

Question 1 of 15

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

He believed that in order to _____ the problem fully, he would need to understand all of its _____.

- address, intricacies
- comprehend, thoughts
- address, nuances
- solve, intricacies
- solve, thoughts

Question 2 of 15

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The author's novel was _____ but she managed to develop numerous _____ fully and enjoyably by its end.

- long-winded, chapters
- long-winded, plots
- uninsightful, characters
- brief, chapters
- brief, characters

Question 3 of 15

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The rumors were _____ and she welcomed the opportunity to _____ them.

- fabricated, demystify

- pertinent, enjoy
- appealing, enjoy
- appealing, demystify
- fabricated, refute

Question 4 of 15

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I was sorry to see her in that _____, she looked so _____.

- condition, pensive
- situation, arbitrary
- condition, despondent
- mood, despondent
- mood, arbitrary

Question 5 of 15

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The disarray was _____; the office had to be closed for the day so all the furniture could be placed where it belonged, papers could be re-filed and a general cleaning done.

- severe
- contemptible
- inconsequential
- trifling
- intermittent

Question 6 of 15

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He told the kids not to be so _____ when he was gone. He was afraid they would _____ the babysitter.

- egotistical, overwhelm
- truculent, appease
- truculent, endear
- boisterous, endear
- boisterous, overwhelm

Question 7 of 15

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It was an _____ house with its vaulted ceilings, obviously expensive furniture and extravagant art covering the walls.

- off-kilter
- obstreperous
- odious
- odious
- ostentatious

Question 8 of 15

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Although _____ by the young Prince Hal in Shakespeare's two Henry IV plays, the jovial character Falstaff fails to put away his youthful antics alongside the _____ prince and faces the consequences: in Henry V, the newly crowned king is forced to _____ his former friend

- disgusted, tiresome, renounce
- disgusted, maturing, renounce
- cherished, maturing, renounce
- cherished, impatient, reform
- preferred, maturing, restore

Question 9 of 15

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Tradition always has dictated that the (i) _____ King Richard III was responsible for the murder of his nephews, King Edward V, and Prince Richard, Duke of York. In her book *The Daughter of Time*, however, writer Josephine Tey (ii) _____ an alternative. She claimed instead that the real murderer was King Richard III's successor King Henry VII, and that the new king essentially rewrote history in his favor and (iii) _____ pinned the crime on his predecessor.

- popularly malevolent, propounded, retrospectively
- popularly malevolent, enlightened, eagerly
- consistently suspicious, enlightened, retrospectively
- utterly detestable, demanded, intentionally
- consistently suspicious, propounded, eagerly

Question 10 of 15

Each passage in this group is followed by questions based on its content. After reading a passage, choose the best answer to each question. Answer all the questions following a passage on the basis of what is stated or implied in that passage.

It might be surprising to discover that Europe's first republic pre-dated the turn of the 11th century, long before Europe would see the rise of another such system. Around 870 AD, settlers from Norway began arriving in Iceland, and they eventually established a government system that gave all free men on the island a voice in legislative and judicial affairs. In approximately 930 AD, the leaders of Iceland created the Althing, considered the oldest parliament in the world. This system, and Iceland's identity as a republic, remained in place until 1262, when the decision of the Althing agreed to the Old Covenant and placed Iceland under the authority of the

king of Norway. Iceland would not become a self-governing republic again until 1944, when the people of Iceland voted to end their political relationship with the kingdom of Denmark.

The passage indicates which of the following about the development of republics in Europe?

- The modern republics in Europe have far more sophistication than Iceland's early republic.
- The republic that developed in Iceland lacked the stability it needed to survive.
- Monarchy was a far more common system of government for most of Europe's history.
- The republic in Iceland ultimately was unable to withstand subjugation by another nation.
- It would be many years before another republic would develop in Europe.

Question 11 of 15

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Iceland's Althing represented an important development in making the people of a nation an active part of the system that governed them. The meeting of the Althing brought together the main leaders of communities across the island; these local leaders all gathered to discuss and determine legal issues. The Althing also welcomed the free men of Iceland to present their claims, disputes, and the like. Althing attendees met at Lögberg, meaning "Law Rock," and the Lögsögumaður, or Lawspeaker, would oversee the event. The first activity was for the Lawspeaker to read a list of all applicable laws. The Lawspeaker would also offer necessary moderation in the case of disputes and provide an overriding sense of order. Also part of the Althing was the Lögregta, a legislative organization that supported the Lawspeaker by determining laws and settling legal disagreements.

The passage provides information about the Lawspeaker and his role at the Althing. Using the information in the passage as a guide, which of the following modern political roles is most similar to that of the Icelandic Lawspeaker?

- President of the Senate
- Secretary of State
- Speaker of the House

- President
- Lieutenant Governor

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Based on the information provided in the passage, which of the following best summarizes the purpose of the Althing within Iceland’s political system?

- To unite the citizenry of Iceland against the invasion of foreign powers
- To develop leaders within the communities and to make them as self-governing as possible
- To provide a stable system of government for the free men of Iceland
- To develop an island-wide legislative system that was consistent in application
- To determine the laws of Iceland and to provide the free men with a role in their government

Question 13 of 15

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Food science authorities have, in recent years, begun recommending that those persons who prepare their own whole grains begin by soaking the grains. Most grains contain phytic acid, which can prevent proper mineral absorption. For instance, phytic acid can block the body’s ability to absorb iron from foods and thus raise the potential over time for anemia. Soaking the grains for several hours, however, reduces the level of phytic acid within them and makes the

grains—such as rice, wheat, and quinoa—easier to digest. In fact, persons who struggle with digesting gluten, a common ingredient within grains like wheat, find that they are considerably more tolerant once the phytic acid has been reduced or removed. The soaking process is as simple as adding warm water to the grains for as long as twelve hours in advance of preparing them and then allowing the grains to sit in the water for a while.

Which of the following best describes the problem with phytic acid in grains?

- Phytic acid prevents the body from absorbing essential minerals that occur naturally in food.
- Phytic acid has a tendency to attach itself to gluten and thus make grains indigestible for persons with a gluten intolerance.
- Phytic acid attacks the body’s digestive system and raises the potential for health problems.
- Phytic acid is a natural ingredient within most foods, but it increases in whole grains and makes them difficult to digest.
- Phytic acid binds with the naturally occurring minerals in food and creates toxicity during cooking.

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Based on the information provided within the passage, which of the following statements best defines the term food science?

- The science of food preparation and the way that the chemical content of food alters during cooking.
- The study of the chemical ingredients within food and the properties of those chemical ingredients.
- The complex chemical ingredients that are found within grains and the way these chemicals affect the body.
- The study of domestic food preparation and the differences between cooking food at home and the commercial preparation of food.
- An emerging field that utilizes modern technology to study ancient grains and how the body utilizes them.

Question 15 of 15

The mystery of the Roanoke Colony never has been solved to any satisfaction, although a number of theories have arisen over the years. Some historians have suggested that the Roanoke colonists simply attempted to return to England but died in the effort. Cannibalism by area tribes and attacks by the Spanish have also been proposed as explanations for the disappearance of the colonists, but neither theory holds much weight among historical experts who argue conflicting evidence. Two other theories, however, remain popular as potential solutions. One historian has put forth the idea that the Roanoke colonists relocated away from the original settlement and eventually were killed by the powerful Chief Powhatan; the chief is said to have claimed responsibility for their deaths, because the colonists allied themselves with a tribe that did not support the powerful chief. Alternatively, other historians have located evidence to suggest that the people of Roanoke took shelter with area tribes and eventually became part of them. A number of Native American groups along the Mid-Atlantic claim European descent and share common features generally recognized as European.

Considering the information in the passage, which of the following could explain why historical experts reject the theory of the Spanish attacking Roanoke Colony?

- Archeologists have not located any evidence of ammunition in the area around Roanoke Colony and have concluded that no guns were fired at the colonists.
- Historical documents indicate that at the time the Roanoke colonists disappeared, the Spanish government had not yet discovered where the English had settled in the New World.
- The English settlements in the New World had continued to anger the Spanish government, and led to ongoing tension between the two nations.

- There is historical evidence that the Spanish government was working closely with Chief Powhatan to develop a treaty with the English.
- The large number of Native American tribes around Roanoke Colony makes it more likely that cannibals attacked the settlers before the Spanish could.

Question 1 of 5

In recent years, the city has been plagued by _____, and the mayor's chances of reelection appear _____.

- Violence....slim
- Improvements...likely
- Visitors...certain
- Gardeners....unlikely
- Tourists...grim

Question 2 of 5

Once we came to know Andreas better, it became clear to us that all of his stories of wealth and fame were just a _____.

- Biography
- Lullaby
- Ruse
- Secret
- Lunacy

Question 3 of 5

Thomas, who is a musical _____, began to demonstrate his remarkable _____ at an early age.

- Teacher....painting
- Vagabond...travels
- Helper....compassion
- Prodigy....talent
- Mendicant....treats

Question 4 of 5

Janet's chronic _____ is a (an) _____ for everyone; she makes plans and then arrives late anyway.

- Coughing....nuisance
- Laughter...joy

- Snoring...pleasure
- Tardiness....inconvenience
- Forthrightness....bother

Question 5 of 5

Because she grew up in southern Florida, Zoe was ____ to harsh winters, and became quite ____ when she found herself driving through a Chicago snowstorm.

- Resigned....confused
- Unaccustomed....nervous
- Impervious....apathetic
- Immune....giddy
- Nostalgic...tearful

Question 1 of 20

By the time he was thirty, David had already won wide ____ as a documentary filmmaker.

- Blame
- Hostility
- Creativity
- Acclaim
- Novelty

Question 2 of 20

Thousands of ____ manuscripts were an unfortunate ____ of the region's latest conflict.

- Irreplaceable....casualty
- Modern.....growth
- Medical....consequence
- Paper....admiration
- Worthless....addition

Question 3 of 20

He could hardly have imagined that he would be ____ into a scheme to outwit the government.

- Welcomed
- Held
- Journeyed
- Pirated

Thrust

Question 4 of 20

In a study of linguistics, researchers _____ the typical speech patterns of adolescent women in eight _____ countries.

- Compared....European
- Challenged....foreign
- Plagiarized....European
- Annotated....unfortunate
- Watched....populated

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- Ramification
- Edification
- Resonance
- Doctrine
- Elements

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Question 6 of 20

Catriona has _____ much of her life to Irish step dancing, and her _____ has resulted in her winning numerous awards, both nationally and internationally.

- Wasted....folly
- Appointed....failure
- Devoted....dedication
- Resisted....stubbornness
- Released....apathy

Question 7 of 20

As prepared by the Aztecs, hot tamales were _____ cooked over hot ashes buried in the ground.

- Predictably
- Generously
- Fortunately
- Originally
- Forgettably

Question 8 of 20

Living near an army base, we became _____ to the sound of helicopters flying overhead, however, when I moved near an airport, I was _____ for the sound of massive jets.

- Inured....unprepared
- Enraged....hopeful
- Anxious....abominable
- Attuned....indifferent
- Agitated....lonely

Question 9 of 20

As a teacher of young children, I always find the last few days before summer vacation trying, because the students are especially _____.

- Restive
- Coordinated
- Unruly
- Ingenious
- Abnormal
- Charitable

Question 10 of 20

Over the course of his life, Clif has worked in the circus, flown planes as a stunt pilot, and had a number of other _____ jobs.

- Unorthodox
- Commonplace
- Flamboyant
- Unconventional
- Ordinary
- Charming

Question 11 of 20

Always a _____ man, Richard had no patience with his brother's get-rich-quick schemes and often advised him to settle down with a respectable career.

- Fatuous
- Practical
- Insipid
- Florid
- Pragmatic
- Reckless

Question 12 of 20

An only child whose parents were often away from home for work, Alison recalls her childhood as very _____.

- Sociable
- Solitary
- Friendless
- Insular
- Anecdotal
- Authoritative

Question 13 of 20

I think his employees would look on him more favorably if his emails to them were not always so _____.

- Terse
- Nonsensical
- Communicative
- Abrupt
- Outrageous
- Colorful

Question 14 of 20

Although some people find her _____ off-putting, I see her as delightfully odd.

- Eccentricities
- Gregariousness
- Idiosyncrasies
- Machinations
- Imbecility

Frivolity

Question 15 of 20

Read the following passage and answer the question

Technology is rapidly expanding the scope of capabilities for both professional and personal use; such is the case with smart phones. Professionals now have devices available to them capable of digital media, internet access, phone communication, multi-person scheduling and office tools for documents and presentations. Businesspeople that are often mobile may maximize the use of these critical features on smart phones. Individuals who simply enjoy the luxury of multi-function devices often use these devices for frivolous pursuits such as downloading catchy ring tones, instant messaging about the latest gossip and looking up the world record for most cans crushed on one's head during the Superbowl. This fusion of capabilities and increased availability of such devices could be a sign of a growing blend in society between work and personal life, or individuals could simply be taking a luxurious approach to their connectivity in personal lives.

The term "frivolous" implies that the author

- is fascinated by the endless capabilities on smart phones.
- hopes that technology ceases to expand its scope.
- believes that the average individual does not need a smart phone.
- has a smart phone.
- wants to see more developments added to smart phone technology.

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What is the purpose of the conclusion sentence?

- Draw a conclusion about what we know smart phones can do
- Assume where technology is headed and how it will affect society
- Comment on human connectivity through the use of smart phones
- Predict how the government will regulate and guide future technology
- Present two possible explanations for the growing popularity of smart phones

Question 17 of 20

Read the following passage and answer the question

But man is not destined to vanish. He can be killed, but he cannot be destroyed, because his soul is deathless and his spirit is irrepressible. Therefore, though the situation seems dark in the context of the confrontation between the superpowers, the silver lining is provided by amazing phenomenon that the very nations which have spent incalculable resources and energy for the production of deadly weapons are desperately trying to find out how they might never be used. They threaten each other, intimidate each other and go to the brink, but before the total hour arrives they withdraw from the brink.

The main point from the author's view is that

- Man's soul and spirit can not be destroyed by superpowers.
- Man's destiny is not fully clear or visible.
- Man's soul and spirit are immortal.
- Man's safety is assured by the delicate balance of power in terms of nuclear weapons.
- Human society will survive despite the serious threat of total annihilation.

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The phrase 'Go to the brink' in the passage means

- Retreating from extreme danger.
- Declare war on each other.
- Advancing to the stage of war but not engaging in it.
- Negotiate for peace.
- Commit suicide.

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In the author's opinion

- Huge stockpiles of destructive weapons have so far saved mankind from a catastrophe.
- Superpowers have at last realized the need for abandoning the production of lethal weapons.
- Mankind is heading towards complete destruction.
- Nations in possession of huge stockpiles of lethal weapons are trying hard to avoid actual conflict.
- There is a silver lining over the production of deadly weapons.

Question 20 of 20

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'Irrepressible' in the second line means

- incompatible
- strong
- oppressive
- unrestrainable
- unspirited