Use of English

Worksheet 2: Vocabulary

Read the texts below. For each gap, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. Write your answers in the answer grid after each text.

Text 1: Why Do Onions Make You Cry?

Onions, like other plants, are made of cells. The cells are divided into two sections **(1)** _____ by a membrane. One side of the membrane contains an enzyme which helps chemical processes **(2)** _____ in your body. The other side of the membrane contains molecules that contain sulfur. When you cut an onion, the **(3)** _____ on each side of the membrane mix and cause a chemical **(4)** _____. This chemical process **(5)** _____ molecules such as ethylsulfine, which make your eyes water.

To **(6)** _____ crying when you cut an onion, cut it under a running tap of cold water. The sulfur compounds **(7)** _____ in water and are rinsed down the sink before they **(8)** _____ your eyes. You can also put the onion in the freezer for ten minutes before you cut it. Cold temperatures slow down the reaction **(9)** _____ the enzymes and the sulfur compounds, so fewer of the **(10)** _____ molecules will affect your eyes.

1 **A** circulated **B** separated **C** sorted **D** shared
2 **A** occur **B** hold **C** carry **D** take
3 **A** properties **B** abilities **C** contents **D** flavours
4 **A** reaction **B** formula **C** pollution **D** poisoning
5 **A** does **B** opens **C** discovers **D** produces
6 **A** remove **B** prevent **C** protect **D** except
7 **A** dissolve **B** lose **C** miss **D** steam
8 **A** come **B** achieve **C** reach **D** take
9 **A** among **B** through **C** between **D** along
10 **A** sparkling **B** flaming **C** shining **D** burning

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Text 2: Tea and Ceylon

Tea and Ceylon are synonymous in many **(11)** _____. Sri Lanka (Ceylon) is a land which has inherited a rich history of tea and continues to grow the best tea in the world, with its different climatic **(12)** _____ producing variations in taste, quality, character and appearance. Ceylon tea is a brand of its own, carrying out the **(13)** _____ flavours of all regions in Sri Lanka. The various soil conditions and different elevations in each region give its teas the diverse characteristics. And no two teas are the same, even when grown in the same region. Tea may **(14)** _____ in flavour, colour and the aroma which embodies the sense of place.

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As the world takes an organic **(15)** _____ to life, tea has become a beverage preferred by many. The health benefits in tea are numerous, the most outstanding one being its antioxidants. Scientific **(16)** _____ has confirmed that regular tea drinkers are protected from many chronic diseases, the main being heart diseases, due to its powerful antioxidants. Ceylon tea is **(17)** _____ in antioxidants since it is packed right where it's grown and **(18)** _____ within days to protect the freshness of the tea.

Ceylon tea is an element of the art of drinking tea. Each range of tea **(19)** _____ its own story related to the rich Sri Lankan heritage.

Each product means unique tea drinking **(20)** _____, which transports its tea drinkers to another time and place. It is the taste of Ceylon's finest tea at its best, creating luxury in everyday life.

11 **A** means **B** ways **C** directions **D** routes
12 **A** effects **B** positions **C** states **D** conditions
13 **A** accurate **B** possible **C** probable **D** definite
14 **A** exchange **B** differ **C** adapt **D** rotate
15 **A** approach **B** style **C** manner **D** system
16 **A** attention **B** research **C** thinking **D** progress
17 **A** wealthy **B** rich **C** great **D** valuable
18 **A** directed **B** shipped **C** moved **D** referred
19 **A** imagines **B** plays **C** belongs **D** reflects
20 **A** ability **B** view **C** experience **D** evidence

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