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### Passage 4: Inuit Conflict Resolution: The Song Duel

The Inuit people live in Arctic regions of Canada, Alaska, and Greenland. They consider social harmony to be very important. When the Inuit need to resolve a conflict between two people, they use a unique method—a song duel. Song duels usually take place at festivals. They allow people who are having a disagreement to express their views publicly. However, the people don't shout and complain. Instead, they use singing, dancing, and comedy to make fun of each other and the whole situation. The winner of the duel is decided by the audience, based on skill and the ability to make everyone laugh. More importantly, song duels help people deal with bad situations in a fun and enjoyable way.

1. What is the primary purpose of the passage regarding the Inuit's conflict resolution method?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Identify the grammatical error in the sentence: 'The winner of the duel is decide by the audience.'

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Transform the sentence 'The Inuit people use a unique method for conflict resolution' into a passive structure.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What role does humor play in the Inuit's song duel, according to the passage?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Explain how song duels help resolve conflicts without escalating tension.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a feature of song duels?

- A. Singing and dancing
- B. Public participation
- C. Physical combat
- D. Use of humor
- E. Audience voting

7. Choose the correct form: 'Song duels (take/takes) place at festivals.'

- A. take
- B. takes

8. Which of the following best describes the overall tone of the passage?

- A. Informal
- B. Serious
- C. Light-hearted
- D. Aggressive
- E. Critical

9. What is the significance of audience participation in deciding the winner of a song duel?

- A. It adds excitement.
- B. It determines the winner.
- C. It promotes fairness.
- D. It enhances the entertainment.

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E. It is a mere formality.

10. Explain why song duels can be considered a form of non-violent conflict resolution.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Why does the author emphasize that song duels are enjoyable for the participants?

A. It reduces stress.

B. It provides clarity.

C. It helps ease tension.

D. It emphasizes fun.

E. It delays resolution.

12. What conclusion can be drawn about the Inuit's value on social harmony?

A. Social harmony is of utmost importance.

B. Conflict should be resolved through humor.

C. Violence is acceptable in rare cases.

D. Disagreements are often left unresolved.

E. Public opinion is always considered.

13. Rewrite the sentence 'Song duels are used to express disagreements publicly' in a different tense.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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14. What might be a consequence of using a more aggressive approach to conflict resolution, as implied by the passage?

A. Tensions might escalate.

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- B. The community would be divided.
- C. Disagreements would be resolved quickly.
- D. Conflicts would become personal.
- E. Social harmony would be preserved.

15. Based on the passage, how might modern societies benefit from adopting similar conflict resolution methods?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Explanations

1. The main point of the passage is to emphasize the importance of not reacting too quickly in stressful situations.
2. Quick responses can cause problems because technology allows for immediate communication, which may lead to thoughtless reactions.
3. For our ancestors, quick responses were crucial for survival in dangerous situations, such as attacks by wild animals.
4. The author shares a personal experience of making situations worse by responding too quickly in emails.
5. The phrase 'step back' implies taking a moment to calm down and reflect before reacting.
6. The author suggests handling stressful situations by taking a moment to pause and think before responding.
7. The author implies that technology, especially in communication, contributes to quick, unreflective responses.
8. Quick responses are less helpful today because most modern situations do not require immediate reactions for survival.
9. The author gives the example of responding too harshly in emails, which worsened the situation.
10. Taking time before reacting allows for more thoughtful and controlled responses, leading to better outcomes.
11. In digital communication, such as emails or texts, taking a moment to reflect before responding can prevent misunderstandings.
12. Dealing with the other person in a healthier manner refers to engaging in calm and thoughtful communication.

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13. The author advises slowing down and thinking before reacting, especially in stressful conversations.
14. A possible consequence of not following this advice is worsening the situation by reacting impulsively.
15. The author's tone is reflective and emphasizes the importance of mindful communication for better outcomes.