**Read the short paragraphs and answer a, b, c, or d.**

l. A notice

We are located just up from John McBeal’s house in the High Street. We specialise in Films;

Photography; One Hour Film Processing; Toiletries; Medicine; Herbal Remedy.

**What kind of text is this?**

A. An advertisement

B. A job offer

C. A prescription

D. An instruction

2. A message

Hello Jane,

Please could you help John? He is looking for a job but he is new to the area and he does not know any names of companies to call. Thanks, Sarah

**What do we know about Sarah?**

A. She cannot ﬁnd a job.

B. She wants to meet John.

C. She likes Jane and John.

D. She wants a job for John.

3. A message

Hi Mark,

When I came home I noticed that the lights were not working. Can you call an electrician when you get back home? The electrician’s name is Peter Smith and his number is 071 387

1678. See you in the evening, Rosa

**What is the message about?**

A. A meeting of Rosa and Peter

B. A repair in the house

C. An exchange of telephone numbers

D. Saying goodbye to a friend

4. A notice

In case of ﬁre, BREAK GLASS!

**What does this notice say?**

A. Don’t touch the glass.

B. Be careful with glass.

C. Break this glass if there is a ﬁre.

D. You can’t use this glass in a ﬁre.

5. From a history book

The Julian calendar was originally Egyptian. It was adopted by Julius Caesar in 45 B.C. and named after him. This calendar was used unchanged in Europe until the end of the sixteenth century.

**The Julian calendar was** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. unsuccessful

B. invented by Caesar

C. very modern

D. accepted by Romans

6. A notice

Guys, I found out about the music performance in the park. Tickets can be bought from Monday to Friday. Let me know if there are any times you can’t go. Brad

**What does this notice say?**

A. You can buy tickets on weekends.

B. There is music in the park from Monday to Friday.

C. A band called Mondays play in the park.

D. You can buy tickets for a concert on Tuesday.

7. A notice

Sale! Spring sale next week! Up to 50 % off many items.

**What does this notice say?**

A. 50 % of the items will be sold next week.

B. Some items will be half price next week.

C. All items will be half price in the spring.

D. After the spring sale many items will cost 50 % more.

8. From a magazine

On Sundays, Talia never gets up early. She often has breakfast with her two sons, Joe and Jason; but never with her husband, Tom, because he always wakes up early and goes out to play tennis. After that, Talia reads the newspaper or watches television. She sometimes prepares a pizza for lunch before she goes to the hairdresser to have her hair done. In the afternoon, she usually takes the children to the cinema.

**What is true about Talia’s Sunday mornings?**

A. She eats breakfast with Joe and Jason.

B. She plays tennis with her husband Tom.

C. She goes shopping with the children.

D. She always prepares pizza for lunch.

9. From a magazine

Richard’s girlfriend Mary has been interested in short stories by Australian and European writers. She would also like to read stories by authors from other countries.

**What does Mary like to do?**

A. Travel abroad

B. Meet a writer

C. Read books

D. Write stories

10. A message

Hi Jane,

We’re planning to go on a picnic Saturday, 17th. We want to go to the National Park. Do you want to go with us? If it rains, we’ll probably go to a movie instead. Please, let me know if you are coming, Tony

**What kind of message is this?**

A. A picnic invitation

B. Bulletin announcement

C. A party invitation

D. A cinema timetable

11. A notice in a newspaper

Discover some of the sensational yachting, surﬁng and diving in The Black Sea warm waters. Start planning your next vacation with a taste of adventure, in Bulgaria!

**The text is for people who like** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. climbing

B. jogging

C. sailing

D. racing

12. Rivers Museum advertisement

Special free activities will be prepared for children aged 5+ and their families on the ﬁrst Saturday of every month. Come to see and try something new. Make something to take away or hear a story.

**What does the museum offer?**

A. Theatre performance

B. Cheap fun for children

 C. A weekend without children

 D. Monthly family activities

13. An advertisement

Job Wanted:

I am very happy to have discovered your website. I am from Russia and am looking for a job as a keeper in a ZOO in an English speaking country. I would like to combine the work in a ZOO with English studies.

**What does the man want?**

A. Teach Russian

 B. Work with animals

 C. Work with people

 D. Teach zoology

14. An advertisement

You can currently advertise your own Cottages, Villas, Apartments, Caravans, Chalets or Boats on www.holiday.noticeboard.tk at a special trial price of £20,00 available for the ﬁrst six months only.

The text says you can ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 A. buy a cheap property in the following half a year

 B. take advantage of a special offer

 C. sell something you have

 D. offer your services on the internet

15. From a story

Mr. Higgins wants to buy a book for Sally, his granddaughter, who is ﬁve years old and loves adventure stories. The books she likes the best must have a lot of colourful pictures in them. The stories without pictures and colours would be boring for her.

**According to the text, what can we say about Sally?**

A. She wants to learn to read soon.

 B. He wants to spend all her time with her grandfather.

 C. She is too small to read books.

 D. She is more interested in stories than in pictures.

16. From a school policy

Wearing a hat in class is considered impolite by many teachers. Some teachers may ignore it, but if you want to keep your hat on your head, you should ask permission ﬁrst.

**Wearing a hat in class is considered by many teachers as** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. rude

B. old-fashioned

C. acceptable

D. charming

17. An advertisement for a job

Candidates must be between 21 and 40, British, speak perfect German and two more languages from required Spanish, Italian, French and Russian. They must have at least 3-year-experience in public relations. If you match these requirements, we may have the career for you. For further details call 447-236569.

**Who matches these requirements best?**

A. A middle-aged person

B. A teenaged student

C. A Russian soldier

D. An English teacher

18, From a magazine

Many scientists are questioning whether organisms can evolve rapidly enough to keep pace with climate change. Some researchers suggest that even the tiniest temperature rise could mean the difference between life and death for many animals.

**What is the scientists’ opinion?**

A. Temperature will not rise radically.

B. Evolution will accelerate.

C. Climate change will be faster.

D. Some animals will not survive.

19. From a women’s magazine

Establishing close friendships involves taking some emotional risks. One must be willing to reveal deep feelings, concerns, and beliefs. One must also be willing to listen to private thoughts and feelings of one’s friends.

**According to the passage, in order to establish friendships, one must be** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. uncritical of others

B. willing to keep secrets

C. open and sensitive

D. reserved and cautious

20. From an article

Do you want to know about celebrities’ most embarrassing moments? For example: While at the mall, Britney Spears ran into a glass door in front of a group of people.

**Where can you find such information?**

A. In a broadsheet

B. In atabloid

C. In a sports magazine

D. In a health’s magazine

21. From daily news

The popularity of mobile phones with young people could be a factor in a falling number of 15-year-old smokers. Teenagers are smoking less because mobile phones give them something else to do with their hands, a new report suggests. By now, the number of 15-year-olds owning mobile phones has gone up to 73 %.

**What is true about this paragraph?**

A. Young people spend more money on cigarettes.

B. Many people stopped smoking thanks to mobile phones.

C. Most people who have mobile phones are smokers.

D. There are more adults smoking than teenagers.

22. A brief explanation of government

Why do we need a government? Imagine what your school would be like if no one was in charge. Each class would make its own rules. Who gets to use the gym if two classes want to use it at the same time? Who would clean the classrooms? Who decides if you learn about Mars or play kickball? This is why schools have people who are in charge, such as the principal, administrators and teachers. Our nation has people who are in charge and they make up the government.

In the above, the government is compared to ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. school staff

B. students’ union

C. cleaning personnel

D. kickball players

23. From a story

We had a shop in Camden Street, in London, where you could buy records and clothes. Once when I opened it for the day, I felt like someone was in the shop with me, even though the shop was empty. Then the drawers and doors started opening right in front of me. I was frightened and didn’t know what to do. So I ran out of the shop, locked the door and did not come back that day.

**What did the woman think?**

A. There were mice inside.

B. There was a big mess inside.

C. There were ghosts inside.

D. There were thieves inside.

24. From the news

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (Reuters) -- A previously unknown Iraqi group has announced that two Italian hostages will be killed unless Italy begins withdrawing its forces from Iraq.

This news expresses ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. a request

B. a suggestion

C. a threat

D. an apology

25. An extract from a women’s magazine

It’s virtually impossible to walk through a mall without spotting people of all ages with tattoos. Tattoos come in all shapes and sizes, and they can appear almost anywhere on someone’s body. Cosmetic studios also provide tattoos on eyebrows; a tattoo may also replace an eyeliner or lip-liner for those who want their makeup to be permanent. In these cases, you may not even know that you are looking at a tattoo.

**According to the article, tattoos can be** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. dangerous

B. common

C. unpopular

D. old-fashioned

26. From the news

At Wilbur Middle School, the monster look is out. Principal Tom Clark said that black lipstick, eye shadow, nail polish and hair dye are banned, along with all-black clothing. Clark said students dressing in the style terriﬁed younger students and were a distraction for them.

**Why did the principal impose his ban?**

A. He didn’t want younger students to be frightened.

B. He wanted all students to wear same uniforms.

C. He didn’t want the students to wear dirty clothes.

D. He didn’t approve of fashionable clothes.

27. From a scientiﬁc magazine

After oxygen, silicon is the most common element found in combination in the rocks that make up the Earth’s crust. Very few people, however, have ever seen pure silicon. That is true not because silicon is invisible, but because it is usually found in combination with other elements.

What does the passage say about pure silicon?

A. It is invisible.

B. It is useful.

C. It is like oxygen.

D. It is rarely seen.

28. From a linguistic reference book

You can use a two-phase approach in which you study alone at ﬁrst and study with others afterward. During the ﬁrst phase, carefully review your notes and the textbook, perhaps creating ﬂashcards to help you remember deﬁnitions, theories, and other important material. Then, once you feel conﬁdent of the material, study with one or more classmates. During this second phase, ask each other questions without allowing the person who is answering to look at the textbook or any notes. If you are studying with more than one partner, just form a circle and rotate the roles.

**What is the main aim of this article?**

A. To make students create ﬂashcards

B. To help students gain self-conﬁdence

C. To make students study harder

D. To teach students strategies for studying

29. From a magazine

After seven years of construction, the new East Wing of the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., was ﬁnally opened to public in 1978. Designed by I.M. Pei, the East Wing is probably the most expensive public building ever erected in the United States. Most of the $95 million that went into the construction was donated by Paul Mellon and the Mellon Foundation. Interestingly enough, Paul’s father, Andrew Mellon, was the person who donated funds in the

1930’s to build what is now the main building of the National Gallery.

**The main purpose of the passage is to** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. show why the East Wing of the National Gallery was expensive

B. describe how the East Wing of the National Gallery was built

C. provide facts about the East Wing of the National Gallery

D. question the need for a public building like the East Wing of the National Gallery

30. A letter to the editor of a school newspaper

Students should be allowed to study without worrying about grades. Fortunately, most educators are becoming aware of the fact that students have different interests and abilities. However, the regimentation resulting from looking at grades still exists. Grades often stifle creativity. Competing for better grades causes many students to turn down opportunities to pursue music, drama and sports. Grades impose an arbitrary standard of success on everyone. I do not demand, as some extremists do, that grades be abolished immediately. However, I do believe that less emphasis should be placed on grades. I hope that someday grades will become optional at Village High School.

**Which of the following is said about grades at Village High School?**

A. They successfully evaluate.

B. They develop creativity.

C. They foster necessary competition.

D. They should not be mandatory.