READING CONTROL
THE BREADWINNER

COLEGIO NUEVA YORK- 8TH GRADE

1. Why was Parvana in the market with her father instead of at school?

a.It was summer.

b.The Taliban had ordered all girls to stay inside and forbade them to go to school.

c.She had already graduated from school.

d.She was not old enough for school.

2.Why did Parvana walk with her father to the market each day?

a.He needed her help to sell goods.

b.He needed her to write letters for him.

c.He needed her to help him walk.

d.He needed her to have someone to talk to.

3.What occupation did Parvana's father have before the Taliban took over?

a.Doctor

b.Lawyer

c.Writer

d.Teacher

4.What occupation did Parvana's mother have before the Taliban took over?

a.Doctor

b.Lawyer

c.Writer

d.Teacher

5.Who was Hossain?

a.Parvana's uncle

b.Parvana's brother

c.Parvana's friend

d.Parvana's cousin

6.What did the Taliban do with Parvana's father?

a.killed him

b.took his false leg

c.took him to prison

d.banned him from Kabul

7.What did Parvana not want the soldiers to find in the cupboard?

a.father's books

b.father's sketch pad

c.mother's published writings

d.last of their family money

8.Why did Mrs. Weera want to speak to Parvana's mother?

a.to ask for money

b.to console her

c.to start a magazine

d.to ask for a place to live

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9.Why did all water have to be boiled before drinking it?

a.It was used for bath water.

b.It would make you sick if not boiled.

c.It did not have to be boiled.

d.Animals drank from the tap first.

10.Parvana set up her business where her father had because _____.

a.it made her feel that he was close to her

b.her father had always said that is the best place for business

c.it was close to her house

d.she was scared to set up any other place

11.It is safe for women and girls to walk the streets of Kabul.

a.True

b.False

12.The main character of the novel is Parvana.

a.True

b.False

13.Parvana and Shauzia dig up bones in the graveyard to earn more money to buy trays.

a.True

b.False

14.Parvana gave her mother half of the money she earned.

a.True

b.False

15.Parvana is able to read and write in two languages.

a.True

b.False

16.Mrs. Weera and Parvana's mother decided to start a sports magazine.

a.True

b.False

17.It was Parvana's idea to dress up as a boy to earn money for her family.

a.True

b.False

18.People in Afghanistan have easy access to healthy food and clean drinking water.

a.True

b.False

19.Nooria was the teacher of a secret school.

a.True

b.False

20.Father was delivered back to his home.

a.True

b.False

21. _____was killed by a land mine.

a.Hossain
b.Parvana
c.Father
d.Homa

22. _____ earns money for her family to survive.

a.Parvana
b.Nooria
c.Maryem
d.Malali

23. _____ told Afghan troops, "We can win this battle!"

a.Malali
b.Parvana
c.Shauzia
d.Mrs. Weera

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24. _____ leaves Mazar-e-Sharif after her family is killed.

a.Homa
b.Shauzia
c.Hossain
d.Malali

25. _____ is a teacher at a secret school and agrees to marriage.

a.Nooria
b.Parvana
c.Homa
d.Shauzia

26. _____ is a writer who hasn't been outside for a year and a half.

a.Mother
b.Mrs. Weera
c.Father
d.Homa

27. _____ is a former physical education teacher.

a.Mrs. Weera
b.Mother
c.Homa
d.Nooria

28. _____ is beaten by the Taliban and put in prison.

a.Father
b.Hossain
c.Malali
d.Parvana

29. _____ is a five year old who hasn't been outside in a year and a half.

a.Maryam
b.Malali
c.Homa
d. Shauzia

30. _____ is Parvana's friend who wants to move to France.

a.Shauzia
b.Homa
c.Mrs. Weera
d.Nooria

31. What is Parvana's primary concern about assuming the role of a boy?

a.She is worried about being responsible.
b.She believes what she is doing is wrong.
c.She is afraid that she will be recognized.
d.She resents having to do her sister's job.

32. Which two words best describe how Parvana feels while living under Taliban rule?

a.Angry
b.Invisible
c.Defeated
d.Ashamed
e.Unimportant

33.In the story, Parvana's haircut represents —

a.a happier time
b.new responsibilities
c.abandoned beliefs
d.cultural traditions

34.intact

a.waste time
b.very complicated or detailed
c.not damaged or impaired in any way; complete
d.without purpose or effect; pointless

35.dawdling

a.waste time; be slow
b.not able to read or write
c.be silent, morose, and bad-tempered out of annoyance
d.yelling about goods and services you are selling

36.complicated paths, difficult to find one's way; a maze

a.burqa
b.toshak
c.idle
d.labyrinth

37.Parvana's family no longer has any men in it. This means no one can go out and buy food since women are not allowed outside alone. This is the _____ in The Breadwinner.

a.Theme
b.Conflict
c.Setting
d.Characters

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38.What skills did Parvana have that most people in Afghanistan did not have?

a.the ability to read and write
b.the ability to juggle
c.the ability to sing
d.None of the above

39.What does the window woman drop on Parvana's blanket?

a.A piece of embroidered cloth
b.a red bead
c.a handkerchief
d.all of the above

40.What do Father's books represent?

a.a hobby
b.knowledge
c.a distraction
d.fear

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