Extra Training

Reading Task 865

The following questions are incomplete situations. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (1-4). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the situation.

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1. The apples were green and tasteless. _____ and the mother decided to throw them away.

1. *Only Father liked them*
2. *So the pigs were glad*
3. *Neither of the children wanted to eat them*
4. *The granny decided to make jam*

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2. Mary didn't want anybody to help her. She was only six, _____ and so the girl tried to do everything herself.

1. *rather fat and large*
2. *her father taught her to read*
3. *so she had many friends of sixteen and more*
4. *but she wanted to be big*

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3. The new park for children was opened in the town at the end of May. At the day of the opening _____ and it was hard to get any tickets. One had to stand in a line for a long time.

1. *nobody came there*
2. *the park was full of children*
3. *The children were crying over ice-cream*
4. *The parents were shouting at their children*

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4. The children couldn't open the window. ____ and they were not tall enough.

1. *It was too high*
2. *It was locked well*
3. *They were only four*
4. *It was dark*

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5. While reading the book John often laughed. Though ____ there were some funny moments in it.

1. *the story wasn't very interesting*
2. *the book was a set of comics*
3. *he enjoyed drinking lemonade while reading*
4. *it was a humorous story*

Questions 6 - 9 are based on the following passage.

THE ROMAN TIMES IN BRITISH HISTORY

In the early days of history (50-450) England was known as Britain and the people who lived there were the Britons. There were no big towns on the British Isles at that time. People lived in small villages along the rivers or near the sea. The Britons caught fish, grew wheat and had many pigs, cows and sheep in the meadows near the rivers and on the sides of the mountains. Later they learned to make things of wool and metal and sold them to the people who came across the sea.

The Romans with Julius Caesar at the head invaded the British Isles and forced the population to pay tribute.

The Romans kept their armies in Britain. They built roads and had the country under control.

They protected themselves from the attacks of the Britons by the walls which they built across Britain.

You can see the Roman walls in Britain even now. Here is Hadrian's Wall, which was built by the emperor Hadrian in the year 122.

The Romans left the country only in the second half of the 5th century. The Roman armies were called back to Italy where they defended the country from barbaric peoples.

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6. We could see from the text that the British were mostly...

1. *tradesmen*
2. *farmers*
3. *workers*
4. *hunters*

7. What good things did the Romans do to Britain?

1. *They kept Armies*
2. *They collected the tribute*
3. *They had the country under control*
4. *They built the roads*

8. Why is the Wall across Britain called Hadrian Wall?

1. *It is near Hadrian*
2. *It stands near the Hadrian river*
3. *The Emperor's name was Hadrian*
4. *It was the name of the year 122.*

9. Why did the Romans leave the British Isles?

1. *They were needed in Rome*
2. *They sold Britain to the barbarians*
3. *The Emperor was ill*
4. *They defended the country from Barbara*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Questions 10 - 15 are based on the following passage.

An election year is one in which all four numbers are evenly divisible by four (1944, 1948, etc.) Since 1840, American presidents elected in years ending in zero have been destined to die in office. William H.Harrison, the man who served the shortest term, died of pneumonia several weeks after his inauguration.

Abraham Lincoln was one of four presidents who were assassinated. He was elected in 1860, and his untimely death came just five years later.

James A.Garfield, a former Union army general from Ohio, was shot during his first year in office (1881) by a man to whom he wouldn't give a job.

While in his second term of office (1901, William McKinley, another Ohioan, attended the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, New York. During the reception, he was assassinated while shaking hands with some of the guests.

Three years after his election in 1920, Waffen G. Harding died in office. Although it was never proved, many believe he was poisoned.

Franklin D.Roosevelt had been elected four times (1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944), the only man to serve so long a term. He had contracted polio in 1921 and died of the illness in 1945.

John F.Kennedy, the last of the line, was assassinated in 1963, only three years after his election.

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10. Which of the following was not an election year?

1. *1960* **2.** *1930* **3.** *1888* **4.** *1824*

11. Which president served the shortest term in office?

1. *Abraham Lincoln* **3.** *William McKinley*
2. *Warren G.Harding* **4.** *William H.Harrison*

12. Which of the following is true?

1. *All presidents elected in years ending in zero died in office.*
2. *Only presidents from Ohio died in office.*
3. *Franklin D.Roosevelt completed four terms as president.*
4. *Four American presidents have been assassinated.*

13. How many presidents elected in years ending in zero since 1840 have died in office?

1. *7* **2.** *5* **3.** *4* **4.** *3*

14. How many presidents from Ohio were elected in the years ending in zero since 1840 and died in office?

1. *1* **2.** *2* **3.** *3* **4.** *4*

15. Which of the following was not assassinated?

1. *John F.Kennedy* **3.** *Franklin D.Roosevelt*
2. *Abraham Lincoln* **4.** *James A.Garfield*



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