**Listening Comprehension Test for 11th Form Students**

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In this test you will listen carefully to a text read aloud twice. The text is followed by 10 true/false statements and 10 multiple-choice questions. You should do the first 10 tasks following the first reading of the text on the basis of what is stated or implied in the text. The text will be read a second time and you should do tasks 11 through 20 following the second reading of the text on the basis of what is stated or implied in the text. For each task you will choose from two symbols (+ or -) or four possible answers (A, B, C, or D), as specified prior to each task. Choose the best answer and circle the symbol or letter of your choice in the answer sheet.

**Statements 1 through 10 (choose + if the statement is true, - if it is false).**

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| | 1. The passage mentions four ways orchids attract insects to spread their flowers' pollen. |
| | 2. The title of the passage "The Orchid's Secret" refers to the hidden location of orchids. |
| | 3. Orchid hunters Tom Hart Dyke and Paul Winder were held prisoner in the Philippines. |
| | 4. Orchids are able to self-pollinate. |
| | 5. According to the passage, male insects trick females to pollinate orchids |
| | 6. Orchids evolved to attract insects and birds for pollination. |
| | 7. Different smells of orchids ensure their survival. |
| | 8. Five hunters returned from the Philippines in 1901 with 7,000 orchids |
| | 9. Deaths from orchid hunting included attacks and disappearance. |
| | 10. Orchids have more species than any other flower on the planet. |

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**Questions 11 through 20 (choose the correct letter A, B, C, or D).**

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| **11.The author of this passage is primarily concerned with discussing**<br>A. how orchids reproduce and create new species<br>B. the nature of orchids and why they are beloved<br>C. the impact orchids have on insects and birds<br>D. the dangers of hunting orchids on humans and insects | **12. The author implies that there are many different species of orchids because…**<br>A. humans find them beautiful and grow many different types of orchids to sell<br>B. orchid hunters took the time to discover different species across the world<br>C. insects and birds are attracted to them and help with orchids with pollination<br>D. humans discovered new ways to pollinate safely instead of hunting for orchids |
| **13. In Susan Orlean's book *The Orchid Thief*, the primary purpose was to discuss…**<br>A. the process of pollinating as many orchids species as possible<br>B. the adventures of orchid hunting in nineteenth century Europe<br>C. the rarest orchids and what made them so unique compared to other flowers<br>D. what humans did with orchids before orchid hunting became popular | **14. Tom Hart Dyke and Paul Winder were known for…**<br>A. being held prisoner in Central America<br>B. discovering the most species of orchids<br>C. studying pollination of orchids and co-evolution<br>D. writing about orchids around the world in the late 1800s |
| **15. Which of the following best describes the relation of the first paragraph to the passage as a whole?**<br>A. It talks about the two places where orchids are found<br>B. It provides examples of how people make money for orchids<br>C. It compares how insects find orchids verses how humans find them<br>D. It introduces an explanation about why orchids are so popular | **16. The author of the passage would be most likely to agree with which of the following?**<br>A. Orchids are more important to science than their beauty<br>B. Orchids are not important to science, but only for their beauty<br>C. Orchids are more important for their beauty than science<br>D. Orchids are equally important for their beauty and to science |

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| **17. Which of the following best describes an orchid?**<br>A. an insect that spreads pollen<br>B. a scent from a flower that attracts insects<br>C. a hunter in the Philippines<br>D. a rare and valuable flower | **18. The primary purpose of the passage is to describe …**<br>A. the Europeans who collected orchids in the 1800s.<br>B. what being a prisoner in Central America is like.<br>C. the life of Susan Orlean.<br>D. orchids and orchid hunting. |
| **19. It can be inferred from the passage that orchid hunters may be willing to face dangerous challenges in order to get orchids because…**<br>A. Orchids are worth a lot of money.<br>B. Some orchids use their scent to attract insects.<br>C. Some orchids look like insects<br>D. The orchid has survived since the time of the dinosaurs. | **20. The passage is primarily concerned with which of the following?**<br>A. the Philippines and the dangers of hunting orchids there<br>B. orchids, orchid hunting, and orchid pollination<br>C. an orchid hunt that Tom Hart Dyke and Paul Winder went on<br>D. a species of orchids that lives deep in the jungles of Colombia |

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