

UNIT 5 INVENTIONS

READING

I. Read the passage and do the tasks below

Nowadays, amid the storming development of high-tech devices such as smartphones or e-book readers, people seem to neglect the existence of certain inventions that date back thousands of years. One of those is the mirror.

People grew a desire to see themselves as they saw their reflections in the surface of water. Around the 600s BC, the first mirrors were made from natural materials such as polished stones. After a while, people started to use bronze, gold and silver to make mirrors. These metals were heavy, so mirrors had very modest sizes. Ruling-class people, especially ladies, used them as a fashionable accessory. Hardly did they go out without a mirror. In the 1st century, the first glass mirrors were invented by the Romans and were made bigger to allow people to look at the whole body. However, not everyone cherished the mirror. Some people were irritated to find themselves ugly looking at the mirror, and there were rumors that what they saw in the mirror were reflections of sins and demons.

Nowadays, despite technological advancement, mirrors still play important roles in various modern-day fields, such as surgery, transport, architecture and so on. In fact, mirrors are utilised in technology and have inspired the inventions of several devices such as cameras or satellites.

Part 1. Determine whether the following statements are True, False or Not Given.

1. People appreciate inventions that date back a very long time.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
2. The images produced by the first mirrors were not as clear as by the surface of water.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
3. Only rich people could buy mirrors made from metals.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
4. Mirrors from glass were first made by the Romans.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
5. Everyone was happy to see themselves in mirrors.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
6. Some people believed that mirror reflected negative things.
A. True B. False C. Not Given
7. Due to modern technology, mirrors are not applied in many fields these days.
A. True B. False C. Not Given

Part 2. Choose the best answers to the following questions.

1. When were the first mirrors made?
A. In the first century B. In the 600s B.C. C. Four thousand years ago
2. What were the first materials for making mirrors?
A. Stones B. Glass C. Metal such as bronze, gold and silver

3. What was TRUE about metal mirrors?

- A. They were very heavy. B. They were small. C. They were extremely expensive.

4. What was TRUE about glass mirrors?

- A. They were cheaper than metal mirrors.
B. They were not favored because they broke easily.
C. They were bigger than metal mirrors.

5. Who used mirrors as a fashion item?

- A. Girls and women from powerful families
B. Girl and women from all families
C. Young and unmarried girls

II. Choose the best answer to fill in the blank.

Several famous people are left-handed, (1) ____ Julius Caesar, Napoleon, and Albert Einstein. Queen Victoria of England was also left-handed, (2) ____ Prince Charles. Paul Mc Cartney of the Beatles plays (3) ____ guitar the opposite way from other guitarists because he is left-handed. Marilyn Monroe, the famous American star was also a leftie. Are you a leftie (4) ____ you write with your right hand? To understand (5) ____ it is necessary to look at the brain. The brain is (6) ____ into two hemispheres. The left hemisphere of the brain (7) ____ the right side of the body, and the right hemisphere controls the left side. Both of the sides of the body receive the same information (8) ____ the brain because the two hemispheres are connected. (9) ____, in the right handed people, the left hemisphere is stronger. In the left-handed people, it is the right hemisphere (10) ____ is stronger.

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| 1. A. such as | B. so as | C. so that | D. such that |
| 2. A. is so and | B. and | C. and so is | D. and is so |
| 3. A. a | B. an | C. the | D. no article |
| 4. A. as | B. because | C. even | D. even though |
| 5. A. leftie | B. lefthandedness | C. left-handed | D. lefthander |
| 6. A divided | B. cut | C. subtracted | D. separated |
| 7. A. conquers | B. controls | C. contrasts | D. consists |
| 8. A. on | B. to | C. from | D. for |
| 9. A. In order that | B. Therefore | C. Never | D. However |
| 10. A. who | B. whom | C. that | D. where |

III. Choose the sentence which is closest in meaning with the given one.

1. Second prize was awarded to an unknown author from Pastra.

- A. An award of second prize was given an unknown author from Pastra.
B. An unknown author from Pastra was awarded second prize.
C. An unknown author from Pastra was awarded with the second prize.
D. Unknown author was awarded second.

2. I used to live alone.

- A. I lived by myself but I no longer do it now.
C. I am used to living alone.
- B. I lived by myself and I was used to it.
D. I was used to living by myself.
3. I was late for work because the bus broke down.
A. As the bus was broken, I was late for work.
B. Due to a bus break-down, I was late for work.
C. Since the bus broke into pieces, I was late for work.
D. Due to the fact that the bus was broken, I was late for work.
4. "If I were you, I would get in touch with the boss.", he said.
A. He suggested that I would get in touch with the boss.
B. He suggested keeping in touch with the boss.
C. He recommended that I should get in touch with the boss.
D. He wished he were me so that he could get in touch with the boss.
5. I'm not very good at gardening, I'm afraid.
A. I'm not much of a gardener, I'm afraid.
C. I'm scared to work in the garden.
- B. I regret that I bad at gardening.
D. I am afraid of working in the garden.
6. We started cooking for the party four hours ago.
A. We began to cook for the party for four hours.
B. We have been cooking for the party for four hours.
C. We cooked for the party for four hours.
D. We cooked for the party four hours ago.
7. The boatmen were able to escape just before the boat sank.
A. The boatmen could escape just before the boat sank.
B. The boatmen attempted to escape just before the boat sank
C. The boatmen succeeded to escape just before the boat sank.
D. The boatmen managed to escape just before the boat sank.
8. It may be possible for you to go there without a visa.
A. It may not be impossible for you to go there without a visa.
B. You may be possible to go there without a visa.
C. It may be unnecessary for you to get a visa to go there.
D. You may find it possible to get a visa to go there.
9. Please don't use the shower after midnight.
A. Would you mind not to use the shower after midnight?
B. Would you like to use the shower after midnight?
C. I don't want you to use the shower.
D. Would you mind not using the shower after midnight?
10. It would be better if you did not bring your dog in here.

- A. I'd rather you hadn't brought your dog in here.
 B. I wish you hadn't brought your dog in here.
 C. I'd rather you didn't bring your dog in here.
 D. You have brought your dog in here, which is against the rules.
11. The car is more expensive than it ought to be.
 A. The car ought to be expensive.
 B. The car shouldn't be so cheap.
 C. The car looks like an inexpensive automobile.
 D. The car costs more than it should.
12. Jane hardly ever enjoys eating vegetables.
 A. She enjoys eating vegetables.
 B. She has fun growing vegetables.
 C. She almost never eats vegetables.
 D. She sells vegetables for living.
13. We had several guests at our house over the holidays.
 A. We were guests at our friend's house.
 B. Several people visited us during the holidays.
 C. The holidays were over by the time our guests arrived.
 D. We guessed that several people would come.
14. I can't believe that he did it without telling me first.
 A. I can't believe what he told me.
 B. He told me that he did it first.
 C. He didn't believe that I told him first.
 D. He didn't inform me before he did it.
15. It is too late to change it, so leave it the way it is.
 A. It can't be altered at this point.
 B. We should change it before he finds it out.
 C. We can't leave it the way it is.
 D. He should approve the changes before he leaves.

WRITING

I. Write a paragraph on benefits of an invention

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BENEFITS ON EARBUDS

Earbuds offer certain benefits that people can enjoy. Firstly, a pair of earbuds is small and light, and it is portable too. Earbuds are not bulky. You can put them in your bag or even in your pocket. Secondly, earbuds are not costly. They are not as expensive as a set of speakers. With about 100,000 VND, you can get a pair. Of course, you have to pay more for those of higher quality. Finally, you can use earbuds to listen to music or your listening lessons everywhere, even in public places. Only you can hear the sounds from the media player or mobile phone. Nobody is disturbed. In conclusion, a pair of earbuds is convenient, cheap and private.

II. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meaning, using the given words.

1. The government will introduce new measures against crime next year.

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2. "Bring me a cup of tea, please," she said to him.

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3. As soon as he arrived in London, he phoned his parents.

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4. I don't think he cares about his employees.

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5. There is no point in persuading him to change his mind.

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6. This is the first time I have spoken in front of so many people.

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7. It's Lan's duty to type the report and send it to the manager.

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8. My father let the children splash around in the pool for a while yesterday.

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9. People believe that the climate is changing.

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10. If he hadn't helped me, I wouldn't have finished my report on time.

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