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21. Have you heard of “paparazzi”? It’s an eponym: a word that starts as the name of someone or something but gets a more general meaning later on.

___(1)___ paparazzi came from a film character named Paparazzo. In the film ___(2)___ La Dolce Vita, Paparazzo is a photographer who reveals celebrities’ secrets. After the film was released, people began calling photographers who chase celebrities ___(3)___ paparazzi.

Eponyms ___(4)___ photoshop come from brand names and describe similar products or actions. Photoshop is software created by Adobe Inc. that creates, modifies, and digitally combines images and photographs. ___(5)___ it was released in 1987, Photoshop has become the standard software used by photographers and designers. Over time, people began ___(6)___ “photoshop” ___(6)___ a verb meaning “to edit a photo.” ___(7)___ what software is used, you could say, “That picture has obviously been photoshopped.” ___(8)___, Adobe didn’t like their product name being used to describe other companies’ products. However, the eponym has become ___(9)___ popular for them to stop its use.

Eponyms ___(10)___ in creating new words. Who knows what new words we will think up next? After all, language is constantly changing.

() (1) (A) Legend has it that (B) As the proverb goes (C) It is said that (D) As the event shows

() (2) (A) calling (B) called (C) calls (D) that calls

() (3) (A) awhile (B) upwards (C) overseas (D) around

() (4) (A) for instance (B) just as (C) such as (D) as an example

() (5) (A) Although (B) Since (C) After (D) Before

() (6) (A) using; as (B) describing; as (C) sharing; with (D) disappointing; with

() (7) (A) Whether (B) If (C) While (D) No matter

() (8) (A) In the beginning (B) In the meantime (C) From the top (D) After that

() (9) (A) enough (B) much (C) too (D) so

() (10) (A) look on the bright side (B) play an important role (C) never judge by appearance (D) take away the cause

22. Dear Ms. Jones,

I’m so sorry for your loss. I have been ___(1)___ by McDonald’s for a few years to dress as Ronald McDonald and visit sick children like your son, Billy. I want you to know how special Billy was to me and how happy I am that I could ___(2)___ in his final days. Getting

to know Billy and playing with him was wonderful, but I will remember holding him most of all. You see, touching children in any way is __ (3) __ the rules for us Ronalds. This is to protect the children from infection. So when I saw Billy's arms __ (4) __, I hesitated. However, it __ (5) __ that not holding Billy would make my whole visit with him pointless, so I did it. I'm glad that my hug gave him warmth and comfort.

Sincerely,

Jeff McMullen

() (1) (A) contacted (B) employed (C) refused (D) stretched

() (2) (A) leave a message (B) hitch a ride (C) make a difference (D) take a break

() (3) (A) for (B) from (C) with (D) against

() (4) (A) to raise (B) raise (C) be raised (D) raised

() (5) (A) seemed (B) made (C) took (D) revealed

23. Welcome to the Marshmallow Challenge. Please listen carefully while we explain __ (1) __ to do with the items in front of you. Using the dried spaghetti, string, and tape, your team must __ (2) __ a tower that is strong enough to support a marshmallow. The tower can be of any design, but to win, your team's tower must be taller than __ (3) __ of the other teams. You have only eighteen minutes. Based on previous challenges, we have some tips to offer you. First, keep the time in mind. You should __ (4) __ your sleeves and get started as soon as possible. Second, focus on your goal: creating the tallest tower. __ (5) __, have fun with your teammates! The teams that work together best generally succeed. Are all of the teams ready? Then let the Marshmallow Challenge begin!

() (1) (A) what (B) how (C) where (D) when

() (2) (A) rank (B) explore (C) construct (D) adjust

() (3) (A) which (B) those (C) these (D) ones

() (4) (A) roll up (B) bend down (C) clear out (D) tear off

() (5) (A) Initially (B) Absolutely (C) Ideally (D) Finally

24. The story of Prometheus is interesting. At a time __ (1) __ there were many powerful gods in the universe, a Titan named Prometheus created humans. He then gave humans fire __ (2) __ they could keep warm, cook food, and make tools.

Prometheus had great love for humans. The king of all gods, Zeus, __ (3) __, did not. Prometheus wanted to help the humans on earth, so he tricked Zeus for their benefit. Prometheus asked Zeus to choose one of the two piles as a sacrifice from humankind to him. One was a pile of beef inside a bull's stomach, and __ (4) __ was a pile of bones covered in shiny fat. Zeus chose the bones and fat, __ (5) __ there was juicy meat underneath the fat. __ (6) __, humans were allowed to keep all their meat.

Zeus was so angry about it that he took away humans' fire. Prometheus saw __ (7) __ miserable people were without fire. Therefore, he __ (8) __ help them. Prometheus assisted humans by __ (9) __ fire from the sun and giving it to them. Zeus punished Prometheus for this act by chaining him to a rock. Zeus then sent an eagle to eat Prometheus's liver. The liver kept __ (10) __ back, and the eagle returned every day to eat it again. For his bravery, Prometheus remains a hero of humankind to this day!

() (1) (A) that (B) which (C) when (D) where

() (2) (A) ever since (B) so that (C) for which (D) in that

() (3) (A) however (B) therefore (C) moreover (D) otherwise

() (4) (A) the other (B) another (C) other (D) others

() (5) (A) believe (B) to believe (C) believing (D) believed

() (6) (A) Until then (B) By that time (C) On the day (D) From that day on

- () (7) (A) more (B) what (C) how (D) little
 () (8) (A) made a decision (B) decided to (C) refused to (D) allowed himself
 () (9) (A) stolen (B) stealing (C) steals (D) steal
 () (10) (A) grow (B) grew (C) grown (D) growing

25. People are often surprised when they hear about our favorite national holiday. As proud Mexicans, this holiday is of course the Day of the Dead, and trust me, we would rather ___(1)___ than ___(1)___ this party!

Now, to those ___(2)___ have never heard of the Day of the Dead, the thought of celebrating death might sound a little weird. It might even make their hair ___(3)___! This is probably because most cultures tend to shy away from or even fear death. Here in Mexico, however, we are a people determined to embrace death as an important part of life. For us, the Day of the Dead is thus always a happy and ___(4)___ time. We light candles, sing songs, decorate graves, and stuff ourselves with great Mexican food. We also dress up ___(5)___ all kinds of costumes and dance like there's no tomorrow. Most importantly, we remember and honor the lives of the departed. That's what the Day of the Dead is all about!

- () (1) (A) die; missing (B) dying; missing (C) die; miss (D) dying; miss
 () (2) (A) who (B) which (C) when (D) how
 () (3) (A) stand on end (B) lay at end (C) sit to the end (D) lie in the end
 () (4) (A) terminal (B) joyous (C) sorrowful (D) horrifying
 () (5) (A) on (B) to (C) in (D) of

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21. Recently, I read a story about a rich man who thought money was the answer to all life's problems. He thought he could use it to buy precious things like love and time. In his mind, money made his son's engagement possible. This, in turn, made him believe even more in the power of money. What the rich man didn't realize, however, was that not all the money in the world could open his eyes and show him how wrong he was.

After reading the story, I started thinking about everything that money can't buy. I decided to make a list of five things, and put "love" and "time" at the top. Next, I wrote "truth," since no amount of money can change how things really are. Similarly, not all the money in the world can buy friends, so I put "friendship" down at number four. To complete my list, I only had to think of the rich man and how money had blinded him to the truth. "Knowledge," that's one more thing you just can't put a price on.

- () (1) What's the main idea of this story? (A) Money is useful for buying precious things. (B) Rich men are blinded to the truth by money. (C) The power of money is greater than we might think. (D) There are many things that money can't buy.
 () (2) Which of the following statements about the rich man in the story is **NOT** true? (A) He only had daughters and didn't have any son. (B) He saw money as the answer to many problems. (C) He thought he could buy love and time with money. (D) He had a firm belief in the great power of money.
 () (3) Which of the following is **NOT** on the author's list of the things money can't buy? (A) Truth. (B) Family. (C) Friendship. (D) Knowledge.
22. Rick Daniels is an author on a mission to end bullying. He teaches kids how mean words and comments can hurt others.

Although Rick is now sixty-eight years old, he knows a lot about bullying. He grew up

in a poor neighborhood in Washington D.C. He also had learning difficulties that made school hard for him. "Kids would pick on me because I couldn't read or write very well," Rick said. Because he was often made fun of, Rick hated going to school.

His experiences inspired him to write a children's book entitled *Little Remy: The Little Boy Who Doesn't Want to Go to School*. The story is about a kid named Remy who is bullied. But Remy gets his mom to help him start a program to stop bullying. Remy's efforts turn him into the school hero.

Nowadays, Rick loves to visit schools. During these visits, he speaks about bullying and reads his book to the children. Afterwards, the children are given a bracelet that says "No bullying please." He hopes this will remind them not to bully.

- () (1) What is the best title for the passage? (A) How a Children's Book Can Change a Person (B) Why Bullying Happens in Schools (C) How to Stop Bullying in Daily Life (D) What a Person Does to Inspire Others
- () (2) Which of the following statements is true? (A) Rick was bullied in school as a student. (B) Remy works with a hero to stop bullying. (C) Remy likes to wear bracelets to school. (D) Rick is Remy's best friend in school.
- () (3) Where is this passage most likely to appear? (A) A travel website. (B) A scientific study. (C) A book review. (D) An introduction to an author.
23. Our closest neighbor in space is the Moon, which has been providing us with light at night for millions of years. Actually, the Moon doesn't make its own light; just like all the planets do, it reflects light from the Sun. We know this for a fact, but there are many other things we don't know about the Moon, such as how it originated.

There are several theories about the Moon's birth. One suggests that the Moon was created when an object crashed into the Earth. Known as Theia, this object was the size of Mars*. When it hit the Earth, it threw pieces of the young planet's outer surface into space and created the Moon.

According to another popular theory, the Moon formed around the same time as the Earth, whose stronger gravity pulled the Moon into its orbit*. Such a theory would explain why the Earth and the Moon have much of the same material. However, the Moon is much lighter than the Earth, which would likely not be the case if both began with the same heavy elements at their centers.

註：Mars 火星 orbit 天體運行軌道

- () (1) What is this passage mainly about? (A) Similarities between the Earth and the Moon. (B) How the Earth's gravity pulled the Moon into its orbit. (C) Why the Moon doesn't make its own light. (D) How the Moon came into being.
- () (2) How many theories about the Moon's birth were mentioned in the passage? (A) Two. (B) Three. (C) Four. (D) Five.
- () (3) According to the passage, which of the following statements is true? (A) So far we still have no idea how the Moon was born. (B) Mars is our closest neighbor in space. (C) Not all the planets reflect light from the Sun. (D) Theia was as big as the Moon.
24. What is the most inspirational* TED Talk of all time? The case can be made for the talk given by author Isabel Allende. She gave her talk in 2014, when she was seventy-one years old. She spoke about how to live freely and with passion, no matter how old you are. She said that we all feel younger than we are. This is because our spirit never gets older. At seventy-one, she felt like she was only seventeen. But there is also a certain freedom that comes with age, she said. This is because when you are old, you don't feel

like you have to prove anything to anyone anymore. So, you can just do what you want. You also learn to accept death, she said. When you are younger, death is in the neighborhood. When you are getting old, it is next door. So, you learn to be at peace with death. These are all lessons worth learning at any age.

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- () (1) What's the main idea of this passage? (A) Isabel Allende offered valuable advice in her inspirational TED talk. (B) People have different ideas about the most inspirational TED talks. (C) Many TED talks are about lessons which are worth learning. (D) Many famous people have been invited to give special TED talks.
- () (2) What does Isabel Allende probably do for a living? (A) She teaches students. (B) She treats patients. (C) She sells products. (D) She writes books.
- () (3) What was Isabel Allende's TED talk mainly about? (A) How to achieve great success in life. (B) How to live with passion and freedom. (C) How to build relationships with others. (D) How to remain young and healthy.
25. A person could be talented and smart, or he or she might work very hard. But to be successful, these qualities are not enough. To achieve great things, individuals must work as a team. That is why so many companies value teamwork and try to hire workers who can work well with others.
- Businesses need fresh ideas in order to grow, and each member of a team has the potential to bring new ideas to the table. Teamwork is also good for problem solving. Members of a group have different life experiences, which enables them to view a problem from different angles and, through the exchange of ideas, to come up with creative solutions.
- Finally, teamwork creates a system that ensures that the team will try its best to produce quality work and not fall behind schedule. If one team member can't fulfill his or her role for some reason, the others can step in and take over. For these reasons, people must work together if they want to get ahead and realize their goals.
- () (1) What is the article mainly about? (A) The significance of working as a team. (B) The importance of having talented employees. (C) The qualities of a successful business. (D) The problems caused by individual work.
- () (2) Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as an advantage of teamwork? (A) More new ideas can be discussed. (B) Innovative solutions could be figured out to fix problems. (C) Tasks can be finished on schedule and done well. (D) Individual team members could be replaced at will.
- () (3) What is the author's attitude toward teamwork? (A) Neutral. (B) Skeptical. (C) Positive. (D) Indifferent.