

Reading

Read the following texts and answer the questions that follow.

I The educational systems of Europe and the United States are similar in a number of ways. First, elementary school classes look the same everywhere: There are about 20 to 22 pupils per class. Also, there is one teacher for all subjects for each grade (except in Scandinavia), and the majority of elementary school teachers are women. In addition, the subjects taught at the elementary level are basically the same everywhere: reading and writing, mathematics, introductions to the sciences, music, sports, and art. The only major difference in the elementary curriculum is that most Europeans study a foreign language in elementary school, but most American children do not. Second, both the United States and most European countries require children to attend school for at least nine or ten years. Also, children in most countries start schooling at a similar age, usually at age 6, and they may leave school at a similar age, too.

(Questions 1-7: 2 marks each)

1. The main idea of the text is

- A. the similarities between the American and European educational systems.
B. the differences between the two systems.
C. the similarities and differences between the two systems. D. American and European teachers.

2. In there is a number of teachers for each grade.

- A. USA B. Australia C. Scandinavia D. France

3. teachers at elementary school are women.

- A. All B. Most C. A few D. None of the

4. Children at elementary schools don't learn

- A. music B. history C. mathematics D. reading

5. The difference between the two systems is with the...

- A. class size B. foreign language C. teachers D. age

6. Children must go to school for at least ... years.

- A. 6 B. 9 C. 16 D. 22

7. The word 'they' in the text refers to ...

- A. countries B. schools C. subjects D. children

II. Doctors have recently started to study the causes of a medical disorder that they have appropriately named SAD, or Seasonal Affective Disorder. People who suffer from SAD become very depressed during the winter months. Their depression appears to be the result of a decrease in the amount of sunlight they are exposed to. Doctors theorize that decreased sunlight affects the production of melatonin, a hormone manufactured in the brain, and serotonin, a chemical that helps transmit nerve impulses. Also, doctors believe that a decrease in the amount of sunlight the body receives may cause a disturbance in the

body's natural clock which could, in turn, result in symptoms such as lethargy, oversleeping, weight gain, anxiety, and irritability---all signs of depressions.

(Questions 8-13: 0.5 mark each)

8. The text is about....

- A. feeling sad B. depression
C. seasons D. a disease

9. According to the text, weight gain may result from...

- A. melatonin B. serotonin
C. decreased sunlight D. anxiety

10. According to the text, the word 'lethargy' means...

- A. tiredness B. depression
C. happiness D. clock

III. Governments have learned to value innovation these days for good reason. Far from being simply some missing factor in the growth equation innovation is now recognized as the single most important ingredient in any modern economy. It actually accounts for more than half of economic growth in America and Britain. In short, it is innovation, more than the application of capital or labor, that keeps the world economy going. As a result, economists have decided that the innovators are due some special recognition. It's not possible to recognize all the countless innovations that have helped to spread wealth, health and human happiness around the world. But a handful of people who have made the biggest contribution to the wealth-creation process in their own fields over the past few years, have been nominated for awards.

11. As pointed in the text, due to countless innovations ...

- A. the world economy has acquired some uniformity.
B. the American economy has under-performed.
C. the quality of human life has greatly improved.
D. Britain has fewer labor problems.

12. According to the text, American and British economies...

- A. have been in the forefront in wealth-creation.
B. have tended to ignore innovations.
C. have grown largely on account of innovation.
D. are concerned with their citizens' prosperity.

13. In spite of the large number of innovations ...

- A. only a few innovators have received awards.
B. most innovators are economically unfeasible.
C. they have no significant impact on the world economy.
D. none of them have received any special recognition.

IV. Today the world faces a growing crisis over the management of its rivers. In recent years, most of the great rivers in the world, such as Yellow River in China, the Indus, the Colorado, and the Nile, have all periodically run empty because mankind has used their every last drop. Indeed, there is a huge unmet demand in the world for water. More

than a billion people have no access to clean drinking and while it is hoped that this figure will be halved by 2015, nobody is sure where the water will come from. With today's trends, one-third of the world population will be seriously **short of** water by 2025. Politicians in China, India, Pakistan, Egypt and other water-stressed countries want **their** water engineers to find solutions-and fast.

(Questions 14-21: 2 marks each)

14. According to the text, there's a clear warning that....
A. water shortage could lead to political crisis in China.
B. the solutions proposed by water engineers are not enough.
C. more precautions must be taken.
D. by the end of the first quarter of this century, there will be a water shortage affecting one third of the world population.
15. According to the text, the water resources of the world..
A. are largely confined to the Indus and the Nile.
B. have been increased through solutions by water engineers.
C. are so limited that it is doubtful whether the number of people with no access to clean drinking water can be halved.
D. have become a major concern among politicians.
16. As can be understood from the text, the fact that even some great rivers have run dry from time to time ...
A. is a clear indication of the urgent demand of water.
B. demonstrates the vast growth of population.
C. shows how irresponsible the water engineers are.
D. signifies the importance of a national water authority.
17. One concludes from the text that efficient management of the water resources of the world is essential...
A. if the growing worldwide demand of water is to be met.
B. especially in China and India.
C. in order to maintain political stability in some countries.
D. to save the water of the Nile and the Indus.
18. According to the passage, are the hope in the water-stressed countries.
A. politicians
B. people
C. governments
D. water engineers
19. According to the text, the word '**periodically**' means...
A. in a short time
B. for a long time
C. from time to time
D. all A, B and C
20. According to the text, the phrase '**short of**' means ...
A. sudden
B. lasting only a little time
C. lacking enough
D. not tall
21. The pronoun '**their**' in the text refers to....
A. politicians
B. countries
C. water engineers
D. rivers

Structure

(Questions 22-37: 2 marks each)

22. My brother..... Spanish twice a week.
A. teach B. teaches C. teaches D. teaching
23. My father..... his friends tonight.
A. meet B. meets C. has met D. is meeting
24. This is third Indian movie I've seen this week .
A. X B. a C. an D. the
25. I've always wanted to be engineer.
A. X B. a C. an D. the
26. I enjoy..... in the rain.
A. walk B. walking C. to walk D. both B, and C
27. As soon as the match ..., I'll make dinner.
A. will finish B. finish C. finishing D. finishes
28. I don't mind.....at home at the weekend.
A. stay B. to staying C. staying D. stayed
29. I first a car when I was 21 years old.
A. buy B. buyed C. bought D. have bought
30. She when her friend arrived.
A. reads B. is reading C. has read D. was reading
31. I don't have to buy a house.
A. enough money B. money enough
C. too much money D. too many money
32. I can't go ... I broke my leg.
A. nowhere B. anywhere C. somewhere D. everywhere
33. "What's your friend...?" "He's tall and friendly."
A. describe B. like C. favourite D. likes
34. She said she..... a cake tomorrow.
A. will make B. makes C. is making D. would make
35. I stay up late when I was a child.
A. didn't use to B. didn't used to
C. not used to D. used to not
36. Lucy read a story last night,.....?
A. did Lucy B. she did C. did she D. didn't she
37. Thousands of mobile phones every day.
A. buy B. are buying C. are buyed D. are bought

(Questions 38-47: 0.5 mark each)

38. My friend has published 3 books ... he graduated.
A. for B. since C. when D. before
39. I'm looking forward in the summer.
A. to swim B. swimming C. to swimming D. will swim
40. If my dad had a million dollars, he.... me a villa.
A. buys B. will buy
C. would buy D. would've bought
41. If I had been more careful, I an accident.
A. had B. 'd have
C. would've had D. wouldn't have had



42. Suzan has her hair ... every summer.
A. cut B. cutting C. to be cut D. to cut
43. A medicine to cure cancer yet.
A. didn't find B. isn't found
C. hasn't found D. hasn't been found
44. We were about ... to the beach, but it rained.
A. go B. to go C. going D. to going
45. They carried ... a survey to know people's opinion.
A. out B. in C. away D. off
46. My husband is crazy... tennis.
A. in B. with C. about D. of
47. I'm going to the café ... they serve sushi.
A. where B. which C. when D. X

(Questions 48-53: 2 marks each)

48. She sent them the research ...
A. which she was working. B. she was working on.
C. of that she was working. D. she was working.
49. Has he told you when.....?
A. does the restaurant open B. the restaurant opens
C. the restaurant does open D. opens the restaurant
50. My son loves to do everything by ...
A. him. B. hisself. C. himself. D. both A and C.
51. By the end of next year, I..... my own business.
A. had opened B. will have opened
C. am opening D. have been opening
52. Not until she had got her exam paper, relieved.
A. she got B. did she get
C. she has got D. had she got
53. We were going to eat out when my sister realized she her homework.
A. did B. wasn't doing C. hasn't done D. hadn't done

Writing

I. Read the following letter and choose the correct answers.

55.
I ⁵⁶ apply for the job of a sales manager at your international company.

I have an MBA from Harvard University. I have worked for the Byblos Bank for five years, and I hope to work with you. I like working in a team and I don't mind working under pressure.

I look forward to your response. If you need any further information, please ⁵⁷,

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Mary Jackson

(Questions 54-58: 2 marks each)

54. A. 11.10.2013 B. Best wishes
C. Hello D. Dear Sir,
55. A. Hi Sir, B. Dear Mr.
C. Hello D. Dear Sir/ Madam
56. A. 'll B. 'd like to C. would like to D. have to
57. A. do not hesitate to get in touch B. phone me
C. send me an SMS D. give me a ring
58. A. Love B. Yours Faithfully
C. Best wishes D. Yours Faithful

II. Choose the correct word/s to fill in the spaces.

(Questions 59-62: 0.5 mark each)

59. We're going swimming tomorrow morning.... it rains.
A. until B. unless C. in case D. as soon as
60. the cold weather, the kids didn't stop playing.
A. Although B. Even though
C. In spite D. In spite of
61. He did very well in the exam., he failed it.
A. Therefore B. Moreover
C. Because D. Nevertheless
62. She speaks English fluently., she's got a good job in tourism.
A. Therefore B. However
C. Otherwise D. Furthermore

III. Choose the correct word/s.

(Questions 63-65: 2 marks each)

63. should you eat immediately after swimming.
A. Under no circumstances B. Not only
C. Only recently D. Not until
64. I hate deadlines and working against the
A. watch B. wall C. clock D. time
65. My friend has a dog, that he can't live without.
A. small beautiful B. beautiful white
C. German old D. white small

End of Test

