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* There is a provided answer sheet. Wrong spelling is wrong. No erasures. NO CHEATING! *

I. Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence.

1. Despite the unfavorable attention brought on by the media, the press had a ____ effect on the campaign.

- A. positive B. negative C. inert D. equal

2. It is no secret that prison can be rather ____; grim conditions and severe treatment have been known to ____ even the most hardened criminals.

- A. cruel ... entertain B. harsh ... dishearten
C. pleasant ... encourage D. strange ... prevent

3. Although Kate's report on her scientific findings was lengthy, the presentation she held was rather ____.

- A. brief B. neutral C. mundane D. straightforward

4. The new building was expansive; its ____ foundation allowed for wider hallways than the previous building.

- A. shallow B. small C. broad D. fancy

5. The famous pop singer tragically died at age fifty. This was an ____ event for his ____ fans.

- A. awful ... healthy B. amazing ... dubious
C. unthinkable ... devoted D. emotional ... heavy

6. Unlike the misleading television documentary, the biography was ____.

- A. interesting B. accurate C. fantastic D. false

7. The doctor takes note of any ____ blemishes on the patient's skin; such abnormalities are often ____ of skin cancer.

- A. irregular ... symptoms B. typical ... clues
C. interesting ... signs D. common ... causes

8. Psychopaths _____ inflict harm on others because they lack a moral compass.
A. carefully B. desperately C. politely D. viciously
9. Despite his _____ personality, Carlos can be rather _____ sometimes.
A. nervous ... awkward B. strange ... weird
C. shy ... outgoing D. funny ... entertaining
10. I wanted to _____ the race, but my friends encouraged me to _____ running.
A. lose ... stop B. quit ... continue
C. win ... begin D. watch ... start

II. Reading Comprehension 1: Read the story and answer the questions below.

“Bail”

The phone rang at Pratt Taylor’s house at nearly three in the morning. Pratt fumbled for the phone in the dark. He answered groggily after the fourth ring. “Hello,” Pratt mumbled into the receiver. “Mr. Taylor. Thank goodness. I need your help.” Pratt knew the voice, for sure. But still drowsy, he could not quite place it. “Mr. Taylor!” the man said again in a raspy, loud whisper. “I am in jail. I was allowed one phone call. I’m calling you.”

Then, the fog cleared. Although nearly ten years had passed since their last encounter, Pratt was able to discern something familiar in this voice. It belonged to a boy named Martin Hall, easily one of the most brilliant math students he had ever taught. But while Pratt recalled that Martin possessed an enviable aptitude for math, he also had a knack for getting into trouble. Still, they had forged a strong student-teacher bond, and when Martin graduated from Linebrook High School, Pratt had told him, “Call me if there is anything you ever need.” So here it was – the call in the middle of the night. “Yes, Martin. Is that you?” “Yes, Mr. Taylor. Can you help?” “What do you need?” “Bail money.” “What did you do?” “We’ll talk about that later.

Can you get me one thousand bucks?” Pratt knew he could, but he was hesitant. What had Martin done? What was Pratt getting himself into? Pratt’s belief in honoring his word determined his decision. “Yes, I can. Where shall I bring it?” “I’m at Jessup in Maryland. My brother will come by your place in the morning. Give the money to him, and he will come and bail me out.” “Okay.” Upon hanging up the phone, Pratt was overcome by a dreadful feeling – his intuition told him that the decision to bail Martin out would be one that would vex him for a very, very long time.

11. “Pratt fumbled for the phone in the dark. He answered groggily after the fourth ring.” Which of the following is the best way to combine the above sentences while keeping their original meaning as used in the story?
- A. Pratt fumbled for the phone in the dark, he answered groggily after the fourth ring.
B. Pratt fumbled for the phone in the dark and answered groggily on the fourth ring.
C. While Pratt fumbled for the phone in the dark, he answered groggily after the fourth ring.
D. Pratt answered the phone groggily after the fourth ring, fumbling for the phone in the dark.

12. As used in the beginning of the story, if someone is feeling drowsy, how might he or she most likely act?

- A. irritated B. sleepy C. anxious D. frustrated

13. The beginning of the story states: "Then, the fog cleared." What is meant by this sentence?

- A. The weather had finally improved.
B. A light had been turned on in the room.
C. Something bad had happened to Martin.
D. Pratt had gained understanding.

14. As used in the middle of the story, which is the best synonym for aptitude?

- A. characteristic B. passion C. ability D. certainty

15. As used at the end of the story, which is the best antonym for hesitant?

- A. comfortable B. decisive C. relaxed D. secure

16. Which best explains why Pratt decided to get the money for Martin?

- A. Pratt had the money to give.
B. Pratt believed Martin was innocent.
C. Pratt had promised help many years ago.
D. Pratt feared Martin would hurt him if he did not comply.

17. Which best describes the Martin who Pratt remembers?

- A. He was the smartest student he had ever had.
B. He was a straight A student with little work ethic.
C. He was a gifted student with a propensity for trouble.
D. He was a kid from a bad neighborhood trying to get out.

18. How does Pratt's mood change from the beginning to the end of the passage?

- A. from sleepy, to forgetful, to giving B. from uncertain, to committed, to furious
C. from groggy, to clearheaded, to regretful D. from proud, to reminiscent to ambivalent

19. What does the last line of this passage seem to suggest?

- A. that someone gets hurt B. that something bad happens
C. that Martin's brother never shows up D. that Martin spent a very long time in jail

20. As used at the end of the story, which is the best antonym for vex?

- A. excite B. heal C. humble D. please

III. Reading Comprehension 2: Read the story and answer the questions below.

"Vet Emergency!"

It is 10:00 on a Saturday night. The doors to the animal emergency room fly open. Cyrus carries a tiny, black lab puppy into the building. "Save him. Please!" cries Cyrus. "He ran out into the street and got hit by a car." The puppy is whining. There is a lot of blood. Dr. Williams comes from behind the desk. She reads the puppy's name tag. "Here, let me take Lobo from you," Dr. Williams tells Cyrus gently. "I will take him in the back for x-rays and see what needs to be done." When Dr. Williams gets to the back, she takes a closer look at Lobo. Her face is grim. She can see the dog's leg is broken badly.

She fears there is other damage she cannot see. The assistants in the room are silent. Everyone knows that Lobo may not survive. If he does survive, his leg injury may be so severe that walking will be hard for him to do. The x-rays show that Lobo's front leg has been broken in three places. He is also bleeding inside. Dr. Williams gets to work. She knows she must stop the bleeding quickly. The surgery takes just under two hours. Dr. Williams fixes the damage to Lobo's leg. She stops the bleeding inside his chest. "I will go tell Lobo's owner that this little pup is going to make it," Dr. Williams says. "We'll see in a few weeks how well he will walk again."

21. The story takes place in a(n)

- A. police station B. waiting room C. doctor's office D. animal hospital

22. What does the mood in the room seem to be?

- A. angry B. joyful C. relaxed D. tense

23. Dr. Williams knows just how badly Lobo has been hurt when

- A. Cyrus asks for help B. she takes a closer look
C. she sees Lobo is a lab puppy D. she looks at the x-rays

24. Around what time did Lobo's surgery end?

- A. 10:00 at night B. 10:00 in the morning
C. noon D. midnight

25. What does the reader know about Lobo by the end of the story?

- I. He will survive.
II. He is a black lab.
III. He will walk fine.

- A. I only B. I and II C. II and III D. I, II, and III

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