Recount Text

On Wednesday, my students and I went to YogyakartA. We stayed at Dirgahayu Hotel which is not far from Malioboro.
On Thursday, we visited the temples in Prambanan. There are three big temples, the Brahmana, Syiwa and Wisnu temples. They are really amazing. We visited only Brahmana and Syiwa temples, because Wisnu temple is being renovated.
On Friday morning we went to Yogya Kraton. We spent about two hours there. We were lucky because we were led by a smart and friendly guide. Then we continued our journey to Borobudur. We arrived there at four p.m. At 5 p.m. we heard the announcement that Borobudur gate would be closed.In the evening we left for Jakarta by wisata bus.

1. The text above mainly discusses about.....
A. the writer's trip to Yogyakarta
B. the writer's first visit to Prambanan
C. the writer's impression about the guide
D. the writer's experience at Yogya Kraton

2. The text is written in the form of a.....
A. recount
B. narrative
C. report
D. descriptive

3. The purpose of the text is to.....
A. tell past events
B. entertain readers
C. describe the smugglers
D. inform readers about events of the day

4. What are the big temples in Prambanan?
A. paria, brahmana, and temples
B. brahmana, syiwa, and wisnu temples
C. wisnu, syiwa, and borobudur temples
D. borobudur, syiwa, and brahmana temples

5. When did they go home?
A. On Saturday morning
B. On Friday evening
C. On Thursday evening
D. On Friday afternoon

6. Why did they only visit Brahmana and Syiwa temples?
A. because there was no wisnu temple
B. because wisnu temple was amazing
C. because wisnu temple was too small
D. because wisnu temple was being repaired

Text 2 about a Holiday to the Zoo
Yesterday my family and I went to the zoo to see the elephant. When we got to the zoo, we went to the shop to buy some food to give to the animals.
After getting the food, we went to the nocturnal house where we saw birds and reptiles which only come out at night.
Before having lunch, we went for a ride on the elephant. It was a thrill to ride it. Dad fell off when he let go off the rope, but he was ok.
During the lunch we fed some birds in the park. In the afternoon we saw the animals being fed. When we returned home we were very tired but happy. It was because we had so much fun activities at many places at the zoo.
7. What happened to the writer's dad when he rode an elephant?
A. He felt a thrill
B. He felt fun
C. He fell off
D. He failed

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8. Why did the writer and his family feel very tired after having a trip to the zoo?
A. They had to visit many places in the zoo
B. They took a long time to reach the zoo area
C. They had to feed a lot of animals in the zoo
D. They had no time to take a rest in the zoo

9. ... our family felt tired after visiting the zoo, we were still happy.
A. Since
B. Because
C. Although
D. Nevertheless

Text 3 about a Picnic

Last weekend I and my classmates went to the countryside to have a picnic. Before leaving, we made some sandwiches for lunch. We left quite early to avoid the traffic jam.
After driving for two hours, we arrived at a very nice place. It was near a river with some big trees around it. The driver parked the car under the tree. Seeing the clear an cool water of the river, my friends and I decided to swim. After having lunch together, we went around the area to enjoy the scenery. We saw some beautiful birds and butterflies.
After walking for about an hour, we decided to return to the car and go home. Unfortunately, we cloud not start up the car. Finally after sometime, we cloud make the car start up by pushing it. We were happy although we felt a bit tired when we got home.

10. What is the main idea of the second paragraph?
A. The writer made sandwiches for lunch
B. The writer did some fun activities during their picnic
C. After doing some activities, the writer went home by car
D. Last weekend the writer prepared to have a picnic in the countryside

11. Why did the writer and his friends decide to swim in the river?
A. They felt hot after having lunch
B. They felt tired after having a walk
C. The water was cool and clear
D. It was a tiring day

12. Because of the trouble they had at the end of their picnic, they probably ....
A. Got home a bit late
B. Decided to swim again
C. Had to spend the night there
D. Decided not to have a picnic again

Text 4 about a Trip

Last April, John took a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas is a popular destination in the western portion of the United States. The town is most popular for its casinos, hotels, and exciting nightlife.
In downtown Las Vegas, John spent a lot of time on The Strip, which is a 2.5 mile stretch of shopping, entertainment venues, luxury hotels, and fine dining experiences. This is probably the most commonly visited tourist area in the city. The Strip at night looks especially beautiful. All of the buildings light up with bright, neon, eye-catching signs to attract visitor attention.
A stay in Las Vegas can feel similar to a visit to many popular cities worldwide. Many of the hotels have miniature versions of important international sites and monuments. These famous landmarks include the Eiffel Tower, Venice, and even ancient Rome.
One day, John took a side trip outside of the city to visit the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. The canyon offers a breathtaking view of Nevada's ridges and natural landscape. John especially liked the canyon because it was removed from all of the noise and movement in downtown Las Vegas.
John had a great time during his trip to Las Vegas. He did not win a lot of money in the casinos. However, he managed to see a lot of amazing sites during his visit to this city that never sleeps.

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13. When did John travel to Las Vegas?
A. Last weekend
B. Last summer
C. Last spring
D. Yesterday

14. What is an activity that a tourist cannot do on The Strip?
A. Eat
B. Visit the Grand Canyon
C. Stay overnight
D. Shop

15. Which best describes the purpose of the Las Vegas Strip?
A. It is a 2.5 mile stretch.
B. It keeps tourists safe.
C. It offers a lot of activities for tourists.
D. There are too many neon lights.

16. Explain why John liked his visit to the Grand Canyon.
A. The setting was very different from downtown Las Vegas.
B. John does not enjoy spending time in cities.
C. The Grand Canyon offers a breathtaking view.
D. It is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

17. What does it mean that Las Vegas is a "city that never sleeps?"
A. A lot of people here have sleep disorders.
B. There is too much noise here for people to sleep.
C. The neon lights keep people awake at night.
D. Las Vegas offers exciting activities at all hours.

Text 5 about Visiting Liberty Statue

When Claire visited the Statue of Liberty for the first time, she instantly admired it as a symbol of freedom. Claire made sure to make reservations before her visit because only 240 people are permitted to climb the staircase to the top of the statue every day. After climbing almost 400 stairs, Claire received spectacular views of the city from the statue's crown.
During her visit, Claire learned that the Statue of Liberty was not always the color that it is now. She found out that because the statue's exterior is made of copper, the statue oxidized over time, giving it the greenish appearance it has in present day. When it was first constructed, the statue was the same color as a shiny penny!
After touring the Statue of Liberty, Claire spent the rest of the day in New York City visiting other important monuments and historic landmarks. Claire left New York hoping to have had the time to explore more sites, but she can't wait to return to the city in the future.

18. How many people are permitted to climb the statue's stairs per day?
A. 150
B. 400
C. 240
D. 100

19. From which part of the statue did Claire receive spectacular views of the city?
A. The mouth
B. The crown
C. The eyes
D. The nose

20. Why has the Statue of Liberty changed color over time?
A. It was painted green during restorations.
B. New York's poor air quality has eroded the statue.
C. Its copper exterior oxidized.

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D. The statue is poorly maintained by the city.

Text 6 about a Summer Holiday

I just returned from the greatest summer vacation! It was so fantastic, I never wanted it to end. I spent eight days in Paris, France. My best friends, Henry and Steve, went with me. We had a beautiful hotel room in the Latin Quarter, and it wasn't even expensive. We had a balcony with a wonderful view.
We visited many famous tourist places. My favorite was the Louvre, a well-known museum. I was always interested in art, so that was a special treat for me. The museum is so huge, you could spend weeks there. Henry got tired walking around the museum and said "Enough! I need to take a break and rest."
We took lots of breaks and sat in cafes along the river Seine. The French food we ate was delicious. The wines were tasty, too. Steve's favorite part of the vacation was the hotel breakfast. He said he would be happy if he could eat croissants like those forever. We had so much fun that we're already talking about our next vacation.

21. What city did they go to for their summer vacation?
A. Paris
B. Lyon
C. Louvre
D. Latin

22. How long was the summer vacation?
A. Eight weeks
B. Eight days
C. Two weeks
D. One week

23. What did their hotel room have?
A. A refrigerator
B. A view of the metro
C. A balcony
D. A bottle of wine

24. Who got tired walking in the Louvre museum?
A. Henry
B. Harry
C. Seine
D. Steve

25. What did Steve enjoy the most?
A. The hotel breakfast and the croissants
B. The wine and the food
C. The Latin Quarter and the balcony
D. The cafes along the river Seine

Text 7 about Study Tour

Last week, my school had a study tour to Saung Angklung Mang Udjo in Bandung. We started our journey very early in the morning. There are six buses to take our groups. We stopped in the rest area before went directly toward Bandung.
When we arrived at Saung Angklung Mang Udjo, we were welcome by hot Sundanese drinks known as Bandrek It was very unique. After that, we went around the gallery that sells the Sundanese handicrafts. We then walked to the hall, it was a rounded stage. Everybody sat anxiously. The Angklung shows soon began with a performance of a large group of dancers and Angklung players. Then, the master of ceremony introduced herself and offered the audience a short course to play Angklung. She then taught the audience to play the Angklung, each rhythm. Soon after the audience knew the basic sound, we all played popular songs together. The master ceremony spoke in English too because there foreigners among the visitors. At the end of the show, we were asked to join the performing children to dance together.
We really enjoyed the performance of bamboo musical instruments combined with the wonderful dances and nice master of ceremony. We were all very cheerful and refreshed after the show.

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26. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?
A. The trip to Saung Angklung Mang Udjo started very early
B. The audience was cheerful and refreshed after the show
C. The master of ceremony taught the audience to play Angklung
D. The visitors were asked to join the performing children to dance

27. What did the students do before the show?
A. Playing popular songs on Angklung
B. Making Sundanese hot drink Bandrek
C. Learning how to do traditional dances
D. Going around the gallery that sells Sundanese handicraft

28. Why did the master of ceremony speak in English?
A. The audience was all foreigners
B. To make the performance more attractive
C. It would encourage the audience to join the performance
D. There were foreigners among the audiences in the hall

Text 8 about Camping
Hendra and I camped in the mountain last weekend. It was very beautiful and very quiet there. The air wash fresh. The location of our camp site was on the top of a hill, so we could see the scenery around us. It was amazing, It was green everywhere. It was also easy to get water as it was near a small river. You see the water is as clear as a crystal. We brought a lot of food from home. There were some noodles, cans of sardines, soft drink, and biscuits. Hendra brought cooking utensils for cooking noodle.
On the first day, we spent our time setting up tent and exploring the surrounding area. I was happy to find that there were many campers there. At night, after we had dinner, we met other campers. We catted and played guitar. It was fun meeting people who had the same hobby. It was not frightening at all at night in the forest as it was very noisy that night. We laughed and sang, and some campers even danced. We went to bed almost dawn. No wonder we got up late the following day. We hiked with others campers until afternoon. We did not realize that it was almost 5 in the afternoon and we had to go back home soon. It was really nice. I planned to go there again on the next long holiday. I would ask other friends to join.

29. What was amazing according to the writer of the text?
A. The location of the campsite
B. The fresh air of the mountain
C. The scenery around the campsite
D. The small river in the mountain

30. What did the writer do on the second day of their camping activity?
A. They chatted and played guitar
B. They had a greet and meet activity
C. They hiked with the other campers
D. They laughed and sang songs together

31. "...we spent our time setting up the tent and exploring the surrounding are." (paragraph 2) What does the word "exploring" mean?
A. Traveling through to learn about it
B. Going backward and forward to watch something
C. Observing carefully to examine something
D. Looking for something in surrounding area

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Text 9 about Visiting Pen pal's House

Last weekend, I visited my pen pal's house. His Name is Anto. There were many activities I did there. In the morning, Anto and I had breakfast. We had traditional fooD. I liked it very much.
After breakfast, he took me to the garden behind his house. The garden was very big and beautiful. There is a big bird cage in the garden. There were many kinds of birds in that cage. I spent a long time feeding the birds. I also took pictures with those beautiful birds.
After visiting the bird cage, Anto and I went to the flower garden not far from his house. We took a rest and had lunch under a big tree and watch butterflies flying above colourful flowers. In the afternoon, we swam in the pool in the backyard. It was so fun. I really enjoyed my time with Anto.

32. The text above tells us about ....
A. A holiday at a friend's place
B. A picture of bird
C. A big bird cage
D. A big garden

33. What is the last paragraph about?
A. Anto had butterflies as his pet
B. The writer's friend is a good swimmer
C. There are a lot of flowers in Anto's house
D. The writer had a good time with his friend

34. Where did the writer spend his afternoon?
A. Under a tree
B. Inside big bird cage
C. In the flower garden
D. In the swimming pool

35. From the text, we know that the writer ....
A. Had gone and visited many places during his holiday
B. Lived in the same village with his pen pal, Anto
C. Liked butterflies and swimming very much
D. Spent his holiday at friend's house

Text 10 about Joining Marathon

Last year I joined the Chicago Marathon, my first marathon contest. I had to run 26,2 miles to complete it. It was hard.
At first, I just wanted to get the experience of joining a marathon. I thought it would be one life time experience. After finishing it, I changed my mind. I wanted to join another one. I was interested to complete at least one more marathon and improve my time. I also experienced a good feeling between participants and the spectators that made me happy. It was a very wonderful thing for me. So I decided that I had to join another marathon the following year.

36. What is the text about?
A. The writer's activities of watching Chicago marathon contest.
B. The writer's wonderful feeling after watching marathon.
C. The writer's good achievement in marathon.
D. The changing of the writer's feeling after joining the marathon.

37. To improve his achievement, the writer ...
A. Asked for advice how to run well
B. Practiced hard with other participants
C. Planned to join another marathon
D. Ran faster and faster

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38. What was the writer's intention when he decided to join his first marathon?
A. He would get the winner
B. He just wanted to get an experience
C. He planned to join another marathon
D. He wanted to complete 26,2 miles run

39. "... I change my mind." (Paragraph 2) The word "mind" is closest in meaning to ...
A. Decision
B. Ambition
C. Thought
D. Suggestion

Text 11 about Accompanying Friend

Last Friday, a friend of mine asked me to accompany him to buy a new shirt at a department store. We left home at 03.00 p.m. by motorcycle. As soon as we arrived there, we went to the clothes section. I let him choose one. An hour later, I got bored watching him confused in choosing a shirt. So I left him and went to the cassette counter. Thirty minutes later, I went back to the clothes section but I couldn't find him there. My cell phone was broken so I couldn't call him. I went to the parking areA. I saw his motorcycle was there but I couldn't find him. I waited for him for a few moments then finally I gave up and decided to go home.
When I arrived home, my mother told me that my friend calleD. She said that he was in the department store looking for me. My mother asked me to come back to the department store. Reluctantly, I walked to the department store and you know what? When I arrived there his motorcycle was not in the parking areA. He just went home. I was very tireD. There was no other choice, I had to walk home again. When I arrived home, I was so tired. I was very angry but when I saw my friend's broad smile greet me in front of the door, I just could not help laughing.

40. The text above is about ....
A. An embarrassing day
B. Shopping with mother
C. The writer and his friend
D. My friend and his motorcycle

41. The writer couldn't contact his friend because ....
A. He went home alone
B. His cell phone was broken
C. He was in the parking area
D. His friend was still choosing a shirt

42. From the story above we can conclude that there was a problem because ....
A. The writer couldn't contact his friend
B. The writer's friend was in the clothes section
C. The writer and his friend couldn't ride the motorcycle
D. The writer and his friend decided to go to the department store

Text 12 about Preparing Birthday

On my daughter's 1st birthday, I made a cake for her. I decorated it with the Disney characters, Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. It was such a wonderful experience for me. My wife inspired me to make this special birthday cake. She is very good at making cakes.
On that day, I went and got all items for the cake. I had never made a cake before, so I felt a little bit nervous. Before I made the cake, I imagined how to decorate it, then I started right away. I chose the flavour. I made a cake with chocolate flavour. I followed the steps in the recipe carefully. And finally I could make it. It was not bad at all.
All the people and the children who were invited to the birthday party liked the cake. I was very prouD. My wife told the guests that I made the birthday cake. I felt satisfied when they were surprised that I could make a cake. Since then making cakes has become one of my hobbies.

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43. What does the text talk about?
A. My daughter's 1st birthday
B. Wonderful experience
C. The first time of making a birthday cake
D. Decorating a birthday cake

44. What's the main idea of paragraph two?
A. The writer was inspired to make a birthday cake.
B. The writer decorated the cake with Disney characters.
C. The writer got the idea to make a birthday cake.
D. The writer was making the birthday cake

45. It was not bad at all. (Paragraph 2). The word "it" means...
A. A birthday cake
B. Birthday cake decoration
C. The flavour of birthday cake
D. The writer's daughter's 1st birthday party

46. The writer was inspired to make a birthday cake for his daughter by ....
A. his guest
B. his daughter
C. his wife
D. his children

47. The writer felt a bit nervous because it was ....
A. his daughter's birthday
B. a wonderful experience
C. the first time he made a cake
D. difficult to make a cake

Text 13 about an Unpleasant Experience

Last week, Mr Budi's wife had an accident. Her youngest child, Yusuf, was at home when it happened. He was playing with his new toy car. Suddenly Yusuf heard his mother calling, "Help! Help!" he ran to the kitchen. His mother had burnt herself with some hot cooking oil. She was crying with pain and the pan was on fire. Mr. Budi had gone to the offce. The other children had gone to school.
Yusuf was too small to help his mother, and she was too frightened to speak sensibly to him. But he ran to the neighbour's house and asked his neighbor to come and help his mother. The neighbor soon put out the fire and took Yusuf's mother to the clinic.
When Mr. Budi came home, his wife told him what had happened. He was very proud of his son, "When you are a man, you will be just like your father," she said.

48. Who was at home when the accident happened?
A. Her son
B. Her husband
C. Her neighbour
D. Her youngest child

49. How did Yusuf do to help his mother?
A. He called his father
B. He put out the fire
C. He asked his neighbour to help
D. He advised Mrs. Budi to stay calm

8. Who took Mrs. Budi to the clinic?
A. Her son
B. Her husband
C. Her neighbour
D. Her children

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50. How did the neighbour help Mrs. Budi?
A. He called Mrs. Budi's husband and ran to the kitchen
B. He called the fireman and put out the ?re
C. He put out the fire and took Mrs. Budi ot the clinic
D. He called the fireman and advised Mrs. Budi to stay calm

51. The main idea of the second paragraph is ....
A. Mrs. Budi got accident
B. Mr. Budi was proud of his son
C. Yusuf asked his neighbour to help
D. Mr. Budi and his other children had gone

52. The main idea of the last paragraph is ....
A. Mrs. Budi got accident
B. Mr. Budi was proud of his son
C. Yusuf asked his neighbour to help
D. Mr. Budi and his other children had gone

Text 14 about an Unpleasant Experience

I've got a painful experience that I went through last semester. I joined the cross country. We were running this race competing against several I other schools. The entire race was long and dreadful. It took place in the desert so it was really hot and humiD. We ran up and down the hills. It was getting awful after 10 minutes of the race. People who ran in front of me made me breathe the dust they createD. It wasn't so bad until my throat started to hurt. It was very painful. I had a hard time to catch my breath and I sweat a lot. I really hated it.
In the end I managed to finish the race. I felt really good after that. I felt fully alive again. That race was a horrible experience. That is the reason why I quitted the team a week later.

53. What does the second paragraph tell us about?
A. A cross country race
B. An awful place in the mountain
C. A good feeling after completing the race
D. Painful incidents during the cross country

54. From the text, we know that ....
A. The writer quitted and never made it to the finish line
B. Although he had a painful throat, the writer could finish the race
C. The race was a competition between students in the writer's school
D. The race route was so mountainous that the weather was cool and windy

55. Why was the writer's throat painful?
A. He sweat a lot
B. He couldn't breathe
C. It was really hot and humid
D. People in front of him created dust

Text 15 about an Unpleasant Experience

It was the beginning of July, My parents and I were in a plane heading home from our vacation.
A crew announced the passengers that we were going to land in the airport in a few minutes. While listening to the announcement, I was looking outside through the window and saw how dark the sky was. It was raining heavily and lightnings sparked here and there.
Suddenly, I felt the plane went bumpy. The impact was low at the beginning, however it gradually became terrible. Everything shook terribly. People started to scream in fear. I hold my parents' hands. I heard my Dad was praying while Mom tried to soothe me.
Fortunately, our plane landed safely at the airport under that extreme weather. I thanked God for saving my parents and me.

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