



Extra Training

Synonyms Task 1623

In the following questions each sentence has four underlined words or phrases in italics. Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined words..

1. I will not stand for your bad attitude any longer.
 1. like
 2. mean
 3. tolerate
 4. care
2. The twentieth century saw a rapid rise in life expectancy due to improvements in public health, nutrition and medicine.
 1. expectation
 2. span
 3. prospect
 4. anticipation
3. The tiny irrigation channels were everywhere and along some of them the water was running.
 1. flushing out with water
 3. cleaning with water
 2. supplying water
 4. washing out with water
4. The use of lasers in surgery has become relatively commonplace in recent years.
 1. relevantly
 2. comparatively
 3. almost
 4. absolutely
5. The workforce is generally accepted to have the best conditions in Europe.
 1. gang
 2. crew
 3. personnel
 4. working class
6. For a decade, that scientist has studied centenarians, looking for genes that contribute to longevity.
 1. people who live to be 100 or older
 2. people who want to be fruitarians
 3. people who are vegetarians
 4. people who are extraordinary
7. As children we were very close, but as we grew up, we just drifted apart.
 1. not as serious as before
 3. not as childlike as before
 2. not as sympathetic as before
 4. not as friendly as before
8. The notice should be put in the most conspicuous place so that all the students can be well-informed.
 1. easily seen
 2. suspicious
 3. beautiful
 4. popular
9. I prefer to talk to people face to face rather than to talk on the phone.
 1. seeing them
 2. facing them
 3. looking at them
 4. in person
10. The washing machine I have just bought is very simple to use.
 1. interesting
 2. easy
 3. difficult
 4. boring

Choose the sentence, which is closest in meaning to the given one.

11. You would have won the essay contest if you had typed your paper.
 1. You did not win the essay contest even though you typed your paper.
 2. You did not win the essay contest because you did not type your paper.
 3. You won the essay contest in spite of not typing your paper.
 4. Typing your paper made you win the essay contest.
12. Ridding plants of mildew or blight is usually more difficult than controlling insects and pests.
 1. Because insects are pests, it is more difficult to control them than to rid plants of mildew or blight.
 2. Mildew or blight is easier to control than insects and pests.
 3. It is easier to control insects and pests than it is to rid plants of mildew or blight.
 4. Controlling insects and pests is more difficult than ridding plants of mildew or blight.
13. In spite of the rain, the Fourth of July fireworks display was not cancelled.
 1. The Fourth of July fireworks display was not held because it rained.
 2. Rain caused the cancellation of the Fourth of July fireworks display.
 3. The Fourth of July fireworks display was held because it did not rain.
 4. Although it rained, the Fourth of July fireworks display was held.
14. As a conductor of heat and electricity, aluminium exceeds all metals except silver, copper, and gold.
 1. With the exception of aluminium, silver, copper, and gold are better than any other metal as conductor of heat and electricity.
 2. Aluminium is a better conductor of heat and electricity than silver, copper, and gold.
 3. Silver, copper, and gold are better conductors of heat and electricity than aluminium is.
 4. Silver, copper, and gold are exceeded only by aluminium as conductors of heat and electricity.