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Directions: Read each question and choose the best answer.

- _____ 1. To read conscientiously means to read with
 - A) help.
 - B) care.
 - C) speed.
 - D) difficulty.
- _____ 2. To endure means to
 - A) continue to exist.
 - B) wait for a chance.
 - C) cure with medicine.
 - D) end with a surprise.
- _____ 3. Evidence means information that
 - A) helps prove something.
 - B) is collected from books.
 - C) is exchanged by e-mail
 - D) appears in the newspaper.
- _____ 4. Genuine means that something is
 - A) rare.
 - B) real.
 - C) fancy.
 - D) gentle.
- _____ 5. If someone is a historian, it means the person
 - A) studies the past and interprets it.
 - B) likes to explore and travel the world.
 - C) teaches students to speak a new language.
 - D) volunteers to help others in the community.
- _____ 6. An investigation means
 - A) a game.
 - B) an invention.
 - C) a search for facts.
 - D) an invitation to a party.

- ____ 7. If a person is just, it means the person is
- A) fit.
 - B) fair.
 - C) fierce.
 - D) foolish.
- ____ 8. When someone is a skeptic, it means the person
- A) feels strong emotions but never shows them.
 - B) refuses to consider the opinions of other people.
 - C) takes a long time to make a decision but then acts quickly.
 - D) doubts facts and beliefs that are generally accepted by others.

Directions: The following questions are about "The Sword in the Stone." Read each question and choose the best answer.

- ____ 9. The cultural perspective of the story most strongly reflects customs and attitudes of
- A) Britain today.
 - B) Britain in the early Middle Ages.
 - C) Britain during the reign of Queen Victoria.
 - D) the United States when it was still a British colony.
- ____ 10. Which statement most clearly reflects the cultural perspective of the story?
- A) Good rulers show justice and mercy.
 - B) Every citizen should have the right to vote.
 - C) It is foolish to have faith in magic and wizards.
 - D) Predictions about the future should not be trusted.
- ____ 11. Which of these ideas best reflects the cultural perspective of the story?
- A) pity for farm workers
 - B) faith in God and God's will
 - C) belief that most kings are tyrants
 - D) belief that men and women are equal
- ____ 12. What characteristics make Arthur a hero?
- A) He is a careful squire.
 - B) He loves helping farmers.
 - C) He wants to finish school.
 - D) He becomes a fair and just king.

_____ 13. Arthur was able to remove the sword from the stone. What does this show the crowd?

- A) He is the strongest man in the country.
- B) He is the best sword fighter in the country.
- C) He was born to be the true King of England.
- D) He will have a son who will become King of England.

_____ 14. Which word best describes Sir Ector?

- A) loyal
- B) weak
- C) clever
- D) jealous

Directions: Read the question. Write your answer.

15. Read this passage from the story.

After this ceremony, Arthur said he would hear complaints about injustices and crimes committed in the land since the death of his father, Uther Pendragon. They told him of how lands and castles had been taken by force, and men murdered, and of how knights and ladies and common people were robbed and assaulted.

Arthur ordered that all lands and properties should be returned to their rightful owners and that everyone should respect the rights of others.

What problems must Arthur solve when he takes the throne? What does he do to solve them? Be sure to support your ideas with details from the story.