

PART A: Choose the correct option in questions.

Nuala Ni Chanainn, an Irish violinist, had been travelling round San Francisco as part of a theatre group. When the tour was over, she went to the airport and boarded the plane that would take her back home to Ireland. She (1) _____ for the plane to take off when she suddenly decided (2) _____ after all. She rushed off the plane at the last minute, leaving TWA airline officials thinking that she perhaps (3) _____ a bomb on the plane and escaped. The plane and all the luggage were thoroughly searched by a bomb-sniffing dog. Meanwhile, the airport authorities stopped Nuala and took her away to be questioned. (4) _____, after extensive questioning, she managed to (5) _____ them that she hadn't planted a bomb: she simply couldn't bear to leave her new boyfriend! The plane was allowed to depart nearly four hours later, minus the love-struck violinist, who then spent another two weeks in the States with the boyfriend.

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| 1. a. waited | b. has been waiting | c. was waiting | d. had waited |
| 2. a. not to go | b. not going | c. to not go | d. don't go |
| 3. a. was planting | b. would plant | c. had planted | d. is planting |
| 4. a. While | b. However | c. Since | d. Although |
| 5. a. threaten | b. assemble | c. suggest | d. persuade |

PART B: Choose the option which has a similar meaning with the given sentences.

6. This model of Samsung has a new camera and its battery life is excellent as well.

- a. In spite of having an excellent battery life, this model of Samsung doesn't have a new camera.
- b. In addition to its long battery life, this model of Samsung has a new camera.
- c. Because of its new camera, this model of Samsung has an excellent battery life.
- d. This model of Samsung has an excellent battery life; however, its new camera is not as good.

7. The team should have planned the project properly.

- a. The project must have gone wrong although they had planned it properly.
- b. The team members might not have planned the project properly, but it still went OK.
- c. The project couldn't have been planned properly as everything was wrong.
- d. The team members wish they had planned the project properly.

PART C: Complete the sentences with the correct option.

8. I wanted to get a refund for the DVD, but the manager _____.

- a. asked her to give her money back
- b. said that the products on sale couldn't be returned
- c. told me that he hadn't bought any DVDs for ages
- d. asked me if I could work late last night

9. The film is about a Scottish woman, Ada, _____.

- a. who is sent to New Zealand to marry a local man
- b. whose soundtrack was written by Michael Nyman
- c. that sold millions of copies all around the world
- d. was nominated for all the Oscars that year

PART D: Choose the correct word form.

10. Because of bad weather, the authorities had to cancel the official _____ after the sporting events.

- a. celebrity
- b. celebrations
- c. celebrated
- d. celebrate

11. When the car crashed into the barriers, it rolled over again and again. _____, the driver survived the accident.

- a. Amazed
- b. Amazing
- c. Amazement
- d. Amazingly

PART E: Choose the correct option.

12. I am sorry, but I can't just _____ pick the candidates out for this job. We need a team that has been carefully selected.

- a. bravely
- b. deliberately
- c. significantly
- d. randomly

13. From now on, I will _____ all my time and energy to the solution of this particular problem because everybody is passionately interested in it.

- a. attain
- b. adopt
- c. devote
- d. determine

14. The plane _____ twenty minutes late because of an engine problem, so I missed my connection flight to Paris.

- a. came across
- b. put through
- c. put off
- e. took off

15. The earthquake caused so much _____ that thousands of people were left homeless.

- a. construction
- b. destruction
- c. instruction
- d. contraction

PART F: Read the text below and answer the questions.

1. Newspaper and television reports around the world show Africa as a continent with many problems. They focus on the wars, the starving children, the terrible diseases, and the natural disasters. Other, more positive aspects of life in Africa are rarely shown.

2. There are, indeed, serious problems in many parts of Africa. The biggest problem facing Africans today is the continuing threat of wars. These wars are in part due to historic competition among tribes. However, in the past, the fighting was local and small scale. In recent years, it has become more violent and **devastating**. This is partly because of the destructive power of modern weapons. It is also because the situation has changed dramatically.

3. Starting in the sixteenth century, European powers began to move into Africa. They took African people to sell as slaves in North and South America. **They** also took any valuable resource they could find, such as ivory, gold and diamonds. In the nineteenth century, the European rulers divided up the continent into countries. They did not understand much about African tribal traditions, and so the borders of these countries did not match the traditional borders of tribal lands.

4. When the countries of Africa became independent in the twentieth century, there were often several different tribes in a country, and each tribe wanted to rule. The result was conflict and civil war. In many countries, the civil wars have been going on for decades as different groups fight for control of the government. Governing means having not only power, but also having access to wealth - and one of the ways out of a life of poverty. In recent years, it has also meant having control over international aid and, therefore, access to food in times of starvation.

5. Many of the problems facing Africa today have been worsened by this fighting over control of the government. Countries that are at war have little time or resources to deal with poverty, hunger, or disease. They are unable to take any measures for a better future, and so many countries are becoming poorer and their problems are growing. For example, HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, has spread rapidly in Africa because of the lack of education and health care, as well as the lack of medical supplies. Other diseases, many preventable, have spread quickly for the same reasons.

6. In spite of these problems, however, many Africans are hopeful about their future. Ordinary people in many countries are joining together to change and improve their lives. Young and talented Africans are looking out to the rest of the world. They are experimenting with ways to use the Internet and other new technology to try to solve some of their problems. In the arts, and especially in music, many talented performers are showing the world what it means to be African.

16. The passage is about _____.

- a. independence movement among tribes in Africa
- b. the general situation in Africa today
- c. newspaper and television reports about Africa
- d. the diseases only faced in some African tribes

17. Wars are more violent in the twenty-first century partly because _____.

- a. modern weapons can cause more and more harm
- b. of the lack of education and health care in general
- c. there has been an increase in natural disasters in the country recently
- d. people cannot benefit from the natural resources of the country

18. In many countries, different groups are fighting for control over the government so they can _____.
a. prevent the spread of the HIV virus in their tribes
b. get rid of the violence by European rulers
c. become richer and control food supplies
d. change the borders in some parts of the country
19. We can **infer** from the passage that international aid _____.
a. can help prevent severe fighting between tribes
b. might not be helpful in treatment of AIDS
c. usually has no effect on the wars between groups
d. may sometimes be a reason for fighting
20. According to the passage, there is a close connection between _____.
a. access to wealth and level of education
b. international aid and the spread of disease
c. war and the spread of the HIV virus
d. African tribal traditions and poverty

ANSWER KEY:

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| 8.B | 9. A | 10. B | 11. D | 12. D | 13. C | 14. D |
| 15. B | 16. B | 17.A | 18.C | 19.D | 20.C | |