Read each paragraph carefully. Then read the question on the left, and pick the best answer. Good luck!!

13.

Fred sat in his favorite chair for hours. He loved to watch sports on TV. It didn't matter if it was football, basketball, soccer or hockey. He wanted to watch each game from beginning to end. He loved watching sports so much that his house was always the place to come for all of his friends. They knew sports would be on, and food would be out!

What is the main idea of this passage?

a. People enjoy sports.
b. Fred loved to watch sports on TV.
c. Fred's friends loved sports.
d. You need food when watching sports.

14.

Ralph said that no one, let alone a girl, would ever beat him in karate. He had taken lessons for three years, and could win any match with any other kid in his class. Kara told Ralph she could absolutely win a match against him. That was more than crazy! Ralph knew a girl could never beat a boy in karate. He decided to take Kara up on her offer, and show her how silly her ideas were. As the match began, Ralph thought of the good laugh he would have with his friends after the match was over. He smiled smugly. He never knew what hit him. He was on the ground, and Kara was the one with the smug smile.

What is the theme of this passage?

a. Ralph was good at karate.
b. Kids like karate.
c. Ralph was careless.
d. People who are too sure of themselves are sure to lose in the end.

15.

Ricky wasn't sure what to do. His neighbors were gone, but his friend had just hit a baseball through one of their windows. His friend said to forget about it. It was an accident. The neighbors would never find out who did it. Fred wasn't so sure. He knew that the right thing to do was to tell them what happened. If he told the neighbors, his friend would be mad. If he didn't tell the neighbors, he would feel guilty.

What is the main idea of this passage?

a. Baseball is dangerous.
b. Ricky didn't know what to do about the window problem.
c. Honesty is the best policy.
d. Ricky has a good friend.

16.

Mack was one of those people who always had to win. It didn't matter what sport it was, or who he was playing. One Saturday the people from his office had a friendly volleyball game. His boss wanted them to get to know each other better outside of the office. The trouble started right away. Mack complained every time the other team got a point. He spiked the ball every chance he got, and made fun of the other team when he made a point. His team won. His boss was very unhappy about the whole thing, and decided not to give him a big new job that was about to open up. He gave it to another office member that had better sportsmanship.

What is the theme of this passage?

a. Good sportsmanship is more important than winning.
b. Mack was a poor sport.
c. A boss can be unfair.
d. It is important to win.

17.

Mike had been an umpire for six years. He loved it so much he did it for free for every high school baseball game. He loved to be out on the field during a really good game. He loved the smell of the grass, and the sound of the crowd. He had another job at an office, but on game days he could hardly wait to get on the field. He made sure his uniform was clean and pressed, and he checked to make sure he had an extra whistle. All of the team members liked to have Mike as their umpire, because he was always very fair.

What is the main idea of this passage?

a. Sports are fun.
b. Mike loves being an umpire.
c. Mike loves football.
d. Making a decision is hard.

18.

Josh had wanted his own business ever since he was a kid. He knew it would take a lot of work to get started. He took any job he could get so he could save enough money to buy things he needed for his new business. For over two years he had two jobs. Every spare penny went into the bank. He had decided he wanted his own hot dog stand. People loved his hot dogs. He had a special way to make them, special sauces he put on top of them, and he even made his own catsup. Yesterday he saw an ad in the paper for a used hot dog stand. He had saved enough money to buy it! He knew his dream was about to come true.

What is the theme of this passage?

a. Josh wants his own business.
b. Josh is a hard worker.
c. Hard work makes dreams come true.
d. Hot dogs make a good business.

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19.

The Smith family needed a cat to catch all of the mice that kept getting into the house. They had tried mouse traps, but the mice kept getting the cheese without getting caught. They were pretty smart mice. Finally they went to the animal shelter and found Max. He was a two year old friendly cat that seemed like the perfect choice. He was already litter trained, and he loved to chase things. That was important. Once they took Max home it didn't take very long before every mouse was gone! Plus they had a great cat for a pet.

What is the main idea of this passage?

a. The mice were too smart.
b. Cats love catching mice.
c. Max is a friendly cat.
d. The Smith family needed cat to catch all of the mice in their house.

20.

Sarah's dog hated the mail person. He wasn't alone! Every dog in the neighborhood barked and chased the poor mail person all over the neighborhood. What is it about dogs and people who deliver the mail? Some people say it's because mail people come close to the house, the dog barks, and then they leave. That makes the dog think he has done his job, and made the person leave. So he does it again and again, day after day. Every day he is "successful" because he gets the intruder to leave.

What is the theme of this passage?

a. Many dogs have problems with people who deliver the mail.
b. Sarah's dog needs training.
c. Sarah's dog hates the mail person.
d. Dogs need to be trained.

21.

Martin really wanted to be a great catcher on his baseball team. The problem was that every baseball just seemed to slip through his fingers. He had dropped almost every ball he went after. He had gone to three different baseball camps to try to get better, but nothing seemed to work. Catching just wasn't his strong point. He finally decided to see if he would be a better pitcher.

What is the main idea of this passage?

a. Martin was not a good catcher in baseball.
b. It's hard to be a good catcher.
c. Martin needs help.
d. Pitching is easier than catching.

22.

Spike was a superhero. His small town was happy that he was there. He spent his days helping lost pets find their way home, helping people who needed aid, and catching the occasional robber. Spike loved his job. It was exciting, and he always felt great when he could help a person or an animal. He was really the "top dog" in his town. Superheroes are great to have around.

What is the theme of this passage?

a. Spike is a superhero.
b. Superheroes help people.
c. Animals and people loved Spike.
d. Robbers were afraid of Spike.

23.

Jasper was lounging peacefully on his favorite pillow, when a small animal went speeding by. He jumped up, and ran to see what it was. What he saw was a furry mouse running into a small hole in the floor. It gave him the shivers. A few months ago he had actually caught one of the things, and it took days to get the fur out of his teeth. He could still taste it, and it still made him sick! Jasper's owners pointed at the hole as if they expected him to do something about that mouse. No way! If they wanted a cat to catch one of those nasty things, they would need to buy another cat!

What is the main idea of this passage?

a. Cats like to catch mice.
b. Jasper refused to catch another mouse.
c. Not all cats chase mice.
d. Jasper had much to learn.

24.

Jon had been working very hard for at least a month. He couldn't finish everything at work, so he took it home with him. By the time he had finished the day's work, it was always about three in the morning. He even ate while he worked. He was so wound up, he couldn't get to sleep at night. It wasn't long before he was falling asleep at work. That made him get even more behind, and lose more sleep at night. Finally his boss came to his office to talk to him. He told him that he was sorry for giving him so much work. It wasn't healthy to work as many hours as Jon had been working. He was ready to hire someone to help him.

What is the theme of this passage?

a. Jon is a hard worker.
b. Hard work is important.
c. Jon needs help.
d. Working too much isn't healthy.

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