READING COMPREHENSION

SKILL 1. READING FOR REFERENCE

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

Question 1: It is very common for teachers in early childhood classrooms to have children with speech and language delays. The process of learning language can be impaired in many ways. These can include difficulties in hearing, problems in making associations between sight and sound, attention deficits, and a limited background of experience. A child's language skills are directly related to the number of words and complex conversations **that** they have with others. In order to learn the relationship between sounds and objects- a child must hear. And then make the association between the sound and what it symbolizes. If a child hears few words, if a child is rarely read to, sung to, or talked with, he will not have normal language development. Children growing up in verbally and cognitively impoverished settings have speech and language delays. In more extreme situations, children neglected by their caregivers and rarely spoken with can have completely undeveloped speech and language skills.

The word "**that**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. language skills **B.** complex conversations

C. others **D.** relationship

Question 2: On July 24, 1874 a Canadian patent was filed by a Toronto medical electrician named Henry Woodward and a colleague Mathew Evans. They built their lamps with different sizes and shapes of carbon rods held between electrodes in glass cylinders filled with nitrogen. Woodward and Evans attempted to commercialize their lamp, but were unsuccessful. **They** eventually sold their patent to Edison in 1879.

The word "**They**" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. carbon rods **B.** electrodes **C.** cylinders **D.** Woodward and Evans

Question 3: Due to its unique international character, and the powers **that** are vested in its founding Charter, the Organization can take action on a wide range of issues, and provide a forum for its 193 Member States to express their views, through the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies and committees.

The word "**that**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. powers **B.** Charter **C.** action **D.** forum

Question 4: Hairdressing shops also benefited for cost and convenience reasons. **They** used electricity for razors, phone charging services and radio or TV to entertain. Before grid electricity they had used power sources such as car batteries which were expensive and cost a lot to run.

The word "**They**" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. hairdressing shops **B.** reasons **C.** services **D.** batteries

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Question 5: The importance of language was that with time it became the means of expression amongst human beings. Remember language opens the minds of people and makes them aware of their surroundings. It acts as a guiding force **that** helps to develop minds, perceptions and of course personality. The importance of language is that it makes it possible to have a meaningful conversation with a person. It helps to gather the facts without assumptions so that a person can understand the actual information and arrive at a decision.

The word "**that**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. people **B.** surroundings **C.** guiding force **D.** minds

Question 6: This was a problem. In 105 CE, a man named Cai Lun came up with a solution. He was a Chinese court official who often used bamboo for writing and reading. He knew how inconvenient it was and set out to find a better way. Cai had the idea to mix tree bark, hemp, fishing net, and cloth. The result was a lighter material **that** was easy to write on. Cai Lun had invented paper.

The word "**that**" in paragraph 5 refers to _____.

A. idea **B.** hemp **C.** cloth **D.** lighter material

Question 7: The term 'cloud computing' also refers to the technology that makes cloud work. This includes some form of virtualized IT infrastructure—servers, operating system software, networking, and other infrastructure that's abstracted, using special software, so that **it** can be pooled and divided irrespective of physical hardware boundaries. For example, a single hardware server can be divided into multiple virtual servers.

*The word "**it**" in paragraph 6 refers to _____.*

A. cloud **B.** infrastructure **C.** software **D.** hardware

Question 8: Language is considered as an important tool that helps to create cultural ties, friendships, and relationships. It is a medium used to offer shape to the thoughts, ideas and emotions depending upon the perception of reality and portray it to others in a manner that the people listening can understand and relate to **them**. A common language is a symbol of social solidarity and gives the impression of cultural kinship.

The word "**them**" in paragraph 5 refers to _____.

A. Thoughts, ideas and emotions **B.** cultural ties

C. relationships **D.** others

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SKILL 2. READING FOR FACTUAL DETAIL

Question 1: We found that it had only a tiny effect on micro enterprises like mills, hairdressers, copy shops and welding shops. Mills were the main beneficiaries of being connected to the grid. Most switched from diesel engines to electricity. And new mills emerged because input costs were dramatically reduced and productivity increased.

In the paragraph, there are many new mills appearing because _____.

A. they are micro enterprises like hairdressers, copy shops and welding shops
B. electricity reduces input cost with higher productivity
C. being connect to the grid makes them bigger ones
D. diesel engines are too cheap to invest

Question 2: Due to its unique international character, and the powers that are vested in its founding Charter, the Organization can take action on a wide range of issues, and provide a forum for its 193 Member States to express their views, through the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies and committees.

According to the paragraph , the United Nations can take action on a wide range of issues because _____.

A. it has common international character
B. it provides many forums for its member to discuss
C. it has the powers vested in its founding Charter
D. it includes many councils, other bodies and committees

Question 3: But technology is much more than that. It includes any object created to solve a problem. Many simple tools are examples of technology. Did you know that the wheel is technology? How about pencils? Scissors? Even paper is an example of technology!

In the paragraph, paper is also an example of technology because _____.

A. it has longer history than technology
B. it was created to solve a problem
C. it was one of the simple tools
D. it shares many features with pencils and scissors

Question 4: It is also not easy to interpret the signs clearly and correctly and neither can you feel the emotion or the expression of the speaker without the words. With time language was created and it proved a blessing for people as proper interaction and clear communication with the help of a common and shared language became possible.

According to the paragraph, language was proved a benefit for people because _____.

A. it is easy to interpret the signs clearly and correctly
B. it provides proper interaction and clear communication
C. people can feel the emotion or the expression without the words
D. clear communication without language has become possible

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Question 5: While this may seem like no big deal, it's definitely convenient, especially when traveling for business. Because of this, you have more flexibility for your flights. You can book all of this on one site and you won't have to craft your itinerary from scratch. Also, your connections will be more efficient, resulting in possibly cheaper tickets and shorter flight times.

According to the paragraph, connection flights will be more efficient with cheaper tickets and shorter flight times because _____.

A. travellers can book all the flights on one site **B.** these flights seem like no big deal
C. it's easier when traveling for business **D.** travellers are flexible during the flights

Question 6: Cloud computing is on-demand access, via the internet, to computing resources—applications, servers (physical servers and virtual servers), data storage, development tools, networking capabilities, and more—hosted at a remote data center managed by a cloud services provider (or CSP). The CSP makes these resources available for a monthly subscription fee or bills them according to usage.

In the paragraph, a cloud services provider makes the resources available for _____.

A. on-demand access
B. remote data center
C. subscription fee every month or usage-based charge
D. physical servers and virtual servers

Question 7: A language matters a great deal as this is what helps to distinguish the sayings of one individual from the other. If used efficiently it is a powerful and strong weapon that will leave memorable impressions on the listener. Although language refers to both the written as well as oral speech in general terms, it is often referred for the words in a spoken language.

In paragraph 1, a language is very important because _____.

A. it has a great deal of meaning inside
B. it helps identify the sayings of one individual from the other
C. it is a powerful and strong weapon
D. it is referred to as the words in a spoken language

Question 8: New applications of these learning systems are emerging all the time. Graphics card designer Nvidia recently revealed an AI-based system Maxine, **which** allows people to make good quality video calls, almost regardless of the speed of their internet connection. The system reduces the bandwidth needed for such calls by a factor of 10 by not transmitting the full video stream over the internet and instead animating a small number of static images of the caller, in a

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manner designed to reproduce the callers facial expressions and movements in real time and to be indistinguishable from the video.

According to paragraph 2, AI-based system Maxine helps make good quality video calls with any internet connection because _____.

A. its systems are emerging all the time
B. it used new graphics card design recently revealed
C. it reduces the quality of full video stream
D. it requires one-tenth of the bandwidth needed for such calls

Question 9: The federal data may differ from that reported by states and territories, which may post on different schedules. Providers have 72 hours to report doses administered and it can take additional time for jurisdictions and the CDC to receive this information. The CDC typically reports data as of 6 a.m. each day. On March 13, the CDC reported about 4.6 million new doses administered, including about 1.6 million doses **that** were reported after the 6 a.m. cutoff, resulting in a visible spike.

In paragraph 2, the number of new doses administered on March 13 increase dramatically because _____.

A. it counted doses reported by states and territories as well
B. it included about 1.6 million doses reported after the 6 a.m. cutoff
C. CDC announces the number of new doses every 72 hours
D. it took additional time for the CDC to receive the information

Question 10:

The fight between Big Tech and Australia has been brewing for a long time. The country's regulators released a draft of their proposed rules last summer, which would allow certain media outlets to bargain either individually or collectively with Facebook and Google (GOOGL) so they could be paid for the news distributed on those websites.

According to paragraph 1, Big Tech has been fighting with Australia for a long time because of _____.

A. proposed rules forcing them to pay for the news distributed
B. the law limiting the number of news stories distributed in Australia
C. a draft rules allowing media outlets to move to the U.S
D. proposed rules regulating the number of websites available of Facebook

Question 11: Headhunters are, essentially, professional recruiters. They are typically hired by organizations to recruit executives or higher-level employees for positions that are never advertised. For most employers, finding near-perfect job candidates can be a costly and time-

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consuming process. So it can be much more efficient for organizations to hire headhunters to cut down on the time and expense that goes into the recruiting process.

As a headhunter, you don't just collect resumes. You are helping organizations improve their operations and bottom lines by aligning them with the potential job candidates who could best fit within their companies. At the same time, you are helping budding professionals advance their careers. Once you have met with an organization and understand what **they** are seeking, you will begin finding and interviewing candidates that could be a great match. The organization relies on you to find the person who can fill the open role with the least amount of complications. Organizations want to receive a small selection of resumes of the most qualified individuals.

Question 11: The word "**they**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. companies **B.** professionals **C.** careers **D.** candidates

Question 12: In paragraph 1, organizations hire headhunters in order to _____.

A. to be trained to become professional recruiters

B. reduce the time and expense spent on recruiting process

C. get themselves known to all without any advertisement

D. earn money from a costly and time-consuming process

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