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ENGLISH 001

Two goats once meet in the middle of a wooden bridge over the river in a village. The bridge was so narrow that only one goat can pass across it at a time. "Go back," shouted the first goat in anger. "I am older than you," answered the other. "I will soon teach you a lesson, we shall know whose bones are stronger," challenged the first goat.

So angry did they become they started to push each other. This led to butting, and they continued to fight until at last, both of them fell into the river. Neither of them could swim, and so both of them drowned.

1. Where did goats meet? A. In the middle of the bridge B. under the narrow bridge C. at the end of the bridge D. over the river
2. What caused the argument between the two goats? A. the goats were foolish B. each goat wanted to be first C. the bridge was too narrow for both of them to cross D. the river was deep and narrow
3. Why did first goat order the other goat to go back? A. because the first goat was older B. it wanted to teach the other a lesson C. the first goat was in a hurry D. because the first goat was more foolish
4. Why did the second goat want to cross first? A. because it was very angry B. wanted to push the other C. because it was stronger D. to challenge the other
5. How did they try to settle the dispute? A. by teaching each other a lesson B. by fighting C. the first goat walked over the other D. both of them went back
6. What happened to them finally? A. they started to butt B. they wounded each other on the bridge C. they continued to fight D. both of them went back

Choose the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined statements or word

7. Had she asked me earlier, I might have been able to help him A. I employed him B. I did not employ him C. I did not employ her D. I employed neither of them
8. If he were to apologize, I would probably forgive him. A. I will not forgive him even if he apologizes B. if he apologizes, I will decide whether to forgive him or not C. I will definitely forgive him if he apologizes D. he will not apologize and I will not forgive him
9. his summary of the meeting was brief and to the point. A. careful B. precise C. accurate D. exact
10. publishers say that newsprint has become more expensive A. newspapers B. paper for printing C. printer's salaries and wages D. publishing news
11. one of the stages of the creative process of the incubation period. This refers to the period when A. the idea is firmly fixed through repetition B. the person suddenly comes upon the idea C. the person thinks over the idea D. the idea is given up
12. in spite of the loud, John soon managed to fall asleep. A. the loud music soon helped John to fall asleep B. John soon fell asleep as a result of the loud music C. the loud music made John despise sleep D. John soon fell asleep even though the music was loud

13. My school principal is getting old. His mates have been retired. But because of his zeal for work he has been retained. A. My school principal is strong B. my school principal is cheerful C. my school principal's activity at work is unparalleled D. my school principal is enthusiastic about his job

Choose the expression or words that best completes each sentence below

14. The bridge connecting the two cities was ___ by the enemy A. blown down B. blown up C. blown off D. blown out
15. By the end of this year ___ in this town for eleven years A. I'm living B. I'd be living C. I have lived D. I'll have lived
16. Walking down the street, ___ A. the boy was knocked down by car B. a car knocked the boy down C. a car collided with a boy D. the boy was knocked down by a car
17. She doesn't have to attend the lecture, ___ A. doesn't she? B. is she? C. has she? D. does she?
18. After our series of quarrels, it would be ___ to pretend that I have any more regard for him A. hypothetical B. essential C. inevitable D. hypocritical
19. If the company had any delay at customs office, it was ___ their own making A. at B. of C. from D. through

Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time correctly fill the gap in the sentence

20. The leader of the delegation was commended for the manner in which he handled the matter while their hosts were ___. A. applauded B. praised C. criticized D. sanctioned
21. Musa is very frugal whereas Audu is ___. A. miserly B. thrifty C. precocious D. extravagant
22. Taiwo's flamboyance and kehinde ___ often keep people wondering if they are really twins A. modesty B. arrogance C. timidity D. pretention
23. He was promoted for his efficiency, while his colleagues were demoted for ___ A. ability B. lateness C. incompetence D. capability
24. You should be ___ so as not to be caught unawares A. serious B. sober C. ready D. alert
25. The school authorities expected the contributions to be ___ rather than compulsory A. willful B. voluntary C. deliberate D. outright

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