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Explanations

1. **It is stated in the passage that vegetable oils from palm trees _____.**
✓ A) are currently being utilized in the products of some famous companies
The second sentence says palm oils **are being used in products like Hellmann's mayonnaise and Snickers chocolate bars**. These are well-known brands, so palm oil is used in the products of famous companies. Not 'just for trucks and cars as fuel': the passage mentions fuel, but also food products.

2. **As it is emphasized in the passage, the reason why the use of palm oil is increasing is that _____.**
✓ B) it is the most economical and efficient of all the vegetable oils
The passage says the use of palm oil started to grow and adds that **right now, it is the cheapest and most efficient of vegetable oils**. **Economical** matches 'cheapest' and **efficient** matches 'most efficient'. Not 'its price lowered sharply': it was **petroleum** prices that doubled, not palm oil prices.

3. **One may infer from the passage that _____.**
✓ E) no matter how much palm oil seems to be eco-friendly, it may be a strong cause of the end of virgin rainforests
Biodiesel **aims to be environmentally friendly**, yet the growing use of palm oil **may threaten virgin rainforests** and **quicken deforestation**. So the passage implies that, however eco-friendly it seems, palm oil may help destroy the rainforests. Not 'has no detractors': the passage says palm oil **is not without its detractors**.

4. **According to the passage, what makes Niagara the biggest waterfall in North America is that _____.**
✓ D) it has a greater volume of water than any other waterfall in North America
The last sentence says Niagara is **the biggest waterfall in North America in terms of volume**, meaning the amount of water that flows over it. Not 'the longest': the passage says it is not even the longest waterfall in the United States.

5. **As is mentioned in the passage, _____.**
✓ E) Niagara's fame is greater than it really deserves
The writer says **the astonishing thing about Niagara's fame is how overrated it is**. **Overrated** means thought to be better or more important than it really is. Not 'the most spectacular waterfall for most people': the passage only says it is well known, and argues that its fame is not deserved.

6. **As concluded in the passage, _____.**
✓ E) people hope to see a great quantity of water when they go to a waterfall
The passage says **when people go to see a waterfall they expect to see a serious amount of water**. **A serious amount** means a great quantity. Not 'difficult to find longer waterfalls than Niagara': the passage mentions many longer ones, such as Strupenfossen and Mutarazi Falls.

7. **The passage is mainly concerned with _____.**
✓ E) the adverse impacts of chronic stress on human health
The whole passage lists the harmful (**adverse**) effects of chronic stress on the body, from heart disease and diabetes to slow wound healing. Not 'the relationship between stress and asthma, allergies and high cholesterol': these are only some of the examples, too narrow to be the main idea. The passage also gives no advice on coping, so it is not about how people can cope.

8. **It is asserted in the passage that what makes stress a common issue being talked about these days _____.**
✓ B) is that it is not a proper disease but a hidden enemy that wears the body out over the years
The passage says what makes stress a common conversation piece **is the fact that it's not a proper disease but a silent debilitator that takes its toll on the body over years or decades**. Not the option about managers and teenagers: that statement is true, but the passage does not give it as the reason stress is so widely discussed.

9. It can be inferred from the passage that according to one of the studies, _____.
✓ A) the duration of the recuperation of an injury may change according to the levels of chronic stress
The last sentence says research has shown a correlation between chronic stress and **the time it takes for wounds to heal**. So the time needed to recover from an injury may depend on stress levels. Not 'the main reason of obesity': the UCL study only says workplace stress **increases the risk** of obesity, not that it is the main cause.

10. As mentioned in the passage, Charles Dickens _____.
✓ A) emphasized the societal unfairness of the era in many of his books
The passage says many of his books highlight the **injustices** to be found in the society of the time. **Injustices** means unfairness. Not 'was undeniably the most eminent novelist': the passage hedges with **perhaps** the greatest. Not 'regarded as a crusading writer by his readers': the passage says **he saw himself** that way. Not 'had little interest' in poor people: he had **great sympathy** for them.

11. One may conclude from the passage that _____.
✓ D) the fact that many of Dickens' novels have been adapted for the screen shows the strength and timelessness of his literary works
The last sentence says many of his works **have been filmed, televised and presented as both straight plays and musicals, revealing the power and timelessness of his writing**. **Adapted for the screen** means turned into films or TV programmes. Not 'some of Dickens' novels aren't on the shelves': the passage says **all his novels are still in print**.

12. It is stated in the passage that Charles Dickens' novels _____.
✓ C) present a rich picture of life and behaviour at all levels of the society of his time
The passage says his novels **present a rich canvas of life and behaviour at all levels of contemporary society**. Here **canvas** means a detailed picture, and **contemporary** means of his own time. Not 'still in print but not easy to buy': the passage says nothing about prices.

13. In the passage, the setting is _____.
✓ D) an airport
The writer first describes a frightening scene that sounds like **an African state close to collapse**, then reveals it is a check-in queue for people with **an airline ticket**. The later paragraph is about **airports** and **check-in**, so the setting is an airport. Not 'a railway station': airports are only compared to **branch-line railway stations** of the past.

14. As is stated in the passage, check-in procedures of the airports _____.
✓ C) may be exhausting for the passengers
The people in the check-in line are **tired, anxious, and not a few of them close to tears**, so check-in can be exhausting for passengers. Not 'were stricter in the past': the passage says that not long ago **check-in had still to be invented**.

15. It may be understood from the passage that _____.
✓ B) there was no such thing as check-in at the airports not that long ago
The passage ends: **And check-in? Check-in had still to be invented**, speaking of air travel **not that long ago**. So until fairly recently there was no check-in at airports. Not 'the most adventurous and luxurious experience of all': the passage says air travel **was** an adventure and a luxury in the past, and does not compare it with everything else.

16. One may infer from the passage that the 7.6 magnitude earthquake in Kashmir _____.
✓ E) has changed the geographical and geological features of the region
The passage says **villages slipped off mountainsides, and lakes formed where rivers once flowed**, so the shape of the land itself changed. Not 'exactly 3.5 million' or 'strictly 75,000': the passage gives approximate figures (**nearly**, **some**).

17. It is stated in the passage that the weather conditions during the winter in Kashmir _____.
✓ D) weren't as harsh as people had feared, so the cold did not kill the survivors
The passage says **mercifully, the season was mild** and that **fears of a second wave of death and suffering due to the cold proved unfounded**. **Unfounded** means the fears were not justified, because the cold did not kill the survivors. Not 'a second wave of death': that was only what people feared.

18. According to the passage, for aid workers, reconstruction of what the earthquake knocked down will last for years but _____.
✓ C) the whole recovery will never be possible because of the physical and psychological damage the earthquake caused to people, especially children
After saying rebuilding will take years, the passage adds that for the survivors **– many of them children, left maimed and bereft – the recovery will never be complete**. **Maimed** means physically injured, and **bereft** means having lost loved ones. Not 'survivors have already started to obtain what they had lost': the passage says no such thing.

19. As mentioned in the passage, Formula One today is a kind of sport _____.
✓ C) which requires a skilled, cooperative team equipped with the latest technology
The first sentence says Formula One **couldn't function without skilled teamwork and the latest technology**. Not the option about the Orange Arrows team being the favourite: the passage only says the team wants to **improve the chances of victory**.

20. It is stated in the passage that handheld wire-free terminals _____.

✓ B) are used by the Orange Arrows engineers to gather, organize and deliver all the data about any of the thousands of possible vehicle settings

The passage says Orange Arrows engineers use **handheld wire-free terminals that collect, synchronize and distribute all information relating to any of the thousands of possible vehicle settings**. The option restates this with synonyms: **gather** = collect, **organize** = synchronize, **deliver** = distribute. Not 'the only technological tools': the engineers also use ordinary tools and the headquarters' databases and models.

21. As it is mentioned in the passage, Orange Arrows headquarters _____.

✓ C) is the place where car and race data downloaded from the track are referenced to performance databases and computer models

The passage says **car and race data are downloaded from the track to Orange Arrows headquarters where they are referenced to performance databases and computer models**. Not 'where the cars are repaired': the headquarters only gives advice **remotely**, while the cars stay at the track.

22. It is understood from the passage that Oaxaca _____.

✓ C) normally attracts a lot of tourists with its historical and cultural sights

The passage says **normally the streets of Oaxaca... are full of tourists**, who come for the Zapotec ruins, colonial churches, Indian markets and art galleries, which are historical and cultural attractions. Not 'occupied by the enemies permanently': it is the main square that is occupied, and by protesters, not enemies.

23. One may infer from the passage that Oaxaca _____.

✓ A) is under the protection of the United Nations because of its importance in history

The passage says Oaxaca was **designated a world heritage site by the United Nations**, a status given to places of great historical or cultural value. So we can infer that it is under UN protection because of its historical importance. Not 'a place where people often fall into political conflict': the passage describes one conflict lasting **the past four months**, not a frequent pattern.

24. As is stated in the passage, the bitter political conflict in the city _____.

✓ B) has driven tourists away from the city and threatens the peace of the people living in Mexico

The last sentence says **not only has this conflict driven off the tourists; it also threatens the peaceful nature of the citizens in the country**. Not 'can cause the city to be removed from the list of world heritage sites': the passage does not say this.

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