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Reading Street 5.1 – Satchel Paige

Choose the letter that provides the best answer for each question.

1. Her handwriting is unique.

- a. dainty
- b. special
- c. sloppy
- d. acceptable

2. He has a lot of confidence.

- a. well-developed skills
- b. selfish thoughts
- c. charming manners
- d. sureness of his abilities.

3. Kay enjoys playing in the outfield.

- a. part of the baseball field closest to home plate.
- b. the mound that the pitcher stands on.
- c. part of the baseball field farthest from the batter.
- d. shelter containing the players' bench.

4. He answered her in a mocking voice.

- a. playful
- b. harsh
- c. taunting
- d. urgent

5. In the performance, singing was his weakness.

- a. least-developed skill
- b. main purpose
- c. cause for celebration
- d. reason for feeling breathless.

6. The crowd was silent during the windup.

- a. announcement of the lineup.
- b. pitcher's movements before pitching the ball.
- c. coach's signals to his players.
- d. entrance of the players onto the field.

7. She had a good fastball.

- a. a pitch thrown with a spin.
- b. a pitch thrown outside the strike zone.
- c. a pitch thrown with a wet ball.
- d. a pitch thrown at full speed.

8. The comedy duo will perform tonight.

- a. a part time professional athlete.
- b. firm belief in yourself
- c. pair
- d. a weak point

9. As the car sped over a pothole, she lurched forward.

- a. a pitch thrown high
- b. pair
- c. having no like or equal
- d. deep holes in the surface of a street or road.

10. Satchel Paige was a semi-pro athlete.

- a. pair
- b. weak point.
- c. deep holes in the surface of the street or road
- d. a part-time professional athlete.

11. What is the genre of “Satchel Paige?”

- a. Historical Fiction
- b. Biography
- c. autobiography
- d. Tall tales

12. What did Satchel do when he released the ball?

- a. winced
- b. shrieked
- c. grunted
- d. grinned

13. When the crowds cheered, Satchel felt ...

- a. very confident
- b. that he should learn more pitches
- c. somewhat nervous
- d. that he wanted to be by himself

14. What would Satchel do after the bases were loaded?

- a. tell the outfielders to sit down
- b. listen for the cheers of the fans
- c. get nervous and pitch poorly
- d. ask to be taken out of the game

15. How did the Negro leagues differ from the white major-league ball clubs?

- a. The Negro Leagues had both black and white players.
- b. The Negro Leagues always put its players in hotels.
- c. The Negro Leagues had longer playing seasons.
- d. The Negro Leagues charged more to see their games.

16. How were Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson alike?

- a. They were both lonely on the road.
- b. They were both lonely and confident.
- c. They were both husbands and fathers.
- d. They were both friendly and brave.

17. Which of the following statements are an opinion?

- a. There was an odd way about his pitching.
- b. After just one year he was playing in the Negro League.
- c. There were two Negro Leagues in 1924, when Satchel was called up.
- d. He made the crowd laugh with his fast talking and slow walking.

18. According to the selection, which sentence states a generalization that is true?

- e. Few of the fans were amused by Satchel's actions.
- f. All of the players in the white major leagues wanted to play against the Negro Leagues.
- g. None of the pitches Satchel threw were accurate.
- h. Most of the players in the Negro league had a true love for the game.

19. What is the most likely reason the author wrote the selection?

- a. to entertain readers with a funny story
- b. to inform readers about a person's life
- c. to persuade readers to play baseball
- d. to tell readers the history of baseball

20. The story ends with Satchel saying that "nobody can hit his fastball." This sentence means that....

- a. the batters could hit only slow balls.
- b. Satchel had a special talent.
- c. the batters were weak.
- d. Satchel was confident.