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PRACTICE TEST 4

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, *C,* or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 31 to 35.

In England, there is a traditional belief that whoever first arrives at the threshold of the household will bring good luck to the family for the coming year. The tradition is (31) _____ 'First Footing'. As part of 'First Footing' tradition, English people pray for a young, healthy, handsome, and dark-haired male to be their first footer of the New Year. A woman, a blonde, or a red-colored person is not welcome for the day, (32) _____they are considered to bring bad luck for the entire year.

Moreover, if that person carries coal, money, bread, salt, or holy mistletoe with him, then it is considered to be a (33) _____ of good luck and prosperity for the rest of the year. Traditionally, the first footer is meant to follow certain customs and traditions. They suggest that the first footer (34) _____always enter the house from the front door, and exit from the back door. Also, the first footer should place the fuel (as carried along) on the fire, should place the loaf on the table, and should (35) _____water on the head of the householder. Tradition also calls for gifting of the mistletoe by the visitor to any household member.

Question 31. A. called	B. known	C. thought	D. believed
Question 32. A. although	B. yet	C. whereas	D. as
Question 33. A. notice	B. sign	C. warning	D. coming
Question 34. A. may	B. would	C. should	D. could
Question 35. A. flow	B. flood	C. pour	D. empty

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 36 to 40.

People invent things to enhance their lives. Today, inventions are mostly improvements of previous inventions. With technology, inventions are taking a shorter and shorter time to complete.

One such invention is the camera. The time taken to invent the camera in the sixteenth century was prolonged due to the lack of technology and scientific knowledge. When inventors first tried to take a photograph in 1558, the image could not stay on the paper permanently. It was only in 1837 that inventors managed to produce pictures that did not fade away.

With the invention of the camera, further improvements were made and the first underwater camera was invented in 1856. It was placed in a tightly sealed container. However, when the contraption was underwater, the container broke before many pictures were taken. It was only in the 1980s that a camera was made to be able to go deep underwater without being damaged. Less than twenty years later, technology allowed underwater cameras to take photographs in color and to go even deeper into the water. The cameras even looked like a fish.

With better technology, an invention will never stay stagnant. People will be relentless in their efforts at making improvements to an invention.

Question 36. How are inventions of today different from those in the past?
A. They gradually enrich people's lives. B. They need less time to complete.
C. They have intention of being larger. D. They are effectively used.

Question 37. What happened to the image on the photograph of the first camera?
A. The image disappeared. B. The image was different after a time period.
C. The color of image did not stay a long time. D. The image could not remain on the paper for long.

Question 38. How many years later did it take the inventors to produce the first underwater camera after the first camera?
A. 321 years. B. 279 years C. 298 years D. 389 years

Question 39. The first underwater camera was_____.
A. made after one improvement B. put in a container
C. stuck to a box D. covered with a seal

Question 40. How was the underwater camera in the 1980s different from the previous?
A. It had the shape of fish. B. It could take color photos and go deeper.
C. It could swim like á fish. D. It took color pictures without going into water.

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