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PRACTICE TEST 5

Read the following passage and choose the best answer.

Until recently, hunting for treasure from shipwrecks was mostly fantasy; with recent technological advances, however, the search for *sunken* treasure has become more popular as a *legitimate* endeavor. This has caused a debate between those wanting to salvage the wrecks and those wanting to preserve them.

Treasure hunters are spurred on by the thought of finding caches of gold coins or other valuable objects on a sunken ship. One team of salvagers, for instance, searched the wreck of the RMS Republic, which sank outside the Boston harbor in 1900. The search party, using side-scan sonar, a device that projects sound waves across the ocean bottom and produces a profile of the sea floor, located the wreck in just two and a half days. Before the use of this new technology, such searches could take months or years. The team of 45 divers searched the wreck for two months, finding silver tea *services*, crystal dinnerware, and thousands of bottles of wine, but they did not find the five and a half tons of American Gold Eagle coins they were searching for.

Preservationists focus on the historic value of a ship. They say that even if a shipwreck's treasure does not have a high monetary value, it can be an invaluable source of historic artifacts that are preserved in nearly *mint condition*. But once a salvage team has *scoured* a site, much of the archaeological value is lost. Maritime archaeologists who are preservationists worry that the success of salvagers will attract more treasure-hunting expeditions and thus threaten remaining undiscovered wrecks. Preservationists are lobbying their state lawmakers to legally restrict underwater searches and unregulated salvages. To counter their efforts, treasure hunters argue that without the lure of gold and million-dollar treasures, the wrecks and their historical artifacts would never be recovered at all

Question 1: What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. Searching for wrecks is much easier with new technologies like side-scan sonar.
- B. Maritime archaeologists are concerned about the unregulated searching of wrecks.
- C. The search of the RMS Republic failed to produce the hoped-for coins.
- D. The popularity of treasure seeking has spurred a debate between preservationists and salvagers.

Question 2: The word "*sunken*" is closest in meaning to which of the following words?

- A. broken
- B. underwater
- C. ancient
- D. hollow

Question 3: Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word "*legitimate*"?

- A. justified
- B. innocent
- C. prudent
- D. fundamental

Question 4: From the passage, you can infer that a preservationist would be most likely to

- A. do archaeological research
- B. put treasures in a museum
- C. be a diver
- D. shun treasure-seeking salvagers

Question 5: Which of the following statements is best supported by the author?

- A. The value of a shipwreck depends on the quantity of its artifacts.
- B. Preservationists are fighting the use of technological advances such as side-scan sonar.
- C. Side-scan sonar has helped to legitimize salvaging.
- D. The use of sound waves is crucial to locating shipwrecks.

Question 6: The author uses the word "*services*" to refer to which of the following?

- A. cups
- B. sets
- C. containers
- D. decorations

Question 7: The author uses the phrase "*mint condition*" to describe

- A. something perfect
- B. something significant

C. something tolerant D. something magical

Question 8: All of the following were found on the RMS Republic EXCEPT

- A. wine bottles B. silver tea services
C. American Gold Eagle coins D. crystal dinnerware

Question 9: The word “*scoured*” is most similar to which of the following?

- A. scraped away B. scratched over C. scrambled around D. searched through

Question 10: The second and third paragraphs are an example of

- A. chronological order B. explanation C. specific to general D. definition

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

You can make life more difficult for thieves by (11) _____ your wallet in an inside pocket instead of a back pocket. But make sure that you still have it if someone bumps into you in a (12) _____. Most pickpockets are very skillful. Never let your handbag out of your (13) _____. On public transport, (14) _____ hold of it. You are also (15) _____ to take travelers' cheques rather than cash when you go abroad, and to use cash dispensers which are on (16) _____ streets, or are well lit at night.

A quarter of all crimes are car thefts or thefts of things from cars, like radio and cassette players. If your car is (17) _____, you may not get it back. One in four are never found, and even if it is, it may be badly (18) _____. Always lock all doors and windows, and think about fitting a car alarm too. If you are buying a new radio cassette player, it is (19) _____ choosing one that is security-code or removable by the driver. These precautions will help to (20) _____ thieves.

Question 11: A. taking B. holding C. carrying D. bringing

Question 12: A. mass B. band C. crowd D. group

Question 13: A. view B. sight C. visibility D. vision

Question 14: A. keep B. catch C. take D. have

Question 15: A. suggested B. told C. informed D. advised

Question 16: A. main B. important C. principal D. major

Question 17: A. robbed B. burgled C. stolen D. hijacked

Question 18: A. hurt B. damaged C. spoilt D. injured

Question 19: A. beneficial B. practical C. worthwhile D. sensible

Question 20: A. put off B. put down C. put out D. put back

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best completes unfinished sentences.

Question 21: We didn't want to say _____ him in the meeting. He was too good to us.

- A. to B. for C. with D. against

Question 22: How long have you attended your _____ training?

- A. military B. militarize C. militarism D. militaristic

Question 23: Thanks to the help of his teacher and classmates, he made great _____ and passed the end-term exam with high marks.

- A. work B. progress C. experience D. fortunes

Question 24: Hemingway used the experience and knowledge _____ during World War I as the material for his best-known novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls*

- A. gain B. gaining C. gained D. to gain

Question 25: When Mr. Spendthrift ran out of money, he _____ his mother for help.

- A. fell in with B. fell upon C. fell behind D. fell back on

Question 26: Tessa was determined to become wealthy and to that _____ she started her own company.

- A. view B. aim C. end D. object

Question 27: I can't understand why you have to make such a _____ about something so unimportant.

- A. mess B. stir C. fuss D. bother

- Question 28:** “Is dinner ready?” “No, mother is _____ it ready now.”
 A. doing B. cooking C. getting D. preparing
- Question 29:** Grace Kelly was first famous as a Hollywood actress and _____ Prince Rainier of Monaco.
 A. as the wife of B. to be the wife of
 C. she was the wife of D. the wife of
- Question 30:** You look tired. _____ hard all day?
 A. Have you been working B. Did you work
 C. Are you working D. Do you work
- Question 31:** We watch the cat _____ the tree.
 A. climb B. climbed C. had climbed D. was climbing
- Question 32:** If only motorists _____ drive more carefully.
 A. might B. shall C. would D. should
- Question 33:** When it is very hot, you may _____ the top button of your shirt.
 A. untie B. undress C. unwrap D. undo
- Question 34:** The police are looking for a man of _____ height.
 A. medium B. extra C. tall D. special
- Question 35:** What on earth is going _____ in there?
 A. round B. down C. up D. on
- Question 36:** May I have _____ more meat, please?
 A. a little B. small C. another D. a few
- Question 37:** My sister Jo is _____ person in our family
 A. the shortest B. the shorter C. the most short D. shorter
- Question 38:** “How does the washing machine work?” “_____”
 A. Not often B. Too much C. A little D. Like this
- Question 39:** I have no brothers or sisters. I’m _____ child.
 A. an only B. a sole C. a unique D. a single
- Question 40:** They _____ because it is a national holiday.
 A. don’t wok B. won’t working C. haven’t worked D. aren’t working
- Question 41:** “Never say that again, _____?”
 A. don’t you B. will you C. do you D. won’t you
- Question 42:** Ann _____ thought and didn’t hear him call.
 A. was lost after B. lost in C. was losing in D. was lost in
- Question 43:** You have to pay more if you have _____ baggage.
 A. enough B. excess C. many D. several
- Question 44:** The pair of jeans I bought didn’t fit me, so I went to the store and asked for _____.
 A. another jeans B. others ones C. another pair D. the other ones
- Question 45:** She was asked to give a full _____ of her camera when she reported it stolen.
 A. account B. detail C. description D. information
- Question 46:** “More coffee? Anybody?” – “_____”
 A. I don’t agree, I’m afraid B. B. I’d love to
 C. Yes, please D. It’s right, I think
- Question 47:** “Oh, I’m really sorry!”- “_____.”
 A. It was a pleasure. B. That’s all right.
 C. Thanks. D. Yes, why?
- Question 48:** “Can I leave early?” “_____.”
 A. Yes, that’s fine B. Before 4.30 C. Not at all D. You’re welcome
- Question 49:** You didn’t think I was being serious, did you, Brian? It was a joke. I was pulling your _____. That’s all.
 A. thumb B. hair C. toe D. leg
- Question 50:** I love working as a _____ in England better than an interpreter here.
 A. tour specialized guide B. specialized tour guide

C. tour guide specialized

D. guide specialized tour

Choose the underlined words or phrases that are not correct

Question 51: When the silkworm gets through to lay its eggs, it dies.

A B C D

Question 52: The high protein content of various strains of alfalfa plants, along with the

A

characteristically long root system that enables them to survive long droughts, make them

B

C

particularly valuable in arid countries

D

Question 53: A fiber-optic cable across the Pacific went into service in April 1989, link the United

A

B

C

D

States and Japan.

Question 54: The Gray Wolf, a species reintroduced into their native habitat in Yellowstone National

A

B

park, has begun to breed naturally there.

C

D

Question 55: Those of you who signed up for Dr Daniel's anthropology class should get their books as

A

B

C

D

soon as possible.

Read the following passage and choose the best answer.

In the folklore of the Navajo people, it was said that frogs and toads fell from the sky when it rained. The phenomenon that gave rise to this belief involved the spadefoot toad, which remains dormant beneath the Sonoran Desert of Arizona, avoiding the heat and drought for as long as eight or nine months. With the onset of summer thunderstorms, however, the toads respond to the vibrations of drumming raindrops and emerge, as if fallen from the sky with the rain, to begin their brief and **frantic**, mating season.

The male spadefoot sits in a muddy pool and fills the night with his calls, attempting to attract a female of the same species. Once a female joins him, she may lay as many as 1,000 eggs in the small pool of life-sustaining rainwater. From that point it's a race against the **elements** for the young, who must hatch and mature with remarkable speed before the pool evaporates beneath the searing desert sun. As the pool grows smaller and smaller, it becomes thick with tadpoles fighting for survival in the mud, threatened not only by loss of their watery nest but also by devouring insects and animals. In as few as nine days after fertilization of the eggs, those lucky enough to survive develop through each tadpole stage and finally emerge as fully formed toads. After **gorging** themselves on insects, the young toads, like their parents, burrow underground, where they will lie dormant awaiting the next summer's storms.

Question 56: What does the passage mainly discuss?

A. Navajo folklore

B. Weather in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona

C. The habits of the spadefoot toad

D. The mating rituals of the male spadefoot toad

Question 57: According to the passage, the spadefoot toad _____

A. is dormant for as long as nine months

B. reproduces during winter rains

C. eats leaves and grasses

D. develops very slowly

Question 58: Which of the following is NOT TRUE of the spadefoot toad?

- A. They are active only three or four months a year
- B. The female lays her eggs in pools of water
- C. The searing desert sun is their only enemy
- D. many tadpoles die before they reach maturity

Question 59: It can be concluded from the passage that _____

- A. spadefoot toads could exist for years without rain
- B. the Navajo legends are based on acute observations
- C. spadefoot toads are well adapted to their environment
- D. the chances of a tadpole's becoming an adult are very great

Question 60: The author is most likely a _____

- A. botanist
- B. biologist
- C. chemist
- D. geographer

Question 61: This passage is most likely followed a passage on _____

- A. weather patterns in the Sonoran Desert
- B. methods of reproduction among insects
- C. dwellings of the Navajo people
- D. other desert animals

Question 62: The word "*frantic*" is closest in meaning to _____

- A. lengthy
- B. excited
- C. froglike
- D. dangerous

Question 63: The word "*elements*" is closest in meaning to _____

- A. weather
- B. time
- C. environment
- D. thunderstorms

Question 64: The word "*gorging*" is closest in meaning to _____

- A. mating
- B. digging
- C. enjoying
- D. devouring

Question 65: Where in the passage is the geographic location that the spadefoot toads inhabit mentioned?

- A. line 1
- B. line 3-4
- C. line 9
- D. line 16-17

Choose the word that has the main stress placed differently from that of the others.

- Question 66:** A. employee B. refugee C. committee D. referee
- Question 67:** A. terminate B. detriment C. different D. determine
- Question 68:** A. benevolent B. profitable C. essential D. equivalent
- Question 69:** A. educational B. instructional C. miraculous D. conventional
- Question 70:** A. physiology B. economics C. nominate D. competition

Choose the sentence which is closest in meaning to the printed one

Question 71: How lucky! You called me, because I tried to call you a few minutes ago and got a busy signal.

- A. You luckily called me, so I didn't have to call you for a few minutes because the signal was busy.
- B. Luckily, you called me in time, for I failed to call you a few minutes ago.
- C. The busy signal prevented me from calling you a few minutes ago, so please call me back.
- D. I was not lucky enough to call you a few minutes ago because I was busy.

Question 72: You must have boiled the potatoes too long.

- A. The potatoes were not boiled long enough.
- B. It was not long before the potatoes were boiled.
- C. It was not necessary to boil the potatoes too long.
- D. You had to boil the potatoes too long.

Question 73: Sarah is not usually late.

- A. Sarah does not like to be late.
- B. Sarah is not likely being late.
- C. It is not like Sarah to be late.
- D. It is not likely to be late for Sarah

Question 74: If I was in your shoe, I would let him go.

- A. I suggest that you let him go.
- B. I advise you to wear your shoes and let him go.

C. I would like to be in your shoe so you could let him go.

D. I was wearing your shoes and would like to let him go.

Question 75: The teacher will refuse to help you if he happens to know the truth.

A. Unless the teacher knows the truth, he will refuse to help you.

B. Should the teacher know the truth, he will refuse to help you.

C. The teacher will refuse to help you if the truth happens.

D. Should the teacher happen to know the truth, he won't refuse to help you.

Question 76: From these reviews, we should see the movie, don't you think?

A. I don't think we should see the movie.

B. You don't think we should see the movie, do you?

C. You and I are not in agreement about the reviews of the movie.

D. I think we should see the movie.

Question 77: "I appreciate your offering me a ride, but I have my brother's car. Thanks anyway."

A. His friend will give him a ride.

B. His brother will give him a ride.

C. He refused a ride because he will drive home.

D. He is grateful to get a ride with his friend.

Question 78: Someone has run off with out tickets.

A. Our tickets have been stolen.

B. Someone has run off to get our tickets.

C. Our tickets has been picked up by someone.

D. Someone has destroyed our tickets.

Question 79: Sue signed up for a crash course in German.

A. Sue enrolled in an intensive German language course.

B. Sue had a bad accident in German.

C. Sue booked a trip to German.

D. Sue met a German in her math course.

Question 80: The secret to success is hard work.

A. One must work hard to keep secrets.

B. Working hard ensures success.

C. One cannot succeed if he has secrets

D. If you keep your work secret, you will succeed.

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2	B	22	A	42	D	62	B
3	A	23	B	43	B	63	C
4	D	24	C	44	C	64	D
5	C	25	D	45	C	65	B

6	B	26	C	46	C	66	C
7	A	27	C	47	B	67	D
8	C	28	C	48	A	68	B
9	D	29	A	49	D	69	A
10	B	30	A	50	C	70	C

11	C	31	A	51	C	71	B
12	C	32	C	52	C	72	C

13	B	33	D	53	D	73	C
14	C	34	A	54	B	74	A
15	D	35	D	55	D	75	B

16	A	36	A	56	A	76	D
17	C	37	A	57	A	77	C
18	B	38	D	58	C	78	A
19	C	39	A	59	C	79	A
20	A	40	D	60	B	80	B