

Passage 1

Read the story and answer the questions.

Mrs. Jones had a tradition. At the end of the first day of school, Mrs. Jones always asked the children to vote on which animal would live in their class for the year. Then she would go to the local pet store and buy a class pet. The children loved the class pets. At the end of the day, if the students did all their work, the class got to play with it. It was exciting for the students to watch Perry the bird fly around or to see Timmy the turtle dive in the classroom sink.

Now, it was my class's turn to choose: Mrs. Jones asked each student what pet they'd like. After everyone chose, the most popular choices were a rabbit, a lizard, or a dog. Mrs. Jones had to say, "Students, we cannot have a dog. We cannot walk him at night."

The vote was between a lizard and a rabbit. The boys cried, "Rabbits are boring!" while the girls shouted, "Lizards are ugly!" Mrs. Jones hushed the class. "It's time to vote. Let the best pet win." She asked the class to raise their hands to vote. "Who wants a rabbit?" Ten hands rose. Next, she asked, "Who wants a lizard?" Eleven students lifted their hands. "I guess we have a winner," announced Mrs. Jones.

Question 28

When did Mrs. Jones ask the children to vote on which animal would live with them for the year?

- A. At the end of the first semester
- B. At the beginning of the second semester
- C. At the end of the school year
- D. At the end of the first day of the first semester

Question 29

Why didn't the class choose a dog as the class pet?

- A. Because many students were allergic to dog's hair.
- B. Because Mrs. Jones didn't like to raise a dog.
- C. Because they couldn't take the dog for a walk at night.
- D. Because the principal didn't allow them to raise a dog.

Question 30

What can be inferred about the students in the class?

- A. The class is all boys.
- B. There are more girls.
- C. There are more boys.
- D. There are the same number of boys and girls.

Question 31

What is likely true about this year's class pet?

- A. It is a dog.
- B. It is a rabbit.
- C. It is a turtle.
- D. It is a lizard.

Question 32

What would be the best title for this story?

- A. The Big Pet Decision
- B. A New Year at School
- C. Buck the Class Bunny
- D. Timmy the Turtle Returns

Passage 2

Read the following passage then choose the best answer to each question below.

SPACE HOLIDAY

Are you thinking of going on holiday in space? Well, you may not be able to go to the Moon, but you could consider a space tour! This kind of 'holiday' allows people to stay in space in a space station. Of course, it's very expensive and you'd have to be a millionaire to afford it!

First of all, it costs 30 million dollars! Secondly, there's a pretty long waiting list - there are no free places for some years. Finally, you have to be very fit and healthy and do a lot of training to prepare yourself before you can go on this kind of holiday.

So, why do people want to travel in space? Well, the answer seems to be the excitement and the fun of seeing Earth from above. Astronauts have described the view of Earth from space as absolutely **breathtaking**. Also, if you have enough to go on this kind of holiday, imagine the stories you'll be able to tell your friends.

If you're feeling a bit down about not being able to be a space tourist, there is some hope for you in the future. Some people are now looking into the ideas of space hotels. Some Japanese designs look very exciting. If they are built, they will offer all the things you expect in a hotel. It will be interesting to see what they will be like.

For now, you will have to forget space holidays unless you are rich. I don't know about you, but I'm going to visit a nice beach and relax in the sun. Maybe if I stay late, I can imagine I'm on the Moon as well!

Question 28

Which of the following is a good title for this reading?

- A. Space Holiday: Is It Possibly True?
- B. The Reasons You Should Go on a Space Holiday
- C. Space Holiday: Ready for Everyone Now
- D. Space Holiday: the Moon Destination

Question 29

Which of the following is NOT true, according to paragraph 2?

- A. A space holiday may cost you thirty million dollars.
- B. You cannot have a place on the holiday for some years.
- C. You have to be in good health to go on this kind of holiday.
- D. You need a little training before a space holiday.

Question 30

The word “breathtaking” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. highly dangerous
- B. really disappointing
- C. extremely beautiful
- D. extremely cold

Question 31

Japanese scientists _____.

- A. have experienced some hotels in the space
- B. do not have enough money to develop space hotels
- C. designed the first models of space hotels
- D. have not built any space hotels yet

Question 32

The writer will _____.

- A. go on a space holiday
- B. have a holiday on the Earth
- C. fly to other countries
- D. save money to travel in the future

Passage 3

Read the following passage then choose the best answer to each question below.

John Fisher, a builder, and his wife Elizabeth wanted more living space, so they left their small flat for an old 40-meter-high castle tower. They have spent five years turning it into a beautiful home with six floors, winning three architectural prizes.

"I love the space, and being private," Elizabeth says. "You feel separated from the world. If I'm in the kitchen, which is 25 meters above the ground floor, and the doorbell rings, I don't have to answer it because visitors can't see I'm in!"

"There are 142 steps to the top, so I go up and down five or six times a day, it's very good exercise! But having to carry heavy things to the top is terrible, so I never buy two bags of shopping from the supermarket at a time. Apart from that, it's a brilliant place to live."

"When we first saw the place, I asked my father's advice about buying it because we couldn't decide. After paying for it, we were a bit worried because it looked awful. But we really loved it, and knew how we wanted it to look."

"Living here can be difficult - yesterday I climbed a four-meter ladder to clean the windows. But when you stand on the roof, you can see all the way out to sea on a clear day, and that's a wonderful experience. I'm really glad we moved."

Question 28: Why did John Fisher and his wife, Elizabeth leave their old house?

- A. Because their old flat was too old.
- B. Because their old flat was terrible.
- C. Because their old flat was not large enough.
- D. Because their old flat was huge.

Question 29: What does Elizabeth like about the new house?

- A. It has a lot of space.
- B. It is very modern.
- C. She feels separated from the world when living here.
- D. A & C are correct.

Question 30: What problem does Elizabeth have with living in such a tall building?

- A. Her visitors find it difficult to see if she is at home.
- B. She can see all the way out to sea on a clear day.
- C. She cannot bring home lots of shopping at a time.
- D. It is impossible to clean any of the windows.

Question 31: Which of the following best describes Elizabeth's feelings about the tower?

- A. She wanted it as soon as she saw it.
- B. She likes most things about it.
- C. She feels lonely because visitors can't see her.
- D. She finds it unsuitable to live in.

Question 32: They were rather worried after paying for the castle tower because

- A. they really couldn't afford it.
- B. it was about to collapse.
- C. it looked terrible at first.
- D. they were unable to take care of such a large house.

