

A Choose the correct answer.

THE HISTORY OF WRITING

The development of writing (1) a huge difference to the world and we might see it as the beginning of the (2) Pieces of pottery with marks on that are probably numbers have been (3) in China that date from around 4000 BC. Hieroglyphics and other forms of 'picture writing' developed in the (4) around Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq), where the (5) Sumerian civilization was based, from around 3300 BC onwards. However, the first (6) alphabet was used by the Phoenicians around 1050 BC. Their alphabet had 22 letters and it is (7) that it lasted for 1000 years. The first two signs were called 'aleph' and 'beth', which in Greek became 'alpha' and 'beta', which gave us the (8) word 'alphabet'.

The modern European alphabet is based on the Greek and (9) to other European countries under the Romans. A number of changes took (10) as time (11) The Romans added the letter G, and the letters J and V were (12) to people in Shakespeare's time.

If we (13) the history of punctuation, we also find some interesting facts. The Romans used to write *quaesto* at the end of a sentence in (14) to show that it was a question. They started to write Qo in (15) of the whole word, and then put the Q above the o. In the end, that became the question mark '?'.

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| 1 | A did | B had | C made | D took |
| 2 | A media | B bulletin | C programme | D journalism |
| 3 | A invented | B displayed | C discovered | D appeared |
| 4 | A distance | B area | C length | D earth |
| 5 | A antique | B old-fashioned | C ancient | D dated |
| 6 | A true | B accurate | C exact | D precise |
| 7 | A observed | B measured | C counted | D estimated |
| 8 | A new | B trendy | C modern | D fashionable |
| 9 | A spread | B appeared | C was | D occurred |
| 10 | A place | B part | C control | D account |
| 11 | A spent | B passed | C went | D developed |
| 12 | A infamous | B unpopular | C unknown | D hidden |
| 13 | A look into | B bring on | C make off | D hold up |
| 14 | A turn | B fact | C order | D intention |
| 15 | A position | B space | C spot | D place |

(1 mark per answer)

B Choose the correct answer.

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| 16 | I was disappointed that the restaurant had flowers on the table.
A false C artificial
B untrue D forged | 19 | Grace thinks she's very , but I don't think many people like her, really.
A famous C recognisable
B known D popular |
| 17 | Sarah and Michael's seems to make both of them unhappy.
A connection C relationship
B bond D link | 20 | I glanced at the newspaper and saw that the said 'President Resigns'.
A headline C heading
B subtitle D chapter |
| 18 | Anybody found stealing from this shop will be
A prosecuted C provoked
B persuaded D persecuted | 21 | If our flight is delayed, will we our connection in Los Angeles?
A drop C lose
B miss D lack |