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Explanations

1. **Even though there are modern papermaking machines, _____.**
✓ E) the basic system is still the same
The last sentence of the passage says that although modern engineering has changed the craft into an industry, **the basic procedures remain the same**, so the basic system is still the same. The other options (German pulp, publishing processes, pulping methods) are not mentioned in the passage.

2. **During the primitive stage of production, _____.**
✓ A) paper was made manually one by one
The first sentence says that before the paper machine, paper was **made by hand one sheet at a time**. That means it was made **manually, one by one**. The other options give details that are not in the passage.

3. **According to the author, the paper machine that the Fourdrinier brothers developed _____.**
✓ D) was based on Robert's invention
The passage says the Fourdrinier brothers **improved on Robert's idea** and built a better version in 1807, so their machine **was based on Robert's invention**. Options beginning with 'which', 'there were' or 'however' also do not complete the sentence grammatically.

4. **According to the writer, advanced education is not essential for some students _____.**
✓ D) since they'll prefer a profession not requiring special training
The passage says that after primary school, students have **the basic skills required to work in an untrained profession**, so they do not need more advanced education. This matches a profession that does not require **special training**. The options about violence and safety in schools are not mentioned in this passage.

5. **Primary school education is enough for some students _____.**
✓ B) since they will carry on the family business and it doesn't require further education
The passage says that sons or daughters often **carry on the family business** and that after primary education **any further, more advanced education is unnecessary**. This is the reason given, so 'since they will carry on the family business...' is right.

6. **Sons or daughters that learn whatever they need to know about their future profession from their parents _____.**
✓ A) don't need advanced education
The last sentence says further education is **unnecessary** because these children can learn all they need **from their father and mother**. So they **don't need advanced education**. The other options add ideas that are not in the passage.

7. **The author seems to be for optional school _____.**
✓ C) because it would be useful for the students who want to learn
The passage says that troublemakers **make it more difficult for those who are interested in the subject and want to learn**. If school were optional, these students would not be there, so optional school would help **the students who want to learn**. The options about school shootings and violence are not mentioned in this passage.

8. **Another advantage of optional school for trouble-making students is that _____.**
✓ A) they could be out in the workforce making money
The last sentence names a benefit for the troublemakers themselves: **they could be out in the workforce making money** and starting their careers earlier. Not 'it can be the student's choice to enter the workforce': the passage presents earning money and gaining experience as the advantage, not the choice itself.

9. **The most significant result of unwilling students disrupting the class is that _____.**
✓ A) it is difficult to learn for the students who are really interested in learning
The passage says these students **make it more difficult for those who are interested in the subject and want to learn**. So the main result is that learning is difficult for the interested students. The options about growing school violence are not mentioned in the passage.

10. **It can be inferred from the paragraph that _____.**
✓ D) most people who commit suicide are dissatisfied with their lives
The first sentence says that **nearly all** of the people who commit suicide are unhappy with their lives, so we can infer that **most** of them are dissatisfied with their lives. Not 'the writer is not helping anyone else': the last sentence shows that he does give and help others.

11. According to the author, people who have the desire only for money _____.
✓ B) are said to be unhappy in their lives
The passage says that **selfish and greedy** people, whose only purpose is **the desire for money**, **generally are not happy in their lives**. So they are said to be unhappy. The other options describe generous people or religious ideas that are not in this passage.

12. The author expresses that _____.
✓ C) he'd be pleased to share something with others
The writer says that if he **didn't give and help other people**, he would be **bitter and unpleasant**. This shows that he is happy to give and share with others. Not 'he would be happier if he gave less to others': the passage says the opposite.

13. Advertisements influence us so much that _____.
✓ D) we feel that our bodies are not good enough when we look in the mirror
The passage says advertisements put **pressure** on us and make us **feel worthless**, so we feel that **our bodies are not good enough**. Not 'advertisers and the media have a great effect on us': this only repeats the idea of the question and does not give a result.

14. According to the author, we want to change our appearance _____.
✓ A) since advertisements make us feel worthless as we do not look like a supermodel
The passage says we want to change ourselves because of the pressure from advertisements, which **make us feel worthless because we do not look like a supermodel**. This option gives exactly that reason.

15. The author claims that we would be able to see our own character when we look into the mirror _____.
✓ C) if the advertisers stopped focusing so much attention on physical beauty
The last sentence is a condition: **If the advertisers and the media stopped focusing so much attention on physical beauty**... we **would be able to see the person we really are**. So the answer starts with **if** and repeats this condition. Not 'if we have a model's body': the author criticises this ideal.

16. There's always the chance of the innocent being in the wrong place at the wrong time. A handful of evidence from a strong lawyer could sentence someone to life in prison and even the death penalty. One could be spending and ending his life in captivity for just walking down the wrong street on a wrong day. It's a small fault in the justice system that is difficult to overcome, but that's someone's life, and not knowing the truth could be devastating.

Even if you are innocent, you could either be sentenced to life imprisonment or the death penalty _____.
✓ E) by an efficient lawyer by means of even a little evidence
The second sentence says that **a handful of evidence from a strong lawyer** could send someone to prison for life or to death. **A handful** means 'a small amount', and **strong** here means 'skilful, effective', so the answer is 'by an efficient lawyer by means of even a little evidence'.

17. An innocent person may be found guilty of any crime and sentenced to death _____.
✓ D) because of being in the wrong place at the wrong time
The first sentence says the innocent may be **in the wrong place at the wrong time**, which can lead to a wrong sentence. The idiom always uses **the**: **in the wrong place at the wrong time**. The other options are not supported by the passage.

18. According to the author, keeping an innocent person in captivity _____.
✓ D) is a small fault in the justice system which is not easy to overcome
The last sentence calls it **a small fault in the justice system that is difficult to overcome**. The answer says the same with **not easy to overcome**. Not 'a mistake you have to make': the author does not say it cannot be avoided, only that it is hard to fix.

19. Plants are significant to animals as a source of food, _____.
✓ A) but they are also an important source of protection for animals
Near the end, the passage says animals eat plants, use them **for shelter**, and that plants **provide animals with protection from predators**. So plants are food **but also** protection. The other options describe plant biology, which the passage does not mention.

20. It is very clear from the paragraph that _____.
✓ C) plants are used in different branches of industry as well
The passage says plants are used **to manufacture many different products** such as shampoos, rubber, paper and camera film, and sugar cane is used instead of gasoline. So plants are used in different **branches of industry**. Roots, stems, leaves and woody plants are not mentioned.

21. Plants are not only used as a source of food _____.
✓ E) but also for medicines
The pair **not only … but also** links two uses of plants. The second sentence lists uses **not only for food but also for** clothing, tools, **medicines** and more. Not 'but it also develops vigorous roots': it has **but also**, but it talks about plant growth, not about how plants are used.

22. There are so many people with schizophrenia that _____.
✓ E) they occupy about one-third of all beds in psychiatric hospitals in the United States
The passage says that people with schizophrenia **occupy about one-third of all beds in psychiatric hospitals in the United States**. This shows how many people have the illness. The other options (age, gender, how the illness develops) are not in the passage.

23. According to the author, schizophrenia is incurable _____.
✓ C) but people with schizophrenia can become productive when they are kept under treatment
The passage says: **Even though there is no cure, treatment can help many people with schizophrenia lead productive lives.** The answer uses **but** to give the same contrast. Not 'and for many patients, the symptoms gradually become less severe': the passage says nothing about symptoms improving with age.

24. **Schizophrenia is said to be incurable, that is, _____.**

✓ B) people with schizophrenia generally suffer from the illness for the rest of their lives

That is introduces an explanation of 'incurable'. The passage says that once people develop schizophrenia, **they generally suffer from the illness for the rest of their lives**, which is what 'incurable' means. The options about symptoms and how the illness begins are not in the passage.

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