Example 1: The Culture of Cotton in the United States

Before 1800, most Americans wore clothing made of wool or linen. Cotton was expensive and labor intensive because the seeds had to be removed before cotton could be spun into thread. Planters had to limit their cotton crops to the amount they could clean. But in 1793, Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, a machine with wire teeth that separated the seeds from the cotton fiber. Suddenly, one worker could clean fifty pounds per day, twice the amount possible before the cotton gin. Cotton production soared, as southern farmers turned their land, formerly used for tobacco and rice, into cotton plantations. At the peak of the plantation system in 1850, 75% of all slaves in the southern states, about 1.8 million people, were working in cotton production. The 1850s were known as the decade of King Cotton. But the Civil War in 1860 brought an end to prosperity for southern planters

Question 1: According to the passage, which of the following was NOT true about cotton?

A. It was expensive and required many workers.
B. The cotton gin made it easier to remove the seeds.
C. Cotton production increased in the south after the Civil War.
D. Many cotton farmers formerly grew tobacco and rice.

Question 2: The author's description of cotton production mentions all of the following EXCEPT_____.

A. Freeing the slaves decreased cotton production.
B. Cotton production peaked in the 1850s.
C. The Civil War ended cotton planters' prosperous times.
D. The cotton gin had wire teeth that removed the seeds.

PRACTICE 1: THE CULTURE OF THE HOPI INDIANS

Agriculture is a key element of Hopi culture. Farming is not just a subsistence tool; it is a part of Hopi mythology. The Hopi believe that their time on Earth is the "fourth way of life," which they entered when people were offered ears of corn by Maasaw, a Hopi god. Other tribes pushed ahead and took the largest ears, leaving the smallest ears for the Hopi. They see this as a symbol of Hopi life: they have had to overcome the hardships of living in the dry southwest region of the United States. Corn represents humility, cooperation, respect, and reverence for the land. Hopi culture has changed as technology has intruded on their farm-based lifestyle. Electricity, cars, and consumer goods have diverted them from their spiritual ties to the land and toward consumerism. But they continue to hold on to their traditional values through making and selling Kachina dolls and pottery.

Question 1: According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true of the ways technology has affected Hopi culture?

A. It has interfered with their agricultural lifestyle.
B. It has made them -desire consumer goods.
C. It has caused them to abandon their doll and pottery-making.
D. It has weakened their spiritual ties.

Question 2: In the discussion of the role of corn in Hopi life, the author mentions all of the following EXCEPT_____.

A. an example of hardships
B. Maasaw
C. a symbol of reverence for the land
D. Kachina dolls

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WORD CHOICE (Write A, B, C, D)

1. She had to pay the adult_____on the bus since she was 18. (***fare/ fine/ wage/ fee***)
2. He had to pay a 500-dollar _____for exceeding the speed limit. (***fare/ fine/ wage/ fee***)
3. Students have to borrow £9,000 a year to pay their tuition _____(***fare/ fine/ wage/ fee***)
4. If you are on diet, you should_____ honey for sugar in your tea. (***change/ replace/substitute/convert***)
5. The grand piano has been_____ with a small, electric model. (***changed/ replaced/substituted/converted***)
6. Could we _____ the small bedroom into a second bathroom? (***change/ replace/substitute/convert***)
7. It's a bit difficult to_____the difference between the twins. (***speak/ say/ tell/ talk***)
8. Being able to_____a foreign language well takes time and effort. (***speak/ say/ tell/ talk***)
9. Sometimes I know it's hard to_____sorry to someone. (***speak/ say/ tell/ talk***)
10. Fruits_____ good to our health. (***make/ cause/ do/ take***)
11. Most young people want to _____an independent life without being influenced by anyone.

A. lay ***B. put*** ***C. lead*** ***D. bring***

12. _____ a cry whenever you have a feeling that you are in danger so that everyone could hear you and come to help immediately. (***Send/ Give/ Make/ Lend***)
13. To solve the issue of pollution, it is important to identify the ..... of it. (***reasons/ purpose/ causes/ facts***)
14. He hasn't told me the _____ for his dismissal. (***reasons/ purpose/ causes/ facts***)
15. Of 30 countries inspected for airline safety, only 17 received a ____ bill of health. (***clear/clean/pure/dirty***)
16. Electronic devices are becoming____common in education. (***increase/ increasing/increasingly/ increased***)
17. I hope you_____the point of what I do for you (***think/take/see/agree***)
18. I am in_____of banning cars in city centers. (***agreement/ favor/ view/ need***)
19. The oil industry is working to_____clean air requirements. (***meet/ see/ watch/ look***)
20. Candidates for supervisory jobs must _____a written test. (***make/ take/ get/ put***)
21. Her husband is away, so she has to_____other childcare arrangements. (***do/make/take/go***)
22. The children behaved so badly that I_____my temper. (***missed/took/lost/kept***)
23. She_____the blanket over her sleeping son. (***lay/ lie/ laid/ lain***)
24. She is_____of running the hotel smoothly. (***able/capable/possible/likely***)
25. It's_____for them to come here on time. (***unable/ incapable/ impossible/ unlikely***)
26. They are_____to win the competition. (***possible/ capable/ likely***)
27. Smoking badly_____your health. (***affects/ effects/ effective/ effectively***)
28. Electronic devices may have bad_____on your health. (***affects/ effects/ effective/ effectively)***
29. What is the_____of your failure? (***reason/cause/effect/impact***)
30. A molecule of DNA_____the instructions an organization needs to develop, live and reproduce. (***contains/ consists/ composes/ concludes***)
31. Sorry David, but can you_____me a favor (***make/ take/ do/ get***)
32. Air is_____ mainly of nitrogen and oxygen. (***created/ consisted/ composed/ included***)
33. This_____dictionary includes a few animations. (***electric/electrical/electronic***)
34. Heavy snowfalls _____it impossible planes to land or take off. (***made/ found/ thought/took***)
35. Fishing in the reservoir is_____ prohibited. (***strictly/ relatively/highly/approximately***)
36. Nobody died in the accident, but 20 people were _____(***injured/damaged/wounded***)
37. The salesman _____ us how to start the engine. (***showed/ reflected/described***)
38. The film is_____ recommended by critics. (***highly/ truly/ deeply***)
39. They discussed the matter thoroughly but couldn't_____ an agreement. (***come/ target/ reach/jump***)
40. I _____ this documentary film informative (***realized/ thought/ felt/ found***)
41. The problem can be_____if we are determined. (***talked/ tackled/ thought/ carried***)
42. This is the worst incident I have ever_____(***gone/encountered/covered/conquered***)

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