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ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPREHENSION QUIZ

Assessment Module: Reading Inference, Target Vocabulary & Compound Words

PART 1: Reading Comprehension & Inference

Instructions: Read the passage carefully and answer questions 1 to 5 based on logical inferences.

The morning mist hung heavy over the quiet town of Eldridge as Dr. Evelyn Reed stepped out of the research facility. For three years, her team had labored in near obscurity, meticulously analyzing atmospheric soil samples collected from the surrounding valley. In her briefcase lay a single USB drive containing the finalized dataset. As she walked toward the municipal building, she noticed news vans already parked along the curb, their satellite dishes raised like silent observers. Dr. Reed paused at the steps, smoothed her coat, and took a deep breath. She knew that once she crossed that threshold, the quiet routine of laboratory research would be replaced by endless committee hearings, press interviews, and intense public scrutiny. The findings did not merely offer academic insights; they posed a fundamental challenge to the region's long-standing industrial practices.



1. Based on the passage, what can be inferred about the nature of Dr. Reed's research findings?

- A) They prove that the town's soil is completely devoid of organic nutrients.
- B) They reveal environmental issues likely tied to local industrial operations.
- C) They support the expansion of local factories and manufacturing plants.
- D) They are incomplete and require several more years of laboratory testing.

2. Why were news vans parked outside the municipal building?

- A) A local political election was taking place that morning.
- B) The town was hosting an annual environmental celebration.
- C) The public and media were anticipating a major announcement.
- D) Dr. Reed had called a private emergency meeting with reporters.

3. How does Dr. Reed feel about the upcoming presentation of her team's work?

- A) Indifferent and eager to hand over the responsibility to others.
- B) Confident and enthusiastic about becoming a media personality.
- C) Awareness of the grave responsibility and inevitable public controversy.
- D) Fearful that her research team will reject her final conclusions.

4. What does the passage imply about the research environment Dr. Reed was accustomed to?

- A) It was highly public and frequently covered by national news.
- B) It was isolated, quiet, and focused entirely on detailed academic work.
- C) It was heavily funded by the local industrial corporations.
- D) It was chaotic and unorganized until the final dataset was compiled.

5. Which phrase from the text best supports the inference that the research will affect the local economy?

- A) 'The morning mist hung heavy over the quiet town...'
- B) '...meticulously analyzing atmospheric soil samples...'
- C) '...endless committee hearings, press interviews...'
- D) '...posed a fundamental challenge to the region's long-standing industrial practices.'

PART 2: Vocabulary Context Clues

Instructions: Choose the correct target vocabulary word from the options to complete each sentence appropriately.

Target Vocabulary Word Bank:

bias • consensus • discipline • distinguish • exposed to • fundamental • implication • institution • rational • retain



6. Scientists must ensure that personal preference does not introduce _____ into their experimental findings.

- A) bias
- B) institution
- C) consensus
- D) discipline

7. After hours of intense debate, the board members finally reached a _____ regarding the company's expansion plan.

- A) implication
- B) consensus
- C) discipline
- D) bias

8. Mastery of any academic _____ requires consistent practice, critical thinking, and dedicated study.

- A) institution
- B) consensus
- C) discipline
- D) implication

9. An experienced art critic can easily _____ between an original masterpiece and an authentic-looking forgery.

- A) retain
- B) distinguish
- C) expose to
- D) implication

10. Children who are _____ diverse cultural experiences early in life often develop greater global awareness.

- A) retained in
- B) biased toward
- C) exposed to
- D) fundamental to

11. Freedom of expression is widely considered a _____ human right in modern democratic societies.

- A) fundamental
- B) rational
- C) biased
- D) consensus



12. The economic report carried a serious _____ for small businesses operating in the region.

- A) institution
- B) implication
- C) discipline
- D) consensus

13. Oxford University is a world-renowned _____ dedicated to higher education and groundbreaking research.

- A) consensus
- B) bias
- C) institution
- D) implication

14. During crisis situations, managers are expected to make _____ decisions based on facts rather than emotions.

- A) biased
- B) rational
- C) fundamental
- D) exposed

15. Spaced repetition study techniques help students _____ complex information far longer than cramming does.

- A) distinguish
- B) retain
- C) imply
- D) expose

PART 3: Compound Words in Context

Instructions: Select the correct compound word to complete each sentence logically.



16. The sudden political _____ led to immediate changes in the country's economic policies.
- A) upheaval
 - B) outline
 - C) setback
 - D) outcome
17. Scientists achieved a major scientific _____ after developing an effective new vaccine.
- A) background
 - B) breakthrough
 - C) breakdown
 - D) footprint
18. The factory experienced a serious production _____ that delayed shipment for three weeks.
- A) bottleneck
 - B) highway
 - C) landmark
 - D) benchmark
19. The project manager provided a clear _____ of the project's main goals during the meeting.
- A) view point
 - B) overview
 - C) output
 - D) standard
20. She decided to work _____ after accepting a demanding position as senior software manager.
- A) full-time
 - B) high-rise
 - C) part-time
 - D) half-hearted
21. Heavy traffic on the central _____ delayed commuters for nearly two hours this morning.
- A) passageway
 - B) highway
 - C) runway
 - D) drive way
22. The alert _____ saved a swimmer who was caught in a dangerous ocean current.
- A) firefighter
 - B) bodyguard
 - C) lifeguard
 - D) coastguard



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23. Carbon dioxide emissions leave a significant environmental _____ that harms ecosystems.

- A) footprint
- B) fingerprint
- C) blueprint
- D) landmark

24. The team managed to _____ many unexpected technical obstacles during development.

- A) underline
- B) overcome
- C) overlook
- D) overtake

25. Strong rainfall during the night caused a massive _____ that blocked the mountain road.

- A) waterfall
- B) landslide
- C) earthquake
- D) downpour