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Read the following dialogue carefully then answer the questions that follow.

Parents always want what is best for their children; they spend lots of time encouraging them to be mannerly, obedient and industrious individuals. Unfortunately some children think their parents are old-fashion and the values of yesterday are irrelevant for today's world.

Kathy and her friend Greg engaged her mother and Aunt Mary in a discourse about how children today perceive their parents.

Mother: I will always remember when we were growing up things were completely different from what is going on today.

Aunt Mary: Girl you sure got that right; the children today got no respect for themselves God or man. We were taught 'manners maketh man'.

Kathy: Mum, you all don't understand; these are different times; the children today are much wiser and love to ask questions. We are taught to seek clarification or explanation for things we don't understand.

Mother: For us it was: children must be seen and not heard, we could not butt into adults' conversations and if we do it, it would be 'licks like peas'.

Greg: That was really weird; you mean children had no say, rights or opinion? I don't think I would survive in those times.

Aunt Mary: Child; that type of training is what made us who we are today. The licks did not kill us they certainly made us more disciplined individuals.

Kathy: There is some merit to what you both are saying; however we need to strike a balance: the adults and youths need to respect and appreciate each other's points of view.

Greg: I agree whole heartedly, when this happens we will be able to build stronger lasting relationships

Aunt Mary: Now that we are on the same page; please understand all we are trying to do is to help you all to become mannerly, obedient and industrious individuals.

Mother: Children should take time to listen to parents and parents should take time to listen to children.

Kathy: I know mom, that's why we all agree that parents and children should talk and listen to each other more often, that's why Greg and I are here today.

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The following questions are about the dialogue you have just read.

Choose the BEST answer to correctly answer each question.

1. How many characters are in the conversation?
   (A) Four
   (B) One
   (C) Three
   (D) Two

2. What part of speech is the word 'different' in line 11?
   (A) Noun
   (B) Verb
   (C) Adjective
   (D) Pronoun

3. Who questioned whether children of former times had rights?
   (A) Aunt Mary
   (B) Greg
   (C) Kathy
   (D) Mother

4. Which word in the conversation means the same as corporal punishment?
   (A) Licks
   (B) Balance
   (C) Clarification
   (D) Discipline

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5. According to the conversation Aunt Mary thinks young people today
   (A) show no respect for God or people
   (B) have too much freedom
   (C) ask too many questions
   (D) should not butt into adults conversations

6. According to Kathy, how do children of today differ from the ones who grew up in former times?
   (A) The children of today have more discipline
   (B) The children of today are wiser and ask more questions
   (C) The children of today listen to their parents
   (D) The children of today are more industrious

7. What was concluded at the end of the conversation?
   (A) Parents should give children more freedom
   (B) Children should show more respect and love for adults
   (C) Parents and children should have more communication with each other
   (D) Children should be seen and not heard

8. What is the most suitable title for the conversation?
   (A) Manners maketh man
   (B) Seeking clarification
   (C) Know your rights
   (D) Discipline in the Old Days

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Read the passages carefully and then answer the following question

Well known Jamaican, Robert Nesta Marley, singer, songwriter, guitarist and most widely known performer of reggae music rose from depressed circumstances to become an international superstar.

Bob Marley as he was affectionately known was born on February 6th 1945 to a black teenage mother Cedalla Booker and a white father, Captain Norval Marley.

From his early years, he had a love for music. He and his childhood friend, Neville "Bunny" O' Riley Livingston, were of like minds and spent countless hours perfecting their musical abilities. Bob Marley who also joined the Rastafarian Movement was one of the founding members of the group called 'The Wailers'. He had his international breakthrough in 1975 with his hit song 'No Woman, No Cry'.

The late Bob Marley is a symbol of what passion and commitment can achieve, he struggled against the odds of his povery-stricken environment and constant bullying by his peers to become an icon of reggae music. He will forever be remembered for such songs as 'I shot the Sheriff', 'Redemption Song', and 'One Love' among others.

Inspite of the the fact that he died of cancer on May 11th 1981 in a Miami Hospital, this musical genius remains enormously popular and well-known throughtout the world. His music has grown in popularity in the years since his death.

The following questions are about the passage you have just read.

Choose the BEST answer to correctly answer each question.

9. What type of music was Bob Marley associated with?
   (A) Calypso
   (B) Reggae
   (C) Pop
   (D) Jazz

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10. What phrase in the passage means that he and his friend Bunny had similar taste in music?
    (A) he had a love for music (line 6)
    (B) were of like minds (line 7)
    (C) perfecting their musical abilities (line 7-8)
    (D) passion and commitment (line 11)

11. What was Bob Marley's first international hit song?
    (A) No Woman No Cry
    (B) I shot the Sheriff
    (C) Redemption Song
    (D) One Love

12. The phrase 'one of the founding members of the group called 'The Wailers' means that Bob Marley
    (A) was a member of the group
    (B) helped start up the group
    (C) sang with the group
    (D) made the group popular

13. Bob Marley was born in
    (A) Barbados
    (B) Miami
    (C) Jamaica
    (D) England

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14. Which of the following means the same as the word 'icon' in line 13?

(A) founder
(B) performer
(C) highly respected person
(D) entertainer

15. What problem did Bob Marley face while growing up?

(A) bullying
(B) cancer
(C) Victim of Crime
(D) depression

16. Which of the following is NOT true about Bob Marley?

(A) He was a singer, songwriter and musician
(B) His music is still very popular
(C) He was a member of the Rastafarian movement
(D) He had a natural talent and did not have to spend a lot of time practising.

17. How old was Bob Marley when he died?

(A) forty-five years old
(B) thirty-six years old
(C) eighty-one years old
(D) fifty years old

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18. The words 'international superstar' in line 3 suggests that

(A) Bob Marley was very popular

(B) He was widely known in Jamaica

(C) He was a world renowned entertainer

(D) He travelled to other countries

19. The word 'against' in line 12 is an example of a / an

(A) Verb

(B) Noun

(C) Preposition

(D) Adjective

20. What is a suitable title for the passage.

(A) Bob Marley dies of Cancer

(B) The life and achievements of Bob Marley

(C) Bob Marley and the Wailers

(D) International Superstar

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SECTION B

Read the following passage carefully then answer the questions.

In the earlier years Speightstown located in St. Peters was known as Little Bristol, and it was a trading port. Speightstown is now the main shopping area for the North of Barbados. It has many old buildings, and two storey shops with Georgian balconies, and overhanging galleries.

In 1627 an expedition financed by Sir William Courteen established Jamestown. This area is now known as Holetown and is located in St. James. That area and other locations surrounding it are known for much tourism activities. It has many hotels, a police station, a library several shops and other buildings for commercial activities.

Oistins town is located in Christ Church. It is known as the town for fish. Every Friday and Saturday night hundreds of locals and visitors flock to Oistins for the fish-fry. Where they get the opportunity to enjoy the best in local cuisine. The Oistins Fish Festival a premier event in Barbados is held every Easter in that town. This festival is a big attraction for tourists and locals.

Another town is Bridgetown and it is located in St. Michael. It is the capital of Barbados, the chief town lying in Carlisle Bay at the south-east of the Island. Also in Bridgetown there are many stores, and businesses.

The St. Michael's Cathedral also located in Bridgetown was erected in the 18th century. It has a set of inscriptions and a single-hand clock and still functions as one of the Island's top churches. This is an account of the four towns in Barbados, which have a very rich history.

The following questions are about the passage you have just read. Write the correct answer for each question. Pay attention to your spelling and grammar.

What is the focal point of the passage?

21. _____

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What town represents the main shopping area to the North of the island?

22. _____

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Why are many locals and visitors attracted to the town of the Oistins?

23. _____

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Describe the town of Speightstown?

24. _____

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The phrase 'premier event' suggests what about the Oistins Fish Festival?

25. _____

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What distinguishes Bridgetown from the other towns mentioned in the passage?

26. _____

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What phrase in paragraph two suggests that there are lots of things for visitors to the island to engage in?

27. _____

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