

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 11. Mr Brown has kindly agreed to spare us some of his _____ time to answer our questions.

- A. costly B. beneficial C. worthy D. valuable

Question 12. The better the weather is, _____.

- A. the most the beaches get crowded B. the more crowded the beaches get
C. the more the beaches get crowded D. the most crowded the beaches get

Question 13. The _____ of the Internet has played an important part in the development of communication.

- A. display B. research C. invention D. occurrence

Question 14. More and more investors are pouring _____ money into food and beverage start-ups.

- A. Ø B. the C. a D. an

Question 15. When the manager of our company retires, the deputy manager will _____ that position.

- A. take over B. stand for C. hold on D. catch on

Question 16. The book _____ you gave me is very interesting.

- A. when B. which C. where D. who

Question 17. You _____ use your mobile phone during the test. It's against the rules.

- A. oughtn't B. mustn't C. needn't D. mightn't

Question 18. Paul has just sold his _____ car and intends to buy a new one.

- A. Japanese old black B. black old Japanese C. old black Japanese D. old Japanese black

Question 19. A survey was _____ to study the effects of smoking on young adults.

- A. carried B. conducted C. filled D. commented

Question 20. I _____ my old school teacher last week.

- A. have visited B. visit C. visited D. am visiting

Question 21. A university degree is considered to be a _____ for entry into most professions.

- A. claim B. demand C. requisite D. request

Question 22. It is not always easy to make a good _____ at the last minute.

- A. decisive B. decide C. decisively D. decision

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 23. We survived that accident because we were wearing our seat belts.

- A. Had we not been wearing our seat belts, we wouldn't have survived that accident.
B. If we weren't wearing our seat belts, we couldn't have survived that accident.
C. But for our seat belts, we would have survived that accident.
D. Without our seat belts, we could have survived that accident.

Question 24. I haven't met my grandparents for five years.

- A. I last met my grandparents five years ago.
B. I have met my grandparents for five years.
C. I didn't meet my grandparents five years ago.
D. I often met my grandparents five years ago.

before he or she finally accepts it. In addition, to (35)_____ respect for the receiver, it is common in several Asian cultures to use both hands when offering a gift to another person.

(Source: *Reading Advantage* by Casey Malarcher)

- Question 31.** A. positions B. situations C. locations D. conditions
Question 32. A. whose B. where C. which D. who
Question 33. A. different B. differently C. differ D. differences
Question 34. A. However B. Otherwise C. Moreover D. Therefore
Question 35. A. show B. get C. feel D. take

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 36 to 42.

Different cultures follow their own special customs when a child's baby teeth fall out. In Korea, for example, they have the custom of throwing lost teeth up on the roof of a house. According to tradition, a magpie will come and take the tooth. Later, the magpie will return with a new tooth for the child. In other Asian countries, such as Japan and Vietnam, children follow a similar tradition of throwing **their** lost teeth onto the roofs of houses.

Birds aren't the only animals thought to take lost teeth. In Mexico and Spain, tradition says a mouse takes a lost tooth and leaves some money. However, in Mongolia, dogs are responsible for taking teeth away. Dogs are highly respected in Mongolian culture and are considered guardian angels of the people. Tradition says that the new tooth will grow good and strong if the baby tooth is fed to a guardian angel. Accordingly, parents in Mongolia will put their child's lost tooth in a piece of meat and feed it to a dog.

The idea of giving lost teeth to an angel or fairy is also a tradition in the West. Many children in Western countries count on the Tooth Fairy to leave money or presents in exchange for a tooth. The exact **origins** of the Tooth Fairy are a mystery, although the story probably began in England or Ireland centuries ago. According to tradition, a child puts a lost tooth under his or her pillow before going to bed. In **the wee hours**, while the child is sleeping, the Tooth Fairy takes the tooth and leaves something else under the pillow. In France, the Tooth Fairy leaves a small gift. In the United States, however, the Tooth Fairy usually leaves money. These days, the rate is \$1 to \$5 per tooth, adding up to a lot of money from the Tooth Fairy!

(Source: *Reading Challenge 2* by Casey Malarcher & Andrea Janzen)

Question 36. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Presents for young children's lost teeth B. Customs concerning children's new teeth
C. Animals eating children's lost teeth D. Traditions concerning children's lost teeth

Question 37. The word "**their**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. houses' B. children's C. countries' D. roofs'

Question 38. According to the passage, where is a child's lost tooth thought to be taken away by a mouse?

- A. In Mongolia B. In Korea
C. In Japan and Vietnam D. In Mexico and Spain

Question 39. According to paragraph 2, parents in Mongolia feed their child's lost tooth to a dog because _____.

- A. they hope that their child will get some gifts for his or her tooth
B. they believe that this will make their child's new tooth good and strong
C. they think dogs like eating children's teeth
D. they know that dogs are very responsible animals

Question 40. The word "**origins**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. countries B. families C. beginnings D. stories

Question 41. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true about the tradition of tooth giving in the West?

- A. Children put their lost teeth under their pillows.
B. Lost teeth are traditionally given to an angel or fairy.
C. Children give money to the Tooth Fairy.
D. Children hope to get money or gifts from the Tooth Fairy.

Question 42. The phrase "**the wee hours**" in paragraph 3 probably refers to the period of time _____.

- A. long before bedtime B. late in the morning
C. early in the evening D. soon after midnight

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 43 to 50.

Earth is richly supplied with different types of living organisms which co-exist in their environments, forming complex, interrelated communities. Living organisms depend on one another for nutrients, shelter, and other benefits. The extinction of one species can set off a chain reaction that affects many other species, particularly if the loss occurs near the bottom of the food chain. For example, the extinction of a particular insect or plant might seem **inconsequential**. However, there may be fish or small animals that depend on that resource for foodstuffs. The loss can threaten the survival of these creatures and larger predators that prey upon them. Extinction can have a ripple effect that spreads throughout nature.

In addition to its biological consequences, extinction poses a moral dilemma for humans, the only species capable of saving the others. The presence of humans on the planet has affected all other life forms, particularly plants and animals. Human lifestyles have proven to be incompatible with the survival of some other species. Purposeful efforts have been made to eliminate animals that prey on people, livestock, crops, or pose any threat to human livelihoods. Some wild animals have been decimated by human desire for meat, hides, fur, or other body parts with commercial value. Likewise, demand for land, water, and other natural resources has left many wild plants and animals with little to no suitable habitat. Humans have also affected nature by introducing non-native species to local areas and producing pollutants having a negative impact on the environment. The combination of these human-related effects and natural obstacles such as disease or low birthrates has proven to be too much for some species to overcome. **They** have no chance of survival without human help.

As a result, societies have difficult choices to make about the amount of effort and money they are willing to spend to save imperiled species. Will people accept limits on their property rights, recreational activities, and means of livelihood to save a plant or an animal? Should saving such popular species as whales and dolphins take priority over saving obscure, annoying, or fearful species? Is it the responsibility of humans to save every kind of life form from disappearing, or is extinction an inevitable part of nature, in which the strong survive and the weak **perish**? These are some difficult questions that people face as they ponder the fate of other species living on this planet.

(Source: <http://www.encyclopedia.com>)

Question 43. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The importance of living organisms
- B. Humans and endangered species
- C. Causes of animal extinction
- D. Measures to protect endangered species

Question 44. The word "**inconsequential**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. unrecognizable
- B. unexpected
- C. unavoidable
- D. unimportant

Question 45. Which of the following can result from the loss of one species in a food chain?

- A. Larger predators will look for other types of prey.
- B. There might be a lack of food resources for some other species.
- C. Animals will shift to another food chain in the community.
- D. The connections among the creatures in the food chain become closer.

Question 46. The word "**They**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. natural obstacles
- B. human-related effects
- C. some species
- D. low birthrates

Question 47. In paragraph 2, non-native species are mentioned as _____.

- A. a kind of useful plants
- B. an achievement of human beings
- C. a harmful factor to the environment
- D. a kind of harmless animals

Question 48. The word "**perish**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. develop
- B. complete
- C. disappear
- D. remain

Question 49. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. The existence of humans is at the expense of some other species.
- B. No other species can threaten the survival of humans on Earth.
- C. Humans have difficult choices to make about saving endangered species.
- D. Some animals and plants cannot survive without human help.

Question 50. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Humans will make changes in their lifestyles to save other species.
- B. Animal and plant species which pose threats to humans will die out soon.
- C. Saving popular animal and plant species should be given a high priority.
- D. The dilemma humans face between maintaining their lives and saving other species remains.

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