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Heartbeat

I. **DIRECTIONS:** Read then write the correct option in the blank space next to the number.

1. _____ distorted means ____.
 - A. the way that someone or something looks
 - B. twisted out of shape
 - C. a false idea; something that one seems to see or to be aware that really does not exist
 - D. the answer to a problem

2. _____ appearance means ____.
 - A. the answer to a problem
 - B. the way that someone or something looks
 - C. usual
 - D. a false idea; something that one seems to see or to be aware that really does not exist

3. _____ illusion means ____.
 - A. changing the appearance of something
 - B. a false idea; something that one seems to see or to be aware that really does not exist
 - C. usual
 - D. a familiar name for a person (often a shortened version of a person's given name)

4. _____ nickname means ____.
 - A. a familiar name for a person (often a shortened version of a person's given name)
 - B. the way that someone or something looks
 - C. the answer to a problem
 - D. changing the appearance of something

5. _____ What does Dave's nickname reveal about how his classmates see him?
 - A. They think he is very thin.
 - B. They think he is very fast.
 - C. They think he has a lot of heart.
 - D. They think he has good rhythm.

6. _____ Which line from the story shows that Dave is obsessed with the way others see him?
 - A. "I wanted to be thicker."
 - B. "Over Christmas break I cut out all useless movement, like Ping-Pong and staircases".

- "I did research, and started lifting heavier weights at lower reps and supplemented my meals with weight-gainer shakes, egg whites, boiled yams, and tubs of cottage cheese."
"For the rest of fall, I did countless push-ups and curled free weights until I couldn't bend my arms."

7. _____ What euphemistic (kind) terms does Heartbeat want to be described in?
A. Thick.
B. Muscular.
C. Lean and mean.
D. Fat.
8. _____ How does Heartbeat's self-image, contribute to the plot of the story?
A. It shows that Heartbeat is obsessed.
B. It shows the reader that people should be themselves.
C. It moves the plot forward.
D. It reveals the plot.
9. _____ Dave's zipper breaking in the hallway is an example of how the author uses comedy to ...
A. illustrate that Dave's plan is not working.
B. illustrate how ridiculous Dave's actions are.
C. show how much bigger Dave is.
D. show how serious Dave is about his plan.
- Dave tells the reader that, "I'm like a sieve—the 83 calories in a mini-Snickers bar is moot because I waste 90 chewing it". What is another word that Dave could've used to describe the calories?
10. _____
A. Considerable.
B. Definite.
C. Pointless.
D. Resolved.
11. _____ Dave's fear that Sarah is being sarcastic demonstrates that he is ...
A. insecure.
B. being bullied.
C. still skinny.
D. upset with her.
12. _____ When Dave tells the reader, "I was futilely stuffing my face", he is saying that he ____ .
A. was disgusting
B. was repulsive
C. was unsuccessful
D. was eating too quickly
13. _____ Why does Dave remove his layers of clothing at the party?
A. He wants to impress Sarah.
B. He wants everyone to see how much bigger he's gotten.

- C. He's about to get in a fight.
D. He's too hot.
14. _____ What does Dave realize when he gets home from the party?
A. In the Spring he will have to try something else to look bigger.
B. In the Spring he won't be able to wear layers.
C. In the Spring he will look bigger.
D. In the Spring everyone won't know he was tricking them.
15. _____ What does it mean when Dave thinks, "I was still Heartbeat in everyone's eyes."
A. He is still funny.
B. He is still their friend.
C. He is reliable.
D. He is still scrawny.
16. _____ What does Dave decide the morning the after the party?
A. To be himself.
B. To start eating more again.
C. To come up with a new plan.
D. To switch schools.
17. _____ How could Dave's layers make him feel claustrophobic?
A. They make him afraid of choking.
B. They make him afraid of passing out.
C. They make him feel sick.
D. They make him feel trapped.
18. _____ He used a _____ tone when mocking the team's football coach.
A. moot
B. futile
C. claustrophobic
D. sarcastic
19. _____ Who is the author of the short story "Heartbeat"?
A. Virginia Hamilton.
B. William Shakespeare.
C. David Yoo.
D. Stephen Dobyns.
20. _____ Which type of text is "Heartbeat"?
A. Literary.
B. Informational.
21. _____ What is Heartbeat's real name?
A. James.
B. Michael.

- C. John.
- D. Dave.

22. _____ How old is Heartbeat in the story?

- A. 12.
- B. 16.
- C. 18.
- D. 14.

23. _____ What methods does Heartbeat take to gain weight?

- A. Lifting heavy weights.
- B. Changing up his diet by eating foods like egg whites and cottage cheese.
- C. All of the above.
- D. Stopped playing Ping Pong.