Part 3

Questions 19 to 26

You are going to read an extract from an article. For **questions 19 to 26**, *choose the correct answer* **(A, B, C or D)** *and mark the correct letter* **A, B, C** *or* **D** *on your answer sheet.*

Valencia Martin is simply grateful her mother, Linda Redmond, is alive. Standing on the street, with **tears of relief**, Valencia Martin watched her mother walk around the outside of the rubble of her home on Downy Meade. The house her mother called home for five years collapsed around her as she was trying to get off the couch to seek shelter. Redmond was one of thousands who dealt with the powerful storm that moved through Middle Tennessee, spawning EF-3 tornado activity that ripped through parts of Nashville and neighbouring counties shortly before 1 a.m. "People keep telling me they can't believe I am alive," Redmond said. "I got in the fetal position and I said, 'God, spare me this one time.' I could feel the house trying to suck me in."

Her neighbours behind her on Edgemont felt the same sort of gratitude for their lives at the hand of their four-legged child, Theo. The pup, who hates storms, kept barking at his dad, Preston Bailey, until he woke up and heard an alert on his phone about the tornado.

Preston Bailey woke up his soon-to-be wife, Chelsea Ardisson. The couple went into the downstairs laundry room to huddle together with their hedgehog and dogs, but they forgot one pet, their fish. After the storm went by their house, they discovered their first floor was annihilated. Glass shattered everywhere except the goldfish bowl, with the fish swimming about inside. While the couple cleaned up and saved pieces of their belongings, they found Ardisson's wedding dress unscathed along with her engagement ring.

The duo is scheduled to get married in the next couple of weeks. Their plan was to renovate their home, including $50 000 worth inside their kitchen. But while the sun rose on the damage, none of that really mattered anymore. "That dog can have anything he wants to eat for the rest of his life," Bailey said. "He truly saved our family. We would be dead if he hadn't woken me."

Down the street, Meg Selby held her face in her hands until her fiancé, Mac Warren, brought a portrait off their wall that wasn't ruined. The bright photo of the two smiling was just one of their engagement photos in a house they had just renovated together. The goal now? Get it done before the wedding. "We poured ourselves into this house," Selby said. "We just redid the house in time for the wedding. That was our goal."

"We had maybe 10 minutes to get downstairs. We just grabbed our two giant labs and talked to my dad while he heard everything. It was horrible." Selby said she had never been through anything like this but had one thought moving forward. "I think you just pick up the pieces," she said.

Down off Lebanon and McGavock Pike, neighbours in Lincoya Hills were trying to pick up the pieces. Dylan Watkins took pieces of a century-old oak tree away from the Cheek family home on Merlyn Lane at 2 a.m. Watkins helped Pop and Neal Osborne as the two cut through the tree's limbs with chainsaws. Watkins lives across the street with his wife, Elizabeth. The two heard the sirens and the 'thrashing winds' before they hunkered down. "We heard the sirens and the phones went off," Dylan Watkins said. "We saw lots of lightning and ran to our closet because our home has a lot of glass." The couple moved to Nashville six months ago from Florida and didn't expect this kind of weather until the summer. "I've not fully comprehended what's happened to our neighborhood yet," Elizabeth Watkins said, standing on the street with her phone as a flashlight.

Darrell Jennings was part of the scores of people who turned up to help. Some carried the children in their arms. Another neighbour drove his truck through yards and over fences to carry an older neighbour to the church. With the nearest neighbours safe, Darrell Jennings began searching the rubble for survivors. "I was a little nervous at first, but now I'm doing all right. Just waiting for the sun to come up," Jennings said.

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19 In paragraph 1, what do you think Valencia Martin is feeling about her mother, as she is described having **tears of relief**?
- **A** Confident
- **B** Grateful
- **C** Hopeful
- **D** Sadness

20 In paragraph 2, what saved Preston Bailey?
- **A** His dog woke him up.
- **B** He prayed really hard.
- **C** The tornado alerted on his phone.
- **D** He had got himself into a fetal position.

21 In paragraph 3, we know that
- **A** nothing was saved on the first floor of Bailey's home.
- **B** Bailey sought shelter in his neighbour's basement.
- **C** the tornado destroyed everything in its path.
- **D** Bailey's wife died tragically in the incident.

22 In paragraph 5, we can gather that
- **A** investing in property is a waste of time.
- **B** crying helps people deal with and let go of grief.
- **C** marriage brings people together like never before.
- **D** sentimental mementos are important to the survivors.

23 What was Meg Selby's advice for the future?
- **A** She was more determined to get married.
- **B** She just had to move forward as best as she could.
- **C** She was traumatised and did not know what to do.
- **D** As long as she had her fiancé, she would manage the damage.

24 The goldfish, wedding dress, engagement ring and some photographs survived. What does that convey to the readers?
- **A** Life is full of miracles.
- **B** If you don't succeed, try again.
- **C** Promises are meant to be kept.
- **D** The grass is always greener on the other side.

25 Why did Dylan Watkins run to his closet?
- **A** He was too afraid to seek shelter out of his house.
- **B** His wife was nervous about going into the basement.
- **C** His basement was flooded by the rain that accompanied the tornado.
- **D** He was afraid that he would be hurt by the glass that shattered in his house.

26 What message did the writer most likely hope to convey in the last paragraph?
- **A** The elderly and the children were most vulnerable.
- **B** The community came together in times of disaster.
- **C** The destruction from the tornado was extensive.
- **D** The volunteers were exhausted but optimistic.

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