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

FASTIDIOUS

(a) Careless

(b) Meticulous

(c) Hasty

(d) Sloppy

careful
↓

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

PROLIFIC

(a) Abundant

(b) Fruitful

(c) Barren

(d) Productive

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productive.

3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

To tuck one's tail ✓

- (a) To hide something valuable**
- (b) To retreat in fear or shame** ✓
- (c) To prepare for a journey**
- (d) To show defiance**

4. Select the correct spelling for a word meaning 'a temporary stay'?

- (a) Sojourn
- (b) Sojurn
- (c) Sowjurn
- (d) Sojourne

5. Select the correct spelling to fill in the blank.

The old house had a ____ appearance, making it seem spooky.

(a) dilappidated

(b) delapidated

(c) dilapidated

(d) dillapidated

Dilapidated

6. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the highlighted group of words:

“The detective was searching for a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency.”

(a) Culprit

(b) Accomplice

☒ (c) Scapegoat

(d) Perpetrator

7. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning 'a strong inner feeling or voice regarded as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behaviour'.

(a) Conscience

(b) Conscience

(c) Consience

(d) Consciense

8. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words:

A factual written account of important or historical events in the order they happened.

- (a) Diary
- (b) Chronicle
- (c) Testament
- (d) Obituary

9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

____ his rigorous training, the athlete struggled to complete the marathon.

- (a) As a result of
- (b) By dint of
- (c) Due to
- (d) Despite

10. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

To have an axe to grind

- (a) To have a tool for cutting wood
- (b) To be particularly skilled at something
- (c) To have a selfish motive
- (d) To prepare for a difficult task

✓ 11. Select the correct indirect/direct form of the given sentence.

The teacher said, "You will have left this school before I resign." ↓

- (a) The teacher warned that you would have left this school before I resigned.
- (b) The teacher told that you would have left this school before I resigned.
- (c) The teacher said that they will have resigned from this school before he left.
- ✓ (d) The teacher said that they would have left that school before he resigned.

12. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph:

1. This enables the machine to store and retrieve data quickly, which is essential for fast operation.
2. Random Access Memory (RAM) plays a crucial role in a computer's overall performance.
3. Unlike long-term storage, RAM holds data that the CPU needs to access immediately for active tasks.
4. Without sufficient RAM, a computer would slow down significantly, regardless of its processor speed.

(a) 2, 3, 1, 4

(b) 3, 1, 2, 4

(c) 2, 4, 1, 3

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4

2 = 3 = 1 = 4

13. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

That the expedition faced unforeseen challenges (1)/ in the treacherous mountain terrain (2)/ were evident from their delayed return (3)/ and exhausted appearance. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

was

14. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in the Active/Passive voice.

The researchers may publish their findings next month.

- (a) Their findings might be published by the researchers next month.
- (b) Their findings may be published by the researchers next month.
- (c) Their findings are published by the researchers next month.
- (d) Their findings could be published by the researchers next month.

15. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

The sudden influx of tourists, (1)/ attracted by the newly opened resort, (2)/ have caused significant strain (3)/ on the local infrastructure. (4)

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

Why = (C) has



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16. Select the option which contains the most appropriate **HOMONYM** of the word given in **bold/underline**.

" The priest placed the host upon the paten during Mass.

(a) The monk lifted the host with reverence.

(b) The baker prepared the unleavened host for communion.

~~(c) The island served as host to several rare species.~~

(d) The deacon covered the host before the procession.

17. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in the Active/Passive voice.

It is hoped that a lasting peace agreement will be reached soon.

- (a) We hope that a lasting peace agreement will be reached soon.
- (b) They hope that a lasting peace agreement will be reached soon.
- (c) Everyone hopes to reach a lasting peace agreement soon.
- (d) People hope that they will reach a lasting peace agreement soon.

18. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underline/Bold segment in the given sentence.

He is capable for handling of the complex project.

- (a) of handling
- (b) to handle
- (c) in handling
- (d) by handling

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19. Select the correct indirect/direct form of the given sentence.

The director explained that the project ^{past} needed more funding, and the deadline had to be extended.

- (a) The director said, "The project needs more funding, and the deadline has to be extended."
- (b) The director said, "The project needed more funding, and the deadline has to be extended."
- (c) The director said, "The project needs more funding, and the deadline had to be extended."
- (d) The director explained, "The project needed more funding, and the deadline will be extended."

20. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph:

1. Machine learning, a subset of Artificial Intelligence, is rapidly gaining prominence.
2. This enables machines to learn from data without explicit programming.
3. Consequently, it finds applications in diverse fields, from healthcare to finance.
4. Algorithms are trained on vast datasets to recognize patterns and make predictions.

(a) 1-3-4-2

(b) 1-4-2-3

(c) 3-1-2-4

(d) 1-2-3-4

(1-4-2-3)

Comprehension: [21. to 25.]

Direction: Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Deep beneath the ocean's surface lies one of the least explored frontiers on Earth—the abyssal plain. Stretching across vast regions of the seabed, these flat, dark expanses are home to an array of organisms uniquely adapted to conditions of crushing pressure, perpetual darkness, and scarce food supply. Life here thrives not on sunlight but on chemical energy derived from hydrothermal vents, where mineral-rich fluids gush from the Earth's crust. Around these vents, chemosynthetic bacteria form the foundation of an entire ecosystem, sustaining giant tube worms, blind shrimp, and specialised crabs.

The discovery of these vent-based ecosystems in the late 20th century revolutionised our understanding of life itself, challenging the long-held notion that sunlight was essential for biological productivity. The study of such organisms has also deepened scientific insight into possible extraterrestrial life, particularly on icy moons like Europa and Enceladus, where similar energy sources may exist beneath frozen crusts. Yet, the growing interest in deep-sea mining threatens to disturb these fragile habitats. Extraction of minerals such as cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements could irreversibly damage ecosystems that have taken millennia to evolve. Scientists urge that conservation and research must precede exploitation, ensuring that curiosity does not turn into destruction.

21. What role do hydrothermal vents play in the deep-sea ecosystem?

- (a) They act as shelters for marine creatures.
- ☒ (b) They supply mineral-rich fluids that support chemosynthetic life.
- (c) They provide oxygen for photosynthetic organisms.
- (d) They function as geological traps for sediments.

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22. Which scientific assumption was challenged by the discovery of vent-based life forms?

- (a) Life cannot exist without sunlight.
- (b) Chemical energy is unimportant in biology.
- (c) Deep-sea exploration is impossible.
- (d) Only land organisms use minerals for energy.

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93. Why does the author caution against deep-sea mining?

- (a) It could cause pollution in coastal waters.
- (b) It threatens to destroy delicate and ancient ecosystems.
- (c) It produces insufficient economic benefit.
- (d) It interferes with undersea communication cables.

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24. What is the closest meaning of the term 'chemosynthetic' in the passage?

- (a) Using light energy to make food
- (b) Depending on decayed organic matter
- (c) Producing food through chemical reactions
- (d) Feeding on other organisms

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25. Which statement best summarises the central idea of the passage?

- (a) Deep-sea mining is necessary for technological progress.
- (b) Life in the ocean depths depends on sunlight and photosynthesis.
- (c) The abyssal plain hosts unique ecosystems that rely on chemical energy and need protection.
- (d) Marine organisms are easily adaptable to environmental changes.

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