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Test 4 Như Quỳnh

Reading Comprehension

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) which best completes each sentence.

1 This new instrument is ..... us a lot of trouble.
A working B giving C making D producing

2 If you do not repay the money we will, as a last ..... , take you to court.
A measure B attempt C act D resort

3 At the party conference, the Prime Minister ..... backing for his new policies.
A won B got C had D held

4 The two trains came ..... ten metres of collision.
A just B near C within D almost

5 Mary wanted to give Nigel a present that was a little bit out of the ..... .
A ordinary B normal C average D everyday

6 Most people would ..... at the chance of working for that company.
A dive B grab C seize D jump

7 All but two of the injured were ..... from hospital within twenty-four hours.
A discharged B released C sent D allowed

8 We decided to ..... a coin to see who would go first.
A throw B pitch C roll D toss

9 If you want to know which companies to invest in, George can give you some ..... .
A clues B hints C words D tips

10 He was awarded a medal in ..... of his services to the Queen.
A view B recognition C regard D light

11 The racing-driver climbed out of the wreckage completely ..... .
A unwounded B intact C unscathed D well-preserved

12 The King showed his mercy by ..... the rebels' lives.
A saving B sparing C granting D accepting

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13 The banks ..... the Government's new proposals on credit control.
A welcomed B greeted C flourished D cheered

14 The entire machine was ..... , taken to another factory and re-assembled there.
A dismantled B disconnected C demolished D uncoupled

15 At the end of the day the shopkeeper walked to the bank, carrying the day's ..... in a special bag.
A income B takings C earnings D profits

16 I don't need to know the whole story, just give me the ..... .
A gist B details C essence D summary

17 The company is suspected ..... the trade embargo.
A having broken B to break C of breaking D breaking

18 ..... had I left the hotel when I was surrounded by photographers.
A No sooner B Immediately C Just D Hardly

19 The rocks in this area have been ..... into strange shapes by the wind and rain.
A broken B eroded C moulded D deteriorated

20 You must refrain ..... tea or coffee while taking this medicine.
A to drink B from drinking C drink D drinking

21 When both parents went to prison, social workers took the children ..... care.
A with B for C into D to

22 William is an authority ..... medieval tapestries.
A on B with C about D in

23 Many of his best photographs of the conflict were taken when he was actually ..... fire.
A on B under C in D to

24 The machine should have switched itself off but it failed to do ..... .
A it B thus C that D so

25 ..... we need to complete the repairs is £2,000.
A Everything B Only C Just D All

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Use of English

1 *Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage with* **one** *suitable word.*

Aggression has long been a natural feature of human behaviour, perhaps ever since the emergence of the earliest hominids. However, ... (1) is no ..... (2) for organised group conflict before about 12,000 years ago. The development of ..... (3) conflict was closely linked to changes ..... (4) economy and society, ... (5) probably ..... (6) more serious after the adoption of agriculture. Larger populations ..... (7) greater pressure on land and resources, and thus increased tension ..... (8) neighbours. Settled farmers also had food stores, herd animals and standing crops ..... (9) steal. The stresses associated with the emergence of more hierarchical societies ..... (10) over by chiefs and kings may ..... (11) have played an important ..... (12) in the growth of inter-group conflict.

As human communities became organised into larger units ..... (13) warfare they waged became ..... (14) more lethal. States had greater resources ..... (15) for aggression, defence and the development of new weapons. The written records of ancient societies tell ..... (16) full-time specialists employed by the state to produce armour and weaponry, and expensively-equipped elite forces ..... (17) into being. Sometimes the ..... (18) social and economic order was moulded around the ..... (19) of warfare. The feudal system of medieval Europe, for example, had as ..... (20) of its principal objectives, the maintenance of a force of armoured knights.

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2 *Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it.*

EXAMPLE: We expect he will arrive by nine o'clock.

ANSWER: He is *expected to arrive by nine o'clock.*

a) The controller never looked away from the screen.

At no time .....

b) Miranda said she was sorry that she had not read my report yet.

Miranda apologised .....

c) Only the Chairman's firmness and diplomacy prevented a serious argument between the committee members.

If .....

d) You can stay in the flat for free if you pay the bills.

So long as .....

e) I didn't mean to be impolite.

It .....

f) Despite Jack's strange clothes, everybody ignored him.

Nobody took .....

g) It was more of a business arrangement than a marriage.

It was not .....

h) You must not communicate in any way with anyone involved in this case.

You must have .....

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3 *Fill each of the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.*

EXAMPLE: 'Would you like some toast?'
'No, thank you. I've *had some* already.'

a) He packed his suitcase the night before ..... to be able to leave early the next morning.

b) Dorothy took a packed lunch ..... she couldn't get any food on the train.

c) Please make cheques ..... Thomas Nelson Ltd.

d) The novel has ..... for television by Thomas Smith.

e) When he regained consciousness, he ..... himself in hospital.

f) Captain Kidd found the treasure ..... many men before him had searched in vain.

4 *For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. This word* **must not be altered** *in any way.*

EXAMPLE: It is by no means certain that he was responsible for the crime.
questionable

ANSWER: *It is questionable whether he was responsible for the crime.*

a) Everyone except John will remain on the coach.
apart

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b) Joan was not sure if it was a good idea to employ such young staff.
misgivings

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c) £500 is too much to pay for that painting.
worth

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d) Andrew insisted that the shop gave him his money back.
refund

.....

e) Be careful not to waste water.
economical

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f) The performances take place every two hours.
intervals

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g) Poverty is only part of the problem.
whole

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h) James Hogg Ltd. is the only shop that supplies this product.
exclusive

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