READING COMPREHENSION – PRACTICE 1

Urban Chic

Discover the latest (1) _____ at Urban Chic! Our fashion store offers stylish, comfortable clothing for everyone. We provide you with top-quality (2) _____ and help you look fabulous every day. Whether you're looking for a standout piece for a special event or a casual outfit for the weekend, we have options that fit every occasion. Are you looking for a new outfit? We have beautiful dresses, cool jackets, and the best jeans around! Our clothes are not only fashionable but also inexpensive, so you don't have to (3) _____ a lot to look great.

At Urban Chic, we believe in quality. All our clothes are made from high-quality (4) _____ to ensure comfort and durability. This season, don't miss our special sale on T-shirts and sneakers. You can mix and match to create the perfect look! Our collection is updated regularly to keep up with the latest fashion trends, so you'll always find something fresh and exciting. Come explore Urban Chic and discover a style which (5) _____ you unique! And if you need help, our friendly staff are always here to give you style (6) _____.

Visit us today to see our collection and find the outfit that suits your personality. Be bold, be trendy, be Urban Chic!

1. A. designs	B. clothes	C. trends	D. colours
2. A. materials	B. items	C. brands	D. shoes
3. A. spend	B. save	C. borrow	D. waste
4. A. patterns	B. materials	C. accessories	D. shops
5. A. makes	B. causes	C. lets	D. allows
6. A. advice	B. information	C. suggestion	D. instruction

Fads Around the World

Fads are (7) _____ trends that quickly become popular and then disappear just as fast. They often start with a small group of people but can (8) _____ rapidly through social media and the internet. Around the world, there have been many interesting fads that show how (9) _____ and curious people can be.

For example, in Japan, there was a trend called "Purikura," where people took fun and decorated photos in small booths. In the United States, the "fidget spinner" craze became famous in 2017, with millions of people using the small spinning toy to relax or focus. Meanwhile, in South Korea, fashion and beauty fads often change quickly (10) _____ the influence of K-pop stars.

Fads are not only about products; they can also include dances, challenges, or online memes. The "Ice Bucket Challenge," for instance, became a global movement that combined fun with (11) _____. While most fads fade away after a few months, they often reflect the culture and (12) _____ of the time.

7. A. long-term	B. old-fashioned	C. short-lived	D. permanent
8. A. spread	B. stop	C. hide	D. fall
9. A. lazy	B. creative	C. confused	D. careless
10. A. because	B. because of	C. although	D. however
11. A. sport	B. business	C. charity	D. challenge
12. A. values	B. prices	C. plans	D. benefits

Anosmia

Anosmia is a (13) _____ characterized by the complete or partial loss of the sense of smell. This condition can happen for many (14) _____, such as infections, allergies, or injuries. When someone is anosmic, they cannot smell things like flowers, food, or even smoke. This can (15) _____ their daily life in many ways.

Losing the sense of smell can impact the enjoyment of flavours. For example, anosmic people may find it difficult to enjoy their favorite foods and drinks because they cannot smell them. Taste and smell senses are (16) _____, so food can taste less interesting. Moreover, this condition can be dangerous. Anosmic individuals may not detect harmful odours, like smoke from a fire or gas leaks, which can lead to safety risks.

Anosmia can be temporary or permanent. Some people recover their sense of smell after a few weeks, while others do not. There are (17) _____ available depending on the cause. It is important to understand anosmia, as it helps us support those affected. Friends and family can help anosmic individuals (18) _____ to their new situation and find ways to enjoy life without the sense of smell.

13. A. symptom	B. disease	C. condition	D. illness
14. A. reasons	B. effects	C. results	D. problems
15. A. control	B. affect	C. destroy	D. improve
16. A. separate	B. connected	C. similar	D. mixed

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17. A. vitamins	B. solutions	C. treatments	D. medicines
18. A. respond	B. react	C. adapt	D. change

The Pokémon Craze

The Pokémon craze started in the late 1990s and quickly became a (19) _____ phenomenon. It began with the release of "Pokémon Red" and "Blue" for the Game Boy in 1996, followed by an animated series, a trading card game, and a flood of (20) _____. Children worldwide were captivated by the idea of catching, training, and battling with Pokémon. Trading cards became a playground (21) _____, and the TV show became a daily favorite. What made Pokémon so appealing was its mix of adventure, strategy, and (22) _____. Each new game or expansion brought a fresh wave of excitement, and by the early 2000s, Pokémon had reached the height of its popularity. Although the initial craze died down, Pokémon remained a (23) _____ brand. In 2016, Pokémon GO brought back global interest by using virtual reality and making the franchise popular again.

Today, Pokémon is one of the most successful media franchises ever, continuing to thrive with new games, movies, and souvenirs. What began as a 1990s fad has evolved into a lasting cultural (24) _____, enjoyed by both longtime fans and new generations alike. The Pokémon legacy remains remarkably strong.

19. A. local	B. temporary	C. global	D. small
20. A. advertisements	B. merchandise	C. songs	D. posters
21. A. challenge	B. problem	C. obsession	D. argument
22. A. collection	B. protection	C. reaction	D. attention
23. A. forgotten	B. weak	C. beloved	D. simple
24. A. game	B. competition	C. phenomenon	D. discovery

Follow your nose

Meet three people whose sense of smell has made a difference to their lives.

A. Helen Keller – a famous activist – was deaf and blind herself. With an extraordinary sense of smell, she could (25) _____ people's jobs by the odour on their clothes. "When a person passes," she said, "I get a scent impression of where he has been." For her, a smell can (26) _____ us of another time and place.

B. James Bell has worked for a perfume company for over twenty years. He says, "To develop a superior sense of smell, you must (27) _____ it, like a concert pianist." After (28) _____ a 'smell test', James studied perfumery in France, where he learned to (29) _____ about 2,800 synthetic and 140 natural materials. Since then, he has helped to create the world's (30) _____ fragrances.

Choose the best answer (A, B or C or D):

25. A. recognise	B. remember	C. remind	D. repeat
26. A. recall	B. recognise	C. remind	D. recover
27. A. practise	B. train	C. develop	D. improve
28. A. passing	B. pass	C. passed	D. to pass
29. A. identify	B. know	C. realise	D. discover
30. A. lovely	B. favourable	C. famous	D. favourite

Football

Football is an incredibly exciting sport that is loved the world over. With its (31) _____ action, nail-biting suspense, and heart-stopping moments, it's no wonder that so many people are drawn to it. Whether you're watching a game on TV or (32) _____ in the park with your friends, there's nothing quite like the rush of adrenaline that comes with a football match.

But it's not just the excitement that makes football so popular – it's also the (33) _____, the strategy, and the skill that go into every game. From the precision passing to the lightning-fast footwork, every aspect of the game requires focus, dedication, and a (34) _____ to push yourself to the limit.

So if you're looking for a sport that will challenge you both physically and mentally, look no further than football. With its intense competition, passionate (35) _____, and thrilling moments, it's a sport that will keep you (36) _____ the edge of your seat from start to finish.

31. A. slow	B. fast-paced	C. gentle	D. boring
32. A. playing	B. played	C. plays	D. to play
33. A. teamwork	B. friendship	C. excitement	D. leadership
34. A. weakness	B. chance	C. willingness	D. reason
35. A. players	B. referees	C. fans	D. coaches
36. A. under	B. at	C. on	D. in

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Dior

Dior is a well-known (37) _____ for luxury perfumes, established by Christian Dior in 1947. The brand is famous for creating elegant and (38) _____ fragrances. One of Dior's most famous perfumes is "Miss Dior." This scent is fresh and floral, and it has been a classic choice since its launch. Another popular perfume is "J'adore," known for its rich and floral aroma. These perfumes are made (39) _____ high-quality ingredients to ensure they smell great and last a long time. Dior is also recognized for its beautiful perfume bottles, which reflect the brand's style and luxury. People all over the world buy Dior perfumes because they are sophisticated and make the wearer feel (40) _____.

37. A. company	B. designer	C. brand	D. shop
38. A. ordinary	B. unique	C. boring	D. simple
39. A. with	B. in	C. by	D. from
40. A. special	B. shy	C. tired	D. nervous

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