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A. Choose A, B, C or D for the correct answer.

The following text is for questions 1 to 4.

Once upon a time, there lived an old woman in a little cottage on the edge of a forest. One day, she said to herself, "I will bake sweet cakes for my dinner."

She put on a fresh white apron to keep her nice black dress clean. Over her head she pulled a little red cap to keep her hair tidy. It was chilly in the kitchen so she threw a little white cape around her shoulders. Then, the little old woman was all ready to make her cakes. She made dough, rolled it out and popped a panful of cakes into the oven. They came out nice and brown and sweet smelling.

A poor old man was passing by. The cakes smelled good to him for he was very hungry. He looked in at the window of the cottage and asked, "Would you please give me one of your good cakes? I am very hungry."

The old woman said, "I will bake one cake for you. I cannot give you one of these."

She cut off a tiny piece of dough. She rolled it and rolled it with her rolling-pin. Then, she patted and patted it with her hands and shaped it into a tiny cake. Then, a strange event happened. The tiny cake began to grow bigger and bigger. "I cannot give you this cake," said the woman to the poor old man. "It is much too big. I will make you a smaller one."

Then, she put the cake into the oven and baked it for herself. She took another piece of dough, smaller than the first piece. She rolled it and rolled it with her rolling-pin. She patted and patted it with her hands and shaped it into a very tiny cake. Again, a strange event happened. The tiny cake began to grow bigger and bigger.

"I cannot give you this cake," said the little old woman to the old man. "It is much too big. I will make you a smaller one."

So she put the cake into the oven and baked it for herself. Then, she took a tiny scrap of dough no bigger than a grain of wheat. She rolled it and rolled it with her rolling-pin. She patted and patted it with her hands and shaped it into the tiniest of cakes.

Surprisingly, the woman changed into a bird! She still wore her little red cap on her head. She still wore her black dress and her little white cape and her white apron, but they had all changed into feathers.

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1. What was the woman doing when a poor old man passed by?

- A. Making a red cap.
- B. Cleaning an apron.
- C. Sewing a black dress.
- D. Making cakes.

2. What was the woman like?

- A. Tricky.
- B. Clumsy.
- C. Stingy.
- D. Unfaithful.

3. What can we learn from the story?

- A. We shouldn't be greedy.
- B. We should respect our parents.
- C. We should be optimistic.
- D. We should share with others.

4. "Then, a strange event happened." (Paragraph 5) What does the underlined word mean?

- A. Rare.
- B. Odd.
- C. Small.
- D. Uncertain.

The following text is for questions 5 to 8.

In Toraja, South Sulawesi, lived a young man named La Dana. He was known for his clever ideas in tricking bad people.

In Toraja, there was always a ceremony when a person passed away. At the ceremony, the guests received buffalo meat from the host of the ceremony. La Dana went to the ceremony. When he was leaving, the host gave him buffalo legs.

On the way home, La Dana met a man who brought the whole body parts of the buffalo except the legs. The man was sly and nobody liked him.

"Sir, you have all parts of the buffalo except the legs. I only have the legs. Why don't we put them together and give them back to the host? We ask him to exchange them for a living buffalo. We will raise the buffalo until it is big. Do you agree?" asked La Dana.

"That is a good idea. Let's meet the host," said the man.

Then, they went back to the ceremony. The host agreed to exchange the meat with a young buffalo.

"La Dana, let me raise the buffalo," said the man, not wanting to share it with La Dana.

"I agree, but let me visit it every day," said La Dana. Hearing this, the man was happy. His idea was running well so far.

On the following day, La Dana went to the man's house. "Hey! Look! The buffalo is getting fatter," said La Dana.

"The buffalo has just been here for a day. How can you say it is getting fatter?"

"Look at the buffalo carefully. It is getting fatter and I want the legs now. They are mine, right?" said La Dana.

The man was silent. He knew if the legs were cut, the buffalo would die. "Don't take the legs now. Wait for another time," said the man.

On the following day, La Dana went to the man's house again to ask for the legs. The man gave him the same reply. La Dana went to the man's house again and again. Finally, the man could not control himself any longer.

"It's enough, La Dana! If you cut the legs, the buffalo will die. The buffalo is still young. We will not get a lot of meat. If you want to have the legs, take this buffalo with you!" said the man.

Finally, the man gave the buffalo to La Dana. La Dana was happy. His plan worked!

Adopted from: <http://indonesianfolklore.blogspot.co.id/2008/05/la-dana-and-his-buffalo.html> (January 31, 2018)

5. What did La Dana receive after attending a funeral ceremony?
 - A. The buffalo's body.
 - B. The buffalo's head.
 - C. The buffalo's legs.
 - D. The buffalo's head and legs.
6. What did La Dana propose to the man?
 - A. Cooked all the meat for their dinner.
 - B. Exchanged the meat with a living buffalo.
 - C. Sold the meat and shared the money.
 - D. Gave the meat to poor people.
7. What was the man like?
 - A. Stingy.
 - B. Tricky.
 - C. Stupid.
 - D. Arrogant.
8. "Why don't we put them together ...?" (Paragraph 4)
The word 'them' refers to _____.
 - A. all the buffalo meat
 - B. the buffalo's legs
 - C. the young buffaloes
 - D. several parts of the buffalo's body

The following text is for questions 9 to 12.

Once upon a time, there lived a poor old widow and her daughter in a small village. Her daughter was very beautiful, but lazy and arrogant. She never helped her mother. Every day, she wore make up and her best clothes. She always wanted to look rich and beautiful.

One day, the woman and her daughter went to a market to buy food. At first, the daughter refused to accompany her mother, but finally she agreed. "I'll go with you, but please walk behind me," said the daughter.

She didn't want to walk beside her mother. Her mother was very sad, but agreed to walk behind her daughter.

On the way to the market, everybody admired the girl's beauty. However, they were also curious about the woman walking behind the girl. The old woman wore a simple dress. The girl and her mother looked very different.

"Hello, beautiful girl. Who is the old woman behind you? Is she your mother?" they asked.

"No, she is not my mother. She is my servant," the girl answered.

Her mother was very sad to hear that, but remained silent. She understood that her daughter was ashamed of her.

The girl and the mother met other people. Again they asked who the woman behind the beautiful girl was and the girl answered that she was her servant. It happened repeatedly.

At last, the mother couldn't hold her pain anymore. She prayed to god to punish her daughter. Suddenly, the girl's legs turned into stone. Slowly, the process continued to the upper body of the girl. The girl panicked.

"Mom, please forgive me!" she cried and asked her mother to forgive her.

However, it was too late. Her whole body finally turned into a big stone. Until now, people can see tears on the stone. People call it *batu menangis*, meaning crying stone.

Adopted from: <https://balebila.wordpress.com/2015/03/25/the-crying-stone-a-folktale-from-west-kalimantan/> (January 31, 2018)

9. What is the story about?
 - A. A rebellious daughter.
 - B. A simple and kind mother.
 - C. A patient old mother.
 - D. A beautiful and obedient daughter.
10. The girl wasn't willing to recognize the old woman as her mother because _____.
 - A. she was ashamed of her mother's simplicity
 - B. she was the most beautiful girl in her village
 - C. her mother often treated her badly
 - D. her mother was a widow
11. What finally happened to the girl?
 - A. She lived happily with her mother.
 - B. She was fine about her mistake.
 - C. She turned into a crying stone.
 - D. She married a handsome prince.
12. From the story we can learn that _____.
 - A. we should walk behind our mothers
 - B. we should respect our mothers
 - C. we should treat other people well
 - D. we should do our best

The following text is for questions 13 to 16.

Once upon a time, all the birds were invited to a feast by the people of the sky. Tortoise was very clever and very hungry and as soon as it heard about the great feast, it began to plan how it would travel to the sky.

Tortoise went to the birds and asked if it could go with them. All the birds agreed and they each gave it a feather with which formed a pair of wings. The great day came and Tortoise and the birds set off on their journey.

"There is one important thing which we must not forget," it said as they flew on their way. "When people are invited to a great feast like this, they take new names." So they each took a new name and Tortoise also took one. It was to be called *All of you*.

Finally, the birds and Tortoise arrived at the party. The people of the sky invited the birds to eat the delicious food they had prepared, but then Tortoise asked, "For whom have you prepared this feast?"

"For all of you," replied the people of the sky.

Tortoise turned to the birds and said, "Remember that my name is *All of you*. You will eat after me."

The birds waited angrily as Tortoise ate and drank most of the feast. Then, they came forward to eat, but several of them were too angry to eat. Before flying home, each bird took back the feather it gave to Tortoise. So, there stood Tortoise in its hard shell full of food and drink, but without any wings to fly home. It asked the birds to take a message to its wife, but they all refused except Parrot.

"Parrot, my good friend," said Tortoise, "tell my wife to bring out all the soft things in my house so I can jump from the sky safely."

Parrot flew away, but when it reached Tortoise's house, it told Tortoise's wife to bring out all the hard things in the house. Tortoise looked down from the sky and saw its wife, but it was too far to see what its wife was bringing out. When everything was ready, it jumped. It fell and fell and fell and landed with a great crash on the ground. It wasn't hurt, but its shell broke into many pieces. However, there was a great doctor in the neighborhood. Tortoise's wife sent for him and he collected all the bits of Tortoise's shell and stuck them together. That is why Tortoise's shell is not smooth.

Adopted from: T. Clementson, *Natural English: Reading and Writing Skills*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2009.

13. What can we conclude from the text?

- A. Parrot lied by telling Tortoise's wife to bring out all the hard things in the house.
- B. The birds asked Tortoise to attend a feast held by the people of the sky.

- C. The birds and Tortoise had a really good time during the feast.
- D. Tortoise fell from the sky and landed on the soft things prepared by its wife.

14. What is the best title for the text?

- A. The Tricky Tortoise
- B. The Parrot and Tortoise
- C. The Tortoise and Birds
- D. The Ungrateful Birds

15. What can we learn from the story?

- A. We should respect others.
- B. We shouldn't be envious to others.
- C. We should care for people who are in needs.
- D. We shouldn't be greedy and ungrateful.

16. "... fell and landed with a great crash on the ground." (Last paragraph)

The opposite meaning of 'landed' is _____.

- A. arrived
- B. returned
- C. hung on
- D. departed

For questions 17 to 19, choose the correct words to complete the text.

In a village in Bali once lived a (17) _____ boy called Belog. "Belog" means "blockhead" in Balinese. One day Belog's mother accidentally dropped her last box of matches into a puddle of water. The matches got wet and would not light. She needed new matches to light her stove, so she called her son and asked him to buy a box of matches. "Make sure that the matches you buy are dry and can lit (18) _____," said his mother.

Belog happily walked to the shop. No sooner was he outside the shop and bought matches when a thought struck Belog. He opened the box and looked inside. "They look like good matches to me, but how can I be certain? I'd better (19) _____ one." Belog took out a match and lit it. It caught fire easily. "That match is all right, but how about the others?" he said to himself. Then, Belog took out all the matches and lit them to see if they were good. Then, he replaced the matches in the box. "This is a goodbox of matches," Belog thought. On arrival home. "Mom, I bought a good box of matches. They all work. I tested all of them!" Later, Belog handed his mother the box of used matches.

Adopted from: <http://englishstory12.blogspot.co.id/2012/02/belog.html> (January 31, 2018)

- 17. A. rude
- B. silly
- C. selfish
- D. naughty

18. A. correctly B. fluently
 C. differently D. easily
19. A. try B. buy
 C. take D. throw away

For question 20, arrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph.

20. (1) However, the river god was very angry. He used his power to attack the mountain. The river rose, covered the mountain. It rose to where the mountain god and princess lived.
- (2) The king said, "You must fight and the winner will marry the princess."
- (3) Now, every year in July and August, when the rains fall in Vietnam and the rivers rise, people say that the river god is still trying to take the princess.
- (4) Knowing the princess' beauty, the mountain god and river god wanted to marry her.

- (5) Then, the mountain god used his power. The mountain rose too, so the river couldn't reach the princess.
- (6) The mountain god won the fight and he married the beautiful princess.
- (7) A long time ago in Vietnam, there was an enchanting princess. She was the king's only daughter.
- (8) The two gods fought, using bows and arrows.

Adopted from: <http://englishstory12.blogspot.co.id/2012/09/the-fight-between-god-of-mountain-and.html> (January 31, 2018)

The correct arrangement of the sentences is

- A. 7-4-8-1-3-2-5-6
B. 7-4-6-8-2-3-5-1
C. 7-4-2-8-6-1-5-3
D. 7-4-2-1-6-3-5-8

B. Rewrite the story that you know.