READING COMPREHENSION. TEXT 1

Read this text carefully and tick the correct answers, according to the text.

BUILDINGS

Longaberger Basket Building — Ohio, USA

This building, known as the 'Big Basket', is in Newark, Ohio. It was the main office of a company, and it represents the company's favourite product, a basket! The building front looks like wood and has 84 windows for sunlight. The basket has two handles, and each one weighs 75,000 kilograms!

Crooked House — Sopot, Poland

It's a shopping centre. It was made in 2004, and the architects got ideas from pictures in a children's book. This building looks like a cartoon house, dancing to a happy song. It's colourful outside with lots of fun details. The windows are different sizes and the roof is crooked*— it's like a magical place.

Meitan Tea Museum — Guizhou, China

The Meitan Tea Museum is a building that looks like a teapot. It was built in 2010, and it is in Meitan County, in China. Meitan is famous for Chinese green tea, so it's the perfect place for a tea culture museum. The building is 74 meters tall and has a diameter of 24 meters. It is the biggest teapot building in the world.

Dancing House — Prague, Czech Republic

This building was made in 1996. People also call it 'Ginger and Fred' because its towers look like the famous dancers Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. One tower is like the man and made of rock, and the other tower is like the woman and made of glass. Now, there's a hotel, a gallery, and a restaurant.

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Casa Batlló —Barcelona, Spain

This building was designed in 1904. The outside is covered with ceramic tiles**. The colours start from golden orange and change to greenish blues. The roof is curved and looks like the back of a dragon. Some people think it tells the story of Saint George, and others see an aquatic landscape.

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Casa Terracota — Villa de Leyva, Colombia

It's the biggest pottery*** piece in the world. Everything inside, like the furniture and floors, is made of clay. The architect had a dream to use four elements—earth, air, water, and fire—to change the earth into a building. He wanted to make a different way of living that connects with nature.

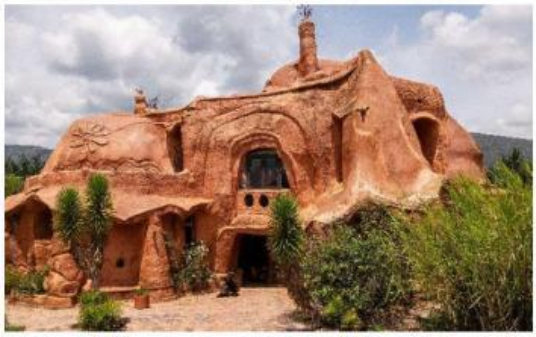

Image from visitmycolombia.com

GLOSSARY:

***crooked:** tort.

** **tiles:** rajoles.

*** **pottery:** ceràmica.

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15. What was the inspiration for the shape of the 'Big Basket' building?

a. The favourite product of a company.
b. A famous building in Newark.
c. The offices of a company.

16. The front of the 'Big Basket' building looks like...

a. marble.
b. steel.
c. wood.

17. A _____ inspires the Crooked House.

a. historical monument
b. famous painting
c. children's book

18. What is very special about the Crooked House?

a. The roof.
b. The doors.
c. The chimney.

19. The main goal of the Meitan Tea Museum is to...

a. show traditional Chinese pottery.
b. present modern architecture.
c. honour Chinese tea culture.

20. Meitan Tea Museum is the _____ teapot building in the world.

a. largest
b. newest
c. most perfect

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21. The _____ has two towers.

- **a.** Dancing House
- **b.** Meitan Tea Museum
- **c.** Longaberger Basket Building

22. What covers the outside of Casa Batlló?

- **a.** Rocks.
- **b.** Wood.
- **c.** Tiles.

23. Some people think the roof of Casa Batlló looks like a dragon because...

- **a.** there are dragons inside.
- **b.** it's shaped like one.
- **c.** it's very tall.

24. The inspiration for Casa Terracota comes from a...

- **a.** dream.
- **b.** picture.
- **c.** pottery piece.

25. The two most colourful houses from the text are...

- **a.** Crooked House and Casa Batlló.
- **b.** Dancing House and Casa Terracota.
- **c.** Longaberger Basket Building and Meitan Tea Museum.

26. This text gives you information about the...

- **a.** secrets of the buildings.
- **b.** materials and future of the buildings.
- **c.** origin and architecture of the buildings.

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READING COMPREHENSION. TEXT 2

Read this text carefully and tick the correct answers, according to the text.

THE BIGGEST ANIMAL

Did you know the Blue Whale is the biggest animal ever on Earth?
The scientific name for blue whales is *Balaenoptera musculus*.
The Antarctic blue whale can weigh up to 200,000 kilograms and grow to a length of 30 metres. The heart of an Antarctic blue whale is as big as a small car and, when it swims through the ocean, it makes a noise louder than an aeroplane engine.

Image from pixabay.com

Blue whales live in oceans all around the world, but not in the Arctic. They sometimes swim in small groups, but usually they like to be alone or with one other whale. In the summer, they often go to cold waters to find food. When winter comes, they travel a long way to warmer areas near the Equator. It's surprising, but blue whales can swim very fast, sometimes even faster than 30 kilometres per hour. They dive* deep into the water, about 500 meters down, to find food.

These ocean giants are very big, but they eat some of the smallest animals in the sea, called 'krill' (similar to small shrimps**). One grown-up blue whale can eat 36,000 kilograms of krill every day. Blue whales don't have a lot of enemies, but sometimes sharks or killer whales can attack them. Also, each year, many blue whales are hurt or die because they crash into big ships.

Today, there is only a small number of blue whales in the oceans around the world. People hunted these amazing animals for a long time, and they almost disappeared. Now, they are protected by a global agreement*** called the International Whaling Convention. They are considered an endangered species now.

Adapted from worldwildlife.org

GLOSSARY:
***dive:** capbussar-se.
****shrimps:** gambes.
*****agreement:** acord, tractat.

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READING COMPREHENSION. TEXT 2

27. Blue whales are the _____ animals in the world.

a. most dangerous
b. fastest
c. largest

28. The scientific name for blue whales is...

a. *Orcinius Orca*.
b. *Tursiops truncatus*.
c. *Balaenoptera musculus*.

29. The size of a blue whale's heart is compared to...

a. an aeroplane engine.
b. a small car.
c. a house.

30. You cannot find a blue whale in the _____ Ocean.

a. Arctic
b. Pacific
c. Atlantic

31. Blue whales like swimming...

a. in large groups.
b. in small groups.
c. alone or in pairs.

32. In the winter, blue whales...

a. stay in the same place.
b. travel to warm waters.
c. travel to cold waters.

33. Blue whales dive deep into the water to...

a. eat.
b. hide from hunters.
c. hide from other animals.

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34. Some blue whales get hurt or die because they...

a. fight with other blue whales.
b. get sick from eating krill.
c. hit big ships.

35. Today, there _____ blue whales around the world.

a. are many
b. are a few
c. aren't any

36. The text says, "They are considered an endangered species now". What is the meaning of the word 'endangered'?

a. At risk.
b. Safe.
c. Old.

37. Put the information as it appears in the text.

A	B	C
Dangers to whales.	Whale characteristics.	Whale habits.

a. A → C → B
b. B → C → A
c. C → A → B

38. The text...

a. explains facts about blue whales.
b. asks readers to protect blue whales.
c. tells stories about famous blue whales.

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