

1. A card

Twenty-five years together! I was really surprised to hear it. You do not look old enough for a silver wedding. Very best wishes, Gladys

What is the occasion?

- A. A wedding
- B. A birthday
- C. A change in life
- D. A wedding anniversary

2. A text message

Are you still planning to come to Prague on Saturday? If so, what time can we meet? Barbara

Barbara wants to _____.

- A. take a trip
- B. give a tour
- C. see a friend
- D. change a plan

3. A text message

Hi John! I have the CDs you wanted. You can collect them anytime except Thursday – I'm away. Come to my place, you know where I live, don't you? Take care, Martin

What do we know about John?

- A. He will phone Martin on Thursday.
- B. He can get the CDs on Thursday.
- C. He can get the CDs from Martin.
- D. He will wait for Martin at home.

4. An advertisement in a magazine

*PUBLISH YOUR BOOK
ALL SUBJECTS INVITED
Send us your manuscript to
DIOS PRESS
2 St Andrews Road
Aldershot AL3 5PL, U.K.*

Who is this advertisement for?

- A. Buyers
- B. Writers

- C. Readers
- D. Booksellers

5. An advertisement in a newspaper

COOK REAL AND PROPER ITALIAN FOOD!

Professional Italian chef, qualified and experienced teacher teaches or assists you during preparation of Italian cookery and pastry in the comfort of your own kitchen.

£15 per hour

Call Lorenzo 079 860 413 41

This advertisement tells you about _____.

- A. a new Italian restaurant
- B. a book of Italian recipes
- C. a job for a qualified chef
- D. a chef offering his services

6. From a magazine

My name is Mary. I am deaf. I was born deaf, so I don't know how my voice sounds to other people. I can only hear some sounds and I can read lips. That takes a lot of practice. I am learning to speak, but it's difficult.

What is Mary's health problem?

- A. She cannot see much.
- B. She cannot read well.
- C. She cannot hear much.
- D. She cannot speak at all.

7. A note in the kitchen

James,

We got an invitation to the Ogdens' cottage for the weekend. We'll be back on Monday.

Take care of the dog! There's plenty of dog food, but I can't find the can opener. Sorry! (Check your sister's room.) Be good.

Love,

Mom

James must _____.

- A. buy a can of dog food
- B. look after the family pet
- C. take his sister to the Ogdens'
- D. come back home on Monday

8. A text message

I know you are a fan of the actor Ron Connolly. One of his better films, *Bigger Than Life*, will be shown on Channel 2 at 7:00 tomorrow evening. James

James wants to _____.

- A. give his friend information
- B. ask his friend for something
- C. ask about his friend's opinion
- D. invite his friend for an evening

9. From a magazine advertisement

We can offer meeting rooms for up to 350 people and a professional staff to take care of every detail. All rooms have Internet connection and technical equipment that will make your work easier. Enjoy delicious meals in our restaurant and try our new gym.

Who is this advertisement for?

- A. Cooks
- B. Families
- C. Sportsmen
- D. Businessmen

10. From a magazine

What would you like to become? Life is too short to have a career you don't enjoy. Take this online quiz to find out what professions are out there for you!

What is the BEST title for the quiz?

- A. How to earn a lot of money
- B. What job is the best for you?
- C. Do you want to join the army?
- D. Get help from a personal advisor

11. A notice

This family business, established in 1980, has a large selection of Scottish art, old paintings, toys, and many other objects. Rare and second-hand books bought and sold.

Open Mon – Sat

12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Tel: 031 556 0624

Where can you find this notice?

- A. In a museum
- B. In a book shop
- C. In an art gallery
- D. In an antique shop

12. A note from a wife to her husband

Dear Bob,

There's meat, cheese, and tomatoes in the refrigerator. You know where the bread is. Enjoy your evening and I'll see you when I get home. Have a nice meal, but don't forget to clean up after yourself!

Love, Mary

What will Bob do?

- A. Prepare a meal for Mary
- B. Buy food for dinner
- C. Go to a restaurant
- D. Eat at home

13. From a guide book

Arabia, a land of mystery and legend, has attracted travellers for centuries. Today, the city of Jeddah invites you to discover why. The adventure of a desert safari. Sunny blue skies and clean, uncrowded beaches. Three fine golf courses. Super water sports. Luxury hotels and fine dining. Fabulous shopping and lively nightlife. Safe streets even at night. Discover all this and more in Jeddah.

The city of Jeddah _____.

- A. is a quiet place
- B. offers low prices
- C. is a dangerous place
- D. offers many attractions

14. From a book review

Jim Miller has collected an excellent guide that contains a lot of information about social programs, home safety and how to choose the best-assisted living centre. If you have aging friends or relatives, buy this book for them! It is never too early to learn about these things. We're all going to be there. Worth every penny.

Who is the book best for?

- A. Tourists
- B. Immigrants
- C. Senior citizens
- D. Homeless people

15. From a local newspaper

A new automated system will begin operating at the Portland International Airport parking lot beginning April 10. Customers may insert their parking ticket into a machine, and then put in a credit card to pay the amount shown. They will then take the stamped ticket and drive to a special exit, where they will insert it into another machine that operates the exit gate. The present exit will continue to operate as usual for those without credit cards.

This announcement informs customers about _____.

- A improved security
- B new parking space
- C payment alternatives
- D discount parking rates

16. From the news

Weight limits on a wooden bridge are forcing students to get off the school bus, walk over the bridge, then get back on after the bus makes it across. The weight limit for the one-lane bridge that crosses the Coeur d'Alene River here is 10 tons. The school buses weigh up to 9 tons without students. Parents are complaining that the situation cannot stand.

What does the article say about the bridge?

- A. It is in a bad condition.
- B. It will be repaired soon.
- C. School buses are not allowed there.
- D. Vehicles over ten tons cannot go over it.

17. An article from a magazine

An extract from the hibiscus flower could have the same health benefits for the heart as red wine and tea, researchers suggest. A team from the Medical University in Taiwan says the flower contains substances that help control cholesterol levels. They said animal studies showed the extract could reduce cholesterol in animals, so it may help humans.

What is the MAIN topic of this article?

- A. Various heart problems
- B. Studies of a healthy diet
- C. A new way to cure animals
- D. A natural healing substance

18. From the international news

Columbians have closed the last chapter of their revolution by celebrating the inauguration of their new 36-year-old president, Peter Oli. For Latin America's youngest head of state, the inauguration day started early. On Sunday morning, the president flew to western Columbia to attend military parades, greet crowds of cheering supporters and talk about his plans to reform Columbia. Just two months ago, Mr Oli led the so-called 'Rose Revolution', which ousted the former president. Outspoken, energetic president Oli won a decisive victory in presidential elections three weeks ago.

Which statement BEST characterizes the article?

- A. Columbia is entering a new era.
- B. Columbians like spectacular ceremonies.
- C. The new president has made a lot of changes.
- D. The new president was accused of corruption.

19. From a local Texas newspaper

Twelve sheep belonging to a rancher in Alavarez, Texas were killed last night by a stray dog. The sheep had an estimated market value of \$8000. "The dog got into the pasture through a hole in the fence while I was away and killed seven sheep and five lambs," said the rancher, Dick Bass. "It ran away when it heard my truck." Police, who later caught the dog, are now hoping to identify its owner, although the dog has no registration tag. "This is a dog no one here has seen before. It's possible that it swam across the river from Mexico," said Officer Frank Rizzo.

What is true according to the article?

- A. The dog ran away to Mexico.
- B. Mr. Bass tried to stop the dog.
- C. Mr. Bass's ranch was badly protected.
- D. The dog belonged to a rancher in Alavarez.

20. From a scientific magazine

Local sky watchers had to fight with rain clouds but could, at intervals, see the Moon hiding a part of the Sun. It is a phenomenon that will not be visible again on the continent for seven years. Viewers got protective glasses to look at the shadow from the roof of the Museum of Science.

This article is about _____.

- A. a rare event
- B. a weather forecast
- C. a virtual reality game
- D. a scientific exhibition

21. From a San Francisco newspaper

A man flashed a gun several times on a crowded commuter train in San Francisco, but passengers were so absorbed in their phones and tablets they didn't notice until the man shot and killed a university student, authorities said. Security video footage showed the gunman take out the .45-caliber pistol several times. Once he also wiped his nose with the hand holding the weapon. "These weren't hidden movements," police official George Gascon said. "These people are very close to the gunman, and nobody sees this. They're just so busy, texting and reading." San Francisco police officials say people who pay too much attention to digital technology are also victims of theft.

What happened on the train?

- A. A student died in a fight with a thief.
- B. Passengers did not see an armed robbery.
- C. Passengers did not notice a man with a gun.
- D. An armed man stole various digital devices.

22. From a New York newspaper

In a few frightening moments yesterday, an unidentified man walked into Herald Square, stabbed a man and ran at two others before five policemen jumped him, pulled him to the ground and took away his knife. "He seemed to be chasing people all over the park," said one witness. The victim, 21 year-old Dmitry Malayev of Uzbekistan, was on his way home from work when he decided to stop in the park for an ice cream. "He was talking to a girl there when he was attacked," witnesses told police. Mr. Malayev, a security guard, was at the time wearing a bulletproof vest, which prevented the injury from being much worse. The attacker was taken to Suffolk County jail for identification and questioning.

What is the BEST title for this article?

- A. Witnesses differ in versions of attack

- B. Jealous man kills girl's boyfriend
- C. Angry argument ends in violence
- D. Man held in unexplained attack

23. From a military magazine

The Spouse Networking Assistance Program was established as a pilot project. It assists husbands and wives of diplomats in Mexico and eight other countries in finding work outside the embassy. The project has created a strong network of companies operating locally that are interested in the skills of diplomats' partners. In only six months, the program has placed 13 of them, with diverse professional backgrounds from administrative assistants and teachers to accountants and consultants.

The program was started to _____.

- A. help failing marriages
- B. train in diplomatic abilities
- C. improve employees' safety
- D. make use of available skills

24. From the biography of a Hollywood movie producer

I was playing tennis with the director William Wilde in the late 30s, and I was trying to get him to give Bo Humphreys, who was still unknown, a part in *Katrina*. Wilde refused at first, but later I persuaded him. Then Humphreys came to me for help during filming, saying that Wilde was favoring the other actors. He said to me, "I don't need my hairpiece or any makeup; every scene is shot from the back of my head." So I went to see Mr. Wilde, and he promised he would change things. And he did. He started focusing more on Humphreys, shooting him full-face.

What did the movie producer want to do?

- A. Make an actor respect a director
- B. Improve an actor's technique
- C. Get an actor to look natural
- D. Support an actor's career

25. From the international news

A Turkish immigrant in Sweden, Mr. Chan Sahindal, killed his daughter because he did not like her modern way of life there. Mr. Sahindal said he had not planned the killing, but lost control when he met his daughter, Fadima, while she was secretly visiting her mother and sisters. He shot her before their eyes. Fadima had left her family home to escape her father and other male relatives who wanted her to marry in Turkey. Mr. Sahindal became angry because she was dating a local man.

Which is true about Fadima?

- A. She married a Swedish man.
- B. She wanted to return to Turkey.

- C. She was hiding in a secret place.
- D. She went against the men in her family.

26. From the international news

Self-defence instructor Nancy Smith passed through security screening at New York's La Guardia Airport with a stun gun and a knife in her purse. The woman later discovered the mistake herself and called the flight attendant over. The confused flight attendant told the pilot, who immediately radioed Denver Airport. Police officers met the woman as she got off the plane. She was released after questioning without being charged.

Which is true about the woman?

- A The police asked her questions during the flight.
- B The flight attendant reported her to the police.
- C She used a knife in self-defence on board.
- D She had forbidden objects in her purse.

27. From an encyclopaedia

A biographer usually chooses one of two kinds of subjects. He may write about a man who was important in his own time, such as George Washington. Or he may choose a man who is more important now than he was at the time of his death. For example, Samuel Pepys was only one of many English government officials. But he kept a diary that describes English court life of the 1660s. Because he was so typical of his time, and because his diary has so much information about him and about his time, Pepys has been the subject of several biographies.

What does the paragraph say about Samuel Pepys?

- A. His writing was popular in the 1660s.
- B. People are interested in his unusual life.
- C. His importance increased after his death.
- D. Writers compare his life to Washington's.

28. From a film magazine

For the first time film audiences will be able to rate films for the annual Lotus Film Awards (LFA) as soon as they walk out of the cinema, simply by sending a text message. The revolutionary system, developed by Newtech Interactive, integrates short message service (SMS) capabilities with the existing online rating system that in previous years has attracted around 65,000 scores in determining winners of LF Awards.

What is the MAIN idea of the news?

- A. Getting opinions about new films
- B. Increasing the number of film goers
- C. Reducing problems with mobile phone use
- D. Monitoring public opinion for the first time

29. From the biography of a well-known New Yorker

Being a restaurant owner, Mr. Harmon spent most of his days worrying about onion rolls and pancakes. But in the 1960s he used his training as a lawyer and his experience as a community activist, and became an outspoken leader of the opposition to plans to build an expressway across Manhattan's Lower East Side. Mr. Harmon said that such an expressway would destroy the neighborhood and result in traffic congestion, pollution, and the demolition of many buildings. The issue was debated for almost a decade until it was finally rejected in 1969. Mr Harmon's restaurant remains a local favourite.

What were the results of Mr. Harmon's activities?

- A. A proposed change did not take place.
- B. A second career gave him great wealth.
- C. Competing restaurants were closed down.
- D. Driving through Manhattan takes less time.

30. From an article in a British newspaper

The British St. Mary's School Choir was scheduled to tour the U.S.A. next month, but the tour was cancelled because five singers did not get tourist visas. All five are from mainland China. The director of St. Mary's School did not understand the reasons for the rejection. He wrote a letter to the U.S. Ambassador explaining that the trip was fully paid for, that it was part of the school curriculum, and that the singers would be monitored at all times. The U.S. Ambassador explained that the singers might try to stay in the country illegally.

What is true according to the article?

- A. The director tried to help the school choir.
- B. The school choir sent some students to China.
- C. The Chinese students planned to stay in the U.S.A.
- D. The U.S. Ambassador offered an alternative solution.

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