

(#1-10) Choose the one word or phrase that best completes each sentence. (2 points for each question)

1. A fast moving wildfire _____ an estimated 25,000 acres in less than seven hours in Southern California.
① engulfed ② drowned
③ invigorated ④ pacified
2. Often our emotions _____ us, and we speak or act without thinking first.
① put up with ② come up with
③ make up for ④ get the better of
3. Big changes can start with very small steps. Small changes tend to _____.
① backtrack ② expire
③ shrink ④ snowball
4. There are a variety of superfoods that will _____ the immune system.
① ramp up ② give up
③ pick up ④ catch up
5. By _____ where you trip up or make mistakes, you're being honest with yourself.
① getting away with ② owning up to
③ looking down on ④ turning away from
6. In the _____ of this incident, many kind people reached out to my mother to express their outrage on her behalf.
① mock ② spite
③ wake ④ pity
7. Barring disease, we walk erect and correctly throughout our lives until our structure _____ with old age and we need to be propped up with canes or the like.
① deteriorates ② fortifies
③ rehabilitates ④ ripens
8. For any animal, happiness seems to _____ in the opportunity to express its creaturely character—its essential pigness or wolfness.
① compose ② dwindle
③ belie ④ consist

9. We know through painful experience that freedom is never _____ given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.

- ① reluctantly ② voluntarily
③ indignantly ④ belatedly

10. In a given area the plague accomplished its kill within four to six months and then faded, except in the larger cities, where, rooting into the close-quartered population, it _____ during the winter, only to reappear in spring and rage for another six months.

- ① flourished ② soared
③ abated ④ consummated

(#11-20) Choose the one word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined part. (2.5 points for each question)

11. Most siblings will think nothing of whacking a brother or sister in the midst of a skirmish.
① hitting ② apologizing
③ criticizing ④ complimenting
12. Sam made a pathetic attempt to explain his failure; his coworkers didn't quite buy his excuse.
① feeble ② valiant
③ effective ④ formal
13. His supporters revelled in his flamboyant ignorance, his raw aggression, and above all, his contempt for civility.
① classy ② showy
③ tacky ④ corny
14. Everything repulsive about him merely reinforced his authenticity.
① prolonged ② twisted
③ reduced ④ strengthened
15. On his radio show on Monday, Cohen addressed his on-camera remarks as "so innocuous and dumb."
① sensible ② poisonous
③ harmless ④ questionable

29. It was at this specific moment in the
①
hundred-years history of cinema that going to
② ③
movies, thinking about movies, and talking about
movies became a passion among university
④
students and other young people.

30. Some repairs are too extensive for a DIY attempt,
①
such as replacing a floor surface or install a large
② ③ ④
patch of drywall.

(#31-40) Read the following passages and choose the one best answer for each question. (3 points for each question)

Questions 31-33 are based on the following passage.

Nobody reveals an accurate picture of their actual lives on social media. They omit the bickering, boring and unflattering aspects of their lives in favor of the fabulous moments. The downside of this “success theater” is that daily exposure to Facebook leaves people feeling (A). That constant barrage of other people’s best moments creates the illusion that everyone else in the world is living these wonderful lives filled with success and joy and adventure while you’re sitting there, well, looking at Facebook. This occurs on other sites like Instagram.

31. The author seems to believe that _____
- ① looking at other people’s Facebook encourages better self-care.
 - ② uploading pictures to Facebook has to do with high self-esteem.
 - ③ frequent exposure to other folks’ Facebook could increase risks for depression.
 - ④ users of Facebook tend to be more outgoing than those who do not use it.

32. What does the underlined “This” mean?
- ① The opposite illusion
 - ② The boring aspect of others’ lives
 - ③ The more accurate picture
 - ④ The same phenomenon

33. Which of the following is most appropriate for blank (A)?
- ① inadequate ② important
 - ③ secure ④ relieved

Questions 34-35 are based on the following passage.

When most people contemplate building a new home, they assume that the first order of business is to choose or design a plan to build. But, in fact, the first step is always to find the site that you want to build on. When you work with an architect, you’ll find that the design for the house is as much influenced by the opportunities and constraints of the site as it is by your particular functional and aesthetic desires. This was eminently evident in one new house I saw a few years ago. The house was positioned on a hill, facing south overlooking a magnificent vista, but there was not a single window looking toward that extraordinary view. My guess is that the design had been picked out of a plan book long before the site had been chosen, and the original plan had been designed to be highly energy efficient with its (A) face oriented to the north. This new house had the (B) face oriented to the south — just the direction one wants lots of glass in most climates.

34. What is the purpose of the passage?
- ① To explain the importance of aesthetic considerations in house construction
 - ② To show the close connection between the design for a house and its site
 - ③ To offer a step-by-step guide to the house building process
 - ④ To illustrate how to build an energy-efficient house
35. Which of the following is most appropriate for blanks (A) and (B)?
- ① slim ② round
 - ③ blind ④ glittering

Questions 36-38 are based on the following passage.

Similarly, in the real world, it should be seen as a serious moral failure when those with ample income do not do their fair share toward relieving global poverty. It isn't so easy, however, to decide on the proper approach to take to those who limit their contribution to their fair share when they could easily do more and when, because others are not playing their part, a further donation would assist many in desperate need. In the privacy of our own judgment, we should believe that it is wrong not to do more. But whether we should actually criticize people who are doing their fair share, but no more than that, depends on the psychological impact that such criticism will have on them, and on others. This in turn may depend on social practices. If the majority are doing little or nothing, setting a standard higher than the fair-share level may seem so demanding that it discourages people who are willing to make an equitable contribution from doing even that. So it may be best to (A) criticizing those who achieve the fair-share level. In moving our society's standards forward, we may have to progress one step at a time.

36. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined word?
- ① exacting ② illogical
③ trifling ④ exploitative
37. Which of the following is most appropriate for blank (A)?
- ① avail ourselves of ② take into account
③ refrain from ④ launch into
38. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?
- ① Rich people who limit their contribution to their fair share may not be morally just.
② According to our moral judgment, we should not hesitate to criticize those people who are doing only their fair share.
③ Setting a standard higher than the fair-share level is not always desirable.
④ Before criticizing people who are doing only their fair share, we should take into consideration its psychological impact on them.

Questions 39-40 are based on the following passage.

In our society death is viewed as (A), discussion of it is regarded as morbid, and children are excluded with the presumption and pretext that it would be "too much" for them. They are then sent off to relatives, often accompanied with some unconvincing lies of "Mother has gone on a long trip" or other unbelievable stories. The child senses that something is wrong, and his distrust in adults will only multiply if other relatives add new variations of the story, avoid his questions or suspicions, shower him with gifts as a meager substitute for a loss he is not permitted to deal with. Sooner or later the child will become aware of the changed family situation and, depending on the age and personality of the child, will have an unresolved grief and regard this incident as a frightening, mysterious, in any case very traumatic experience with untrustworthy grownups, which he has no way to cope with.

39. Which of the following is most appropriate for blank (A)?
- ① spectacle ② mystery
③ taboo ④ ritual
40. It can be inferred from the passage that the author takes a(n) _____ attitude toward the way death is dealt with in our society.
- ① neutral ② ironic
③ approving ④ critical

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