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1. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word:

PUSILLANIMOUS

(a) Brave

(b) ~~Courageous~~

(c) Cowardly

(d) Bold

Audacious

Intrepid Valorous
Valiant

Meek

Shy

Timid

Lay

Bashful

Diffident

Submissive

Docile

Demure

2. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Bite the bullet

(a) To give ~~up easily~~

(b) To avoid ~~a difficult situation~~

☒ (c) To face a difficult or unpleasant situation with courage

(d) To make ~~a quick decision without thinking~~

3. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word:

BENEVOLENT

- (a) ~~Kind~~
- (b) Generous
- (c) Malevolent
- (d) ~~Compassionate~~

Altruistic
Magnanimous
Philanthropist
Samaritan
Munificent
Benefactor

Humane
Humanitarian
Charitable

4. Identify the misspelt word

(a) ~~Sesquipedalian~~

(b) Anachronism

(c) Syzygy

~~(d) Kakistocracy~~

Kakistocracy

↳ govt. run by the least qualified person /
most incompetent or worse people.

5. Spot the correct spelling of a word referring to the surgical removal of an appendix.

(a) ~~Appendicectomy~~

(b) Appendectomy

(c) ~~Appendecectomy~~

(d) ~~Appendicetomy~~

6. Choose the correct one-word substitute for: 'A word or phrase that reads the same backwards as forwards'.

(a) Anagram

(b) Palindrome

(c) Homonym

(d) Synonym

know, NO

madam

Words formed by rearranging the letters of another word.

listen $\Rightarrow$ silent

7. Select the correct option:

The ancient manuscript was so fragile that the historian handled it with ____ care.

~~(a) utmost~~

(b) ~~most~~

(c) ~~almost~~

(d) ~~mostly~~

8. Select the correct option:

The abstruse philosophical treatise delved _____ the very essence of existentialism.

~~(a) into~~

(b) onto

(c) beside

(d) above

delve into

9. Select the correct option:

Despite initial optimism, the second attempt at the experiment was _____ successful than the first.

(a) ~~little~~

(b) less

(c) ~~least~~

(d) ~~much~~

10. Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

Neither the students nor the teacher (1)/ ~~were~~ ready for the sudden fire drill, (2)/ leading to a moment of confusion (3)/ before everyone evacuated. (4)

Handwritten note: "was" with an arrow pointing to the circled "were" in the sentence.

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

Neither-nor
Either-or
or
nor
Not only-but also

=> Verb
↓
Nearest sub

11. Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

The profound implications of the burgeoning quantum theories (1)/, a field still largely inscrutable to the uninitiated, ~~remains~~ a contentious subject (2)/ amongst the most eminent physicists (3)/ engaging in spirited academic discourse. (4)

→ remain

(a) (1)

~~(b) (2)~~

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

12. Change the following from active to passive:

The renowned archaeologist is currently excavating an ancient Roman villa.

(a) An ancient Roman villa has been currently excavated by the renowned archaeologist.

☒ (b) An ancient Roman villa is currently being excavated by the renowned archaeologist.

(c) ~~An ancient Roman villa was~~ currently being excavated by the renowned archaeologist.

(d) ~~An ancient Roman villa is~~ currently excavated by the renowned archaeologist.

13. Select the sentence containing the homonym of the highlighted word:

The engineer adjusted the lever to release the pressure.

(a) The child used a lever to open the toy chest.) Noun

~~(b) A lot of money is needed to lever the unions into accepting a deal.~~

(c) The farmer repaired the broken lever on the plough.

(d) The worker cleaned the lever before using it again.

→ Verb
→ to influence / persuade

14. Convert the sentence provided below from its passive voice structure to an active voice structure:

It was being widely speculated by the media that the clandestine negotiations had been unduly influenced by external lobbyists.

(a) The media widely speculated that external lobbyists had unduly influenced the clandestine negotiations.

(b) External lobbyists had unduly influenced the clandestine negotiations, the media widely speculated.

(c) The media was widely speculating that external lobbyists had unduly influenced the clandestine negotiations.

(d) That external lobbyists had unduly influenced the clandestine negotiations was being widely speculated by the media.

The burgeoning field of epigenetics has revolutionized our understanding of heredity, extending beyond the simplistic Mendelian model of gene transmission. Traditionally, genetics focused on the DNA sequence itself as the sole determinant of an organism's traits. However, epigenetics reveals that environmental factors, lifestyle choices, and even historical traumas can profoundly influence gene expression without altering the underlying DNA code. These epigenetic modifications - such as DNA methylation and histone acetylation - act as molecular switches, turning genes on or off, or modulating their activity levels. This plasticity means that an identical twin, despite sharing an identical genome with their sibling, can develop different susceptibilities to disease or even exhibit distinct personality traits due to divergent epigenetic landscapes shaped by their individual experiences. Furthermore, some epigenetic tags can be inherited across generations, implying that the choices and environments of our ancestors might subtly predispose us to certain conditions or capabilities. This intergenerational inheritance challenges long-held notions of fixed genetic destiny, suggesting a dynamic interplay between nature and nurture where nurture can directly influence which parts of our nature are expressed. The implications are far-reaching, from developing novel therapeutic strategies for diseases like cancer to reframing public health interventions that consider transgenerational environmental impacts. Understanding epigenetics compels us to view biological inheritance not as a rigid blueprint, but as a malleable score being continuously re-orchestrated by life itself.

15. What is the main focus of epigenetics according to the passage?

- (a) ~~Altering DNA sequences directly.~~
- ☒ (b) The study of gene expression without changing DNA.
- (c) ~~Mendelian patterns of inheritance.~~
- (d) ~~Developing new genetic diseases.~~

16. What do DNA methylation and histone acetylation do in epigenetics?

- (a) They ~~change the DNA sequence.~~
- ☒ (b) They turn genes on or off.
- (c) They ~~create new diseases.~~
- (d) They ~~make genetic traits unchangeable.~~

17. How does epigenetics affect our idea of fixed genetic destiny?

- (a) ~~It shows DNA sequences always change.~~
- ☒ (b) It shows the environment can change inherited traits.
- (c) ~~It proves all twins are exactly alike.~~
- (d) ~~It only focuses on physical looks.~~

18. What does 'malleable score' mean for our genetic inheritance?

(a) A set plan ~~that cannot be~~ changed.

(b) A ~~fixed musical~~ score.

☒ (c) A flexible genetic plan that life experiences can change.

(d) ~~Strict rules from our ancestors.~~

19. Which of these is NOT something we learn from epigenetics,
according to the passage?

(a) New ways to treat diseases.

(b) New ideas for public health.

~~(c) That genes are always stronger than environment.~~

(d) How environment affects future generations.

20. Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence.

The manager insisted on meet the deadline.

(a) to meet the deadline

(b) on meeting the deadline

(c) to have met the deadline

(d) for meeting the deadline

prep + V₁(ing)

21. The librarian instructed the patrons to return books on time and keeping noise levels down in the reading area.

(a) to return books on time and to keep the noise levels down

(b) ~~returning books on time~~ and keeping noise levels down

(c) ~~to return books on time~~ and keep down the noise levels

(d) ~~returning books on time~~ and to keep noise levels down

Direction [Q.22 to Q.23]

A sentence is provided in direct speech. From the four given options, choose the one that most accurately conveys the sentence in its corresponding indirect speech.

22. She remarked, "I visited that museum last week."

- ☒ (a) She remarked that she had visited that museum the previous week.
- ☐ (b) She remarked that I had visited that museum last week.
- ☐ (c) She remarked that she visited that museum the previous week.
- ☐ (d) She remarked that she has visited that museum the previous week.

23. She said to them, "Will you be attending the conference?"

- ☒ (a) She asked them if they would be attending the conference.
- ☐ (b) She asked them will they be attending the conference.
- ☐ (c) She asked them whether they will be attending the conference.
- ☐ (d) She asked them whether would they be attending the conference.

24. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order to make a logical passage:

1. Raw data from these sensors was then streamed to a central processing unit.
2. Machine learning algorithms were deployed to identify anomalies in the data patterns.
3. Environmental sensors were installed across the industrial facility.
4. Early detection of equipment malfunction became possible due to this system.

~~(a) 3-1-2-4~~

~~(b) 1-3-2-4~~

~~(c) 3-2-1-4~~

~~(d) 2-1-3-4~~

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25. Rearrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph:

1. They monitor seismic activity, atmospheric pressure, and ground deformation.
2. Predicting volcanic eruptions remains a complex scientific challenge.
3. Advanced sensor networks are crucial for collecting vital precursory data.
4. However, the exact timing and magnitude often elude precise forecasting.

- (a) 2, 3, 1, 4
(b) 3, 1, 2, 4
(c) 2, 4, 3, 1
(d) 1, 3, 2, 4

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