the most passionate.

20. From the information given in the passage, we can infer that Oscar Wilde _____.
✓ C) seemed to be determined to be recognized and known by people throughout the world one day when he was at the university
At university Wilde said: **I'll be famous, and if not famous, I'll be notorious.** This shows he was determined to become widely known one day. Not 'always gave prophetic answers': the passage describes only one such answer.

21. One may conclude from the passage that Oscar Wilde ____.
✓ E) wrote different works in almost all the genres of literature
Wilde said he would be **a poet, a writer, a dramatist**, and the last sentence says he **achieved all his ambitions**. So he wrote works in many different genres. 'Gained a bad fame' is tempting because of the word **notorious**, but that was only his second choice. The passage says he achieved his ambitions, which include becoming famous.

22. It may be understood from the passage that ____.
✓ A) Darien can be insecure for foreigners because of the political unrest in the region
Travel in Darien is unsafe **because of the Colombian civil war**: guerrillas, paramilitaries and bandits cross the uncontrolled border freely, and the police fear kidnappings. So the region can be insecure for foreigners. Not 'Colombia and Panama are at war': it is a **civil** war inside Colombia, not a war between the two countries.

23. According to the passage ____.
✓ E) Panama Police Force's being professional does not make travelling easier for most of the foreigners
The passage says Panama's police force is **reasonably professional**, but **for most visitors, this only makes travel more difficult**, because the police close regions of Darien to foreigners. The passage mentions no training programme and no change of government.

24. As it is suggested in the passage, visitors wanting to travel in Darien need time and money because ____.
✓ D) it is troublesome and risky to wander around on account of the lack of roads and the civil war in Colombia
The writer gives two reasons why travel needs **time or money**. It is **not easy** to get around, because there are no roads south of Yaviza. It is also **not safe**, because of the Colombian civil war. Not 'everything is very expensive': the first sentence says most things in Darien are **cheap**. Not the bribery option either: the police are described as **not particularly corrupt**.

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