

Read the articles and choose the correct answer.

Article 1 (7-14)

At some point in our lives, we all fail at something. Maybe we don't pass an important exam or get good grades. Failure isn't easy, but when things are hard, try not to give up. You can still succeed-as these two personal stories show.

1. Black is a successful Japanese entertainer, but as a teenager his life was very different. In school, he was quiet and shy, and other boys bullied him. People often said to him, "Play a sport!" but BLACK wasn't good at sports. Then one day, BLACK bought a yo-yo and his life changed. At first, he couldn't do any tricks, but he didn't give up. He watched videos and worked hard for four years. At age eighteen, he entered the World Yo-Yo Contest and won. He was a world champion. Now he performs over the world.

2. Lindsey Stirling is an American musician. She mixes classical violin with dance music and hip-hop. As a child, her parents didn't have a lot of money, so Lindsey could only take lessons part time. Despite this, she practiced a lot, and in high school she started writing her own music. Then at age twenty-three, Lindsey was on a popular TV talent show. She did well, but she didn't win. However, she kept trying, and in time, she made an album and won an important music award. Today, she has a very popular channel online.

7. What is Black's job?

- a. a singer
- b. a musician
- c. a comedian
- d. an entertainer

8. What does Lindsey do?

- a. a singer
- b. a musician
- c. a comedian
- d. an entertainer

9. What difficult things happened to Black?

- a. He had to work far from home.
- b. He didn't have a lot of money.
- c. He was bullied in school.
- d. He didn't win a contest.

10. What is the main idea of this article?

- a. Try to accept the fact of life.
- b. Try to be the most famous person.
- c. Try not to dream bigger than real life.
- d. Try not to give up and you will be successful.

11. What would be the best title for this article?

- a. The best way to success
- b. Try, try again
- c. The trend
- d. Dreams

12. Why was the article written?

- a. To explain how to be successful
- b. To show some examples of entertainers
- c. To inspire people who need to succeed
- d. To encourage students about studying

13. Who could possibly be the writer of this article?

- a. a researcher
- b. an actor
- c. a columnist
- d. an entertainer

14. Who most likely is the article intended for?

- a. students
- b. teachers
- c. children
- d. everybody

Article 2 (15-22)

It's really cheap.

Designer brands (like Gucci or Supreme) sell stylish, expensive clothing. Fast-fashion brands (like Zara and H&M) also sell trendy clothes, but for much less. A designer shirt, for example, might cost nearly \$1,300. A similar shirt-made of cheaper material-may sell for \$13 at a store like H&M.

We're buying more.

Shopping for stylish clothes is cheaper than ever. It's easier, too. A person can learn about something on social media and then buy it online right away. For these reasons-and because fashion trends change quickly-people now buy almost twice as many clothes as ten years ago, especially casual items. Because of this, fast-fashion companies are also making a lot more clothing. One of the world's most popular clothing items is the cotton T-shirt. People buy almost two billion every year.

A lot goes in the garbage.

People are buying more clothing, and they are throwing away a lot, too. In the US alone, Americans put over eight million tons of clothes in the garbage each year because the items are worn or they aren't in style anymore.

Many shoppers don't worry about throwing away inexpensive items. But doing this has a cost, experts say. For example, it takes 2,700 liters of water to make one cotton T-shirt. But after a few uses, we throw it away. Also, a lot of fast-fashion clothing is made of plastic. This hurts the planet.

Luckily, things are changing. Some stores-like Zara and H&M-now take people's used clothes and then resell or recycle them. This way, the items don't go in the garbage. All clothing stores should do these things, says one expert. But for now, it's a good start.

15. What is fast fashion?

- a. Recycle clothes
- b. Old style clothes
- c. New style clothes
- d. Trendy clothes

16. According to the article, how much does the designer shirt cost?

- a. Exactly \$1,300
- b. Much less \$13
- c. Nearly \$1,300
- d. Almost \$13

17. According to the article, why is the fast fashion bad for the planet?

- a. It takes a long time to make clothes.
- b. It causes to spend a lot of money.
- c. It is made of many resources.
- d. It is easy to use.

18. What would be the best title for this article?

- a. How to design fast fashion
- b. Fast fashion and old fashion
- c. The facts about fast fashion
- d. Fast fashion in stores

19. Why was the article written?

- a. To explain how to buy clothes
- b. To give some examples of clothes
- c. To tell the important information
- d. To show one of the problems of global warming

20. Where could possibly the article be found?

- a. In a manual
- b. In a magazine
- c. In a dictionary
- d. In a cuisine book

21. Which of the following could be implied from the article?

- a. If we like shopping, we can go to H&M anytime.
- b. If we reuse things, we will be able to save the earth.
- c. If we love buying clothes, we need to know how to shop.
- d. If we need to change the world, we have to use new items.

22. Which of the following could best replace the word “worry”?

- a. upset
- b. consider
- c. concern
- d. cry

THE CINDERELLA STORY

1. _____

The Cinderella story is a famous one. Cinderella was living happily with her family when her mother died. Her father remarried. Cinderella's new stepmother and two stepsisters treated her poorly. She had to wear old clothes and work hard while the sisters wore beautiful clothes and had fun. You know the rest of the story. A good fairy helped Cinderella. She turned Cinderella's old clothes into a beautiful dress. Cinderella went to a party, and a prince fell in love with her. Cinderella left the party quickly and didn't tell the prince her name. But she did leave a glass slipper, and the prince used that to find her. Eventually, Cinderella and the prince married and lived happily ever after.

2. _____

That's one telling of the story, but the Cinderella fairy tale is found in many different countries with some differences. In an African version, for example, there is one stepsister, not two. In a version from the Philippines, a forest spirit helps the Cinderella character. Settareh, a Middle Eastern Cinderella, goes to a New Year's party. And Cinderella is not always a woman. In an Irish story, a young boy, Becan, marries a princess and lives happily ever after.

3. _____

There are also modern retellings of the Cinderella story. In one, a girl named Cindy Ella is a student at a Los Angeles high school. Her fashionable stepmother and older stepsisters care a lot about shopping and money. Cindy doesn't. When she writes a letter to her school newspaper against a school dance, she becomes very unpopular with both students and teachers. Only her two best friends-and later the school's most handsome boy-support her.

4. _____

Why is the Cinderella story so popular and found in so many cultures? There are a few reasons. First of all, it's a romantic story, which is a popular style. Also, Cinderella is a kind girl with a hard life. People want her to succeed. But maybe the most important reason is that, in the Cinderella story, a person struggles, but overcomes the difficulties in the end. That's a story that everyone-boy or girl, young or old-wants to believe can happen.

23. What is the subheading of the paragraph no.1?

- a. Why we love her
- b. One story, many cultures
- c. A present-day Cinderella
- d. A famous fairy tale

24. What is the subheading of the paragraph no.2?

- a. Why we love her
- b. One story, many cultures
- c. A present-day Cinderella
- d. A famous fairy tale

25. What is the subheading of the paragraph no.3?

- a. Why we love her
- b. One story, many cultures
- c. A present-day Cinderella
- d. A famous fairy tale

26. What is the subheading of the paragraph no.4?

- a. Why we love her
- b. One story, many cultures
- c. A present-day Cinderella
- d. A famous fairy tale

27. Why is the Cinderella story so popular?

- a. The story has twist ending.
- b. The story has very amazing costumes.
- c. The story has romantic scene and popular style.
- d. The story has a strange story that people cannot predict.

28. In the Philippines version, who helped Cinderella for the party?

- a. a good fairy
- b. a prince
- c. a fairy godmother
- d. a forest spirit

29. What is the important point that we have learned from the story?

- a. In the end, we all will be happy.
- b. We can fight for what and who we love.
- c. We are able to overcome problems if we believe.
- d. We need to believe in our destiny and cannot change anything.

30. Which of the following could best replace the word “style”?

- a. story
- b. rule
- c. culture
- d. form