

[1-3] Read the monologue and answer the questions.

Ian: Melanie hated me when we were young. But she wasn't easy to live with either! She never helped me with my homework. If I didn't know the meaning of a word, she told me to (A) _____ in the dictionary. On the other hand, there were times when she was a great sister. She took care of me when our parents came home late from work. On those days, she let me use her colored pencils and we would draw together. Those days were the best. (loved / She's / for / drawing) as long as I can remember, and she still draws in her free time. She's been collecting her childhood drawings since 2001.

1 Which is NOT mentioned in the monologue?

- ① how Melanie felt about Ian when they were young
- ② what the relationship between Ian and Melanie was like
- ③ what subject Ian liked to study most as a kid
- ④ what Melanie loves doing in her free time
- ⑤ since when Melanie has collected her drawings

2 Which is the best choice for blank (A)?

- ① look after it ② look it up
- ③ give it away ④ fix it up
- ⑤ hand it down

3 Put the words in parentheses in the correct order.

[4-6] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Synesthesia is a mixing of the senses. It can mean seeing sounds, tasting words, feeling that numbers have personalities, and much more. It's estimated that somewhere between one and four percent of people experience synesthesia. For most of them, this means associating colors with things like letters, numbers, words, and sounds.

When I was a kid, I assumed that everyone had these types of associations. Lots of people say that red is angry or

gray is depressing. (A) _____, I thought, everyone also understood that the word "I" is blue and the word "you" is yellow. Everyone knew that eight is a purple number and nine is a red number. Everyone saw golden flashes in their mind when they heard the first notes of Beethoven's fifth symphony. But I was wrong!

4 What does them refer to?

- ① mixed senses
- ② numbers with personalities
- ③ different shades of color
- ④ people who experience synesthesia
- ⑤ letters, words, and sounds

5 Which is NOT true according to the passage?

- ① Some of the people with synesthesia associate letters with colors.
- ② Less than five percent of people have synesthesia.
- ③ The writer has had synesthesia since he was young.
- ④ Synesthesia can affect people's personalities.
- ⑤ The writer thought everyone else experiences synesthesia.

6 Which is the best choice for blank (A)?

- ① However ② Nevertheless
- ③ Meanwhile ④ Otherwise
- ⑤ Therefore

[7-9] Read the passage and answer the questions.

I didn't learn the word "synesthesia" until I was in high school. I ① was researching Vincent van Gogh's life online for a history paper. I ② read that he associated different styles of art with the sounds of different instruments and that this was a form of synesthesia. I ③ was fascinated and looked for more information about the word. Soon, I ④ was reading about people who had experiences just like mine. I was thrilled! It ⑤ was turning out that lots of people associate letters and numbers with colors. I was also surprised when I saw a list of famous musicians who associate colors with sounds. There were so many of

them! After learning about what synesthesia is, I stopped worrying that it might be “weird” and started to enjoy it.

Today, I think that synesthesia is an experience that makes life more beautiful. It’s also a good example of how everyone experiences life differently. Everyone sees the world in a unique way, and everyone feels appreciated when you take the time to look at the world from their perspective.

7 Which is grammatically incorrect among ①~⑤?

- ① was researching ② read
- ③ was fascinated ④ was reading
- ⑤ was turning out

8 What is the writer’s attitude toward synesthesia?

- ① indifferent ② grateful
- ③ disappointed ④ negative
- ⑤ critical

9 Write a word from the passage that matches the following definition.

[to connect one thing in your mind with another thing]

[10-14] Read the passage and answer the questions.

September 12

Dad and I were cleaning out Babika’s attic when we (A) _____ a suitcase full of old photos. Among them was a photo of a woman who looked a lot like Babika. She was holding a little boy. Dad thought it could be his cousin because he’s heard Babika talk about her older sister. Unfortunately, when Babika moved to the US, she lost contact with her. I looked for letters that might give us more information, but there weren’t any. Babika (holding / has / on / been / to) these photos for so long, so I think they must be important. I signed up for a website that helps people find lost family members. Through the website, I’ve emailed a genealogist to ask for some help. Also, I (B) _____ her the information on the back of the photo and included a scan of the photo itself.

November 30

I got a reply from the genealogist. The woman in the picture turned out to be Babika’s sister, and the boy is actually my father’s older brother! (a) That means I have an uncle in the Czech Republic! (b) Fortunately, he had also been looking for his family online, so he had put his contact information on another genealogy site. (c) I sent him an email, and I’m waiting for a reply. (d) For now, I’m not telling Dad or Babika. (e) I’m thinking it would be nice to visit my grandmother’s hometown of Brno and explore my Czech heritage. So I’m still doing some more research, and I’ve also (C) _____ our family tree. I’ve added two new branches starting with Uncle James and Great Aunt Izabela.

10 Which best describes the writer’s feelings in the 1st paragraph?

- ① curious ② sorrowful
- ③ embarrassed ④ fearful
- ⑤ concerned

11 Put the words in parentheses in the correct order.

12 Where would the following sentence best fit?

I don’t want them to be disappointed if there’s no reply.

- ① (a) ② (b) ③ (c) ④ (d) ⑤ (e)

13 According to the passage, what is NOT true about the boy in the photo?

- ① The writer’s father guessed the boy was his cousin.
- ② The writer asked a genealogist to help find him.
- ③ He turned out to be the writer’s uncle.
- ④ His name is James and he lives in the Czech Republic.
- ⑤ He probably didn’t want to know about his family.

14 Which is grammatically correct for (A), (B), and (C)?

- ① (A) been finding – (B) sent – (C) been redrawing
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[15-16] Read the passage and answer the questions.

December 29

I got a reply from my uncle. It turns out he's been living in my grandmother's hometown for over fifty years. And last week, I finally got the chance to ask Babika about the photo.

- (A) He had no idea that he had an older brother. Now Dad and I are planning to visit my uncle in the Czech Republic soon.
- (B) She was startled at first. Then I told her how I had gotten in contact with her other son. Babika held my hand and started to cry.
- (C) Then she told the story of how she had to leave her first child with her older sister back home. It was just too (D) _____ for her, so she couldn't tell anyone. The whole family was shocked, especially my dad.

15 What is the best order for (A)~(C)?

- ① (A) – (B) – (C) ② (B) – (A) – (C)
③ (B) – (C) – (A) ④ (C) – (A) – (B)
⑤ (C) – (B) – (A)

16 What is the best choice for blank (D)?

- ① realistic ② late
③ painful ④ urgent
⑤ dangerous

[17-20] Read the monologue and answer the questions.

Theo: I'm an expert at losing things, and it's always caused me lots of trouble. So who would've imagined it would turn my life around? Last May, I ① was working part-time and looking for a position in the fashion industry. I was feeling a little depressed because I ② wasn't having much luck. On another disappointing day, I went out for dinner with friends after work. Later, while I ③ was walking home, I noticed that I didn't have my bag. I ran back to the restaurant, but it wasn't there. I was really (A) _____ because my portfolio was in that bag. It had all the sketches and ideas I had been working on for months. The next day, I got a call from an online fashion company. I was (B) _____ at first because I hadn't applied there. The woman on the phone said that she ④ was finding my bag under a bench while she

⑤ was waiting for the bus. She was looking inside it for a phone number (she / discovered / when) my work. She said my drawings were fascinating and asked if I would be interested in an interview. Everything went well, and that's how I got my job as a fashion designer.

17 Which of these sayings best describes what happened to Theo?

- ① Rome wasn't built in a day.
② Birds of a feather flock together.
③ Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.
④ The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.
⑤ An evil may sometimes turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

18 Which is the best pair for blanks (A) and (B)?

- ① (A) annoyed – (B) frightened
② (A) annoyed – (B) confused
③ (A) thrilled – (B) embarrassed
④ (A) thrilled – (B) confused
⑤ (A) annoyed – (B) embarrassed

19 Put the words in parentheses in the correct order.

20 Which is grammatically incorrect among ①~⑤?

- ① was working ② wasn't having
③ was walking ④ was finding
⑤ was waiting