

Reading Comprehension

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READING

Directions:

This section contains several passages, each followed by a number of questions. Read the passages and, for each question, choose the one best answer-(A), (B), (C), or (D)-based on



what is stated in the passage or on what can be inferred from the passage. Then fill in the space on your answer sheet that matches the letter of the answer that you have selected.

Questions 1-8

Line 1 The Eiffel tower was built for the International
Exhibition of Paris of 1889 commemorating the
centenary of the French Revolution. The Prince of Wales,
later King Edward VII of England, opened it. Of the 700

Line 5 proposals submitted in a design competition, Gustave
Eiffel's was unanimously chosen. However it was not
accepted by all at first, and a petition of 300 names –
including those of Maupassant, Emile Zola, Charles
Garnier (architect of the Opéra Garnier), and Dumas
the Younger protested its construction. At 300 meters
(320.75 m including antenna), and 7,000 tons, it was
the world's tallest building until 1930.

1. If the Eiffel tower was built in 1889, it means that it will be_____ years old in 2012. *

- ☐ A. 122
- ☒ B. 123
- ☐ C. 133
- ☐ D. 143



2. What was the purpose of building Eiffel tower? *

- ☐ A. It was for French's Independent symbol.
- ☒ B. It was for the International Exhibition of Paris of 1889 commemorating the centenary of the French Revolution.
- ☐ C. It was for England Independent symbol.
- ☐ D. It was for friendship symbol between French and England.

3. The word its in line 10 refers to_____. *

- ☒ A. Eiffel tower
- ☐ B. Dumas the Younger
- ☐ C. Architect
- ☐ D. Emile Zola

4. The word it in line 4 refers to_____. *

- ☐ A. Prince of Wales
- ☐ B. French
- ☒ C. Eiffel tower
- ☐ D. King Edward VII



5. According to the passage, which statement is NOT true? *

- ☐ A. Eiffel tower is in Paris, French.
- ☐ B. Eiffel tower was the tallest tower until 1930.
- ☐ C. Eiffel tower is 300 meters.
- ☒ D. Eiffel tower is 700 tons.

6. The word protested in line 10 can be replaced by _____. *

- ☐ A. Supported
- ☒ B. Refused
- ☐ C. Avoid
- ☐ D. Contradicted

7. What is the passage talking about? *

- ☒ A. Eiffel tower's history
- ☐ B. The Prince of Wales
- ☐ C. French Revolution
- ☐ D. British Revolution



8. Who was the architect of the Opéra Garnier? *

- ☐ A. King Edward VII
- ☐ B. Emile Zola
- ☒ C. Charles Garnier
- ☐ D. Prince of Wales



Questions 9-18**Questions 9-18**

Line 1 The Quebec Bridge, located at mile 2.70, Bridge
Sub-division Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, was
considered the eighth "Wonder of The World", when
construction was completed in 1919. It is the longest
line 5 cantilever, steel railway bridge in the world. Its "sis- ter"
bridge is the Firth of Forth Bridge in Scotland. The
Quebec Bridge is a riveted steel structure with 8,000,000
square feet of coatable structural steel. The overall
length is 3239 feet and the width is 94 feet. The
line 10 bridge is 340 feet high, from the top of the cantilever to
the water below. Each cantilever span is 580 feet long.
The Quebec Bridge accommodates 1 rail line, 3
lanes of automotive traffic and 2 pedestrian walkways.
The Quebec Bridge was declared a historic monument
in 1987, by the Canadian & American Society of Civil
Engineers and a National Historic Site on January 24,
1996 by the Department of Canadian Heritage.



9. The word it in line 4 refers to _____. *

- ☒ A. The Quebec Bridge
- ☐ B. Quebec City
- ☐ C. Canada
- ☐ D. construction

10. According to the passage, the Firth of Forth Bridge in Scotland *
Is_____.

- ☐ A. The rival of the Quebec Bridge
- ☒ B. The sister bridge of the Quebec Bridge
- ☐ C. The brother bridge of the Quebec Bridge
- ☐ D. The duplicate of the Quebec Bridge

11. What is the passage talking about? *

- ☒ A. The Quebec Bridge
- ☐ B. Quebec City
- ☐ C. Canada
- ☐ D. Canadian



12. The Quebec Bridge was completed in 1919, it means that it will be_____ years old in 2019. *

- ☐ A. 90
- ☐ B. 99
- ☒ C. 100
- ☐ D. 109

13. According to the passage, when was the Quebec Bridge declared as a National Historic Site? *

- ☐ A. On January 24, 1969
- ☒ B. On January 24, 1996
- ☐ C. On January 24, 1978
- ☐ D. On January 24, 1987

14. The word each in line 11 can be replaced by_____. *

- ☐ A. Some
- ☐ B. Several
- ☒ C. Every
- ☐ D. All



15. According to the passage, "The overall length is 3239 feet". If one foot is 30 centimeters, it means the overall length is _____centimeters. *

- ☐ A. 97017
- ☒ B. 97107
- ☐ C. 97170
- ☐ D. 97710

16. According to the passage, which statement is true? *

- ☐ A. The Quebec Bridge is a riveted steel structure with 80,000,000 square feet of coatable structural steel.
- ☒ B. The Quebec Bridge accommodates 1 rail line, 2 lanes of automotive traffic and 3 pedestrian walkways.
- ☐ C. The Quebec Bridge was declared a historic monument in 1978.
- ☐ D. The Quebec Bridge is 340 feet high

17. Where in the passage does the author describe the Quebec Bridge's structure? *

- ☐ A. Line 12
- ☐ B. Line 3-4
- ☐ C. Line 4-5
- ☒ D. Line 7-8



18. Who did declare the Quebec Bridge as the historic monument in 1987? *

- ☒ A. The Canadian & American Society of Civil Engineers
- ☐ B. The Department of Canadian Heritage
- ☐ C. The Canadian Community
- ☐ D. The Prime Minister of Canada

Questions 19-26

Line 1 Umbilical cord blood, like bone marrow, contains
valuable stem cells that can be used to treat life-threat-
ening illnesses, such as leukemia, lymphoma, sickle
cell anemia, and immune deficiency and metabolic dis-
Line 5 eases. A baby's cord blood can be donated to a public
bank or stored at a private bank for future use in a
sibling or parent who has an illness that can be treated
by a cord blood transplant.

A number of both public and private banks exist
Line 10 that can store cord blood for future use. The Nation-
al Marrow Donor Program, which is overseen by the
U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration,
launched a program in October 2008 that provides
families affected by life-threatening diseases with the
opportunity to store a new baby's cord blood at no cost.



19. The word store in line 6 can be replaced by_____. *

- ☐ A. Distribute
- ☐ B. Service
- ☒ C. Save
- ☐ D. Sell

20. According to the passage, umbilical cord blood can be used to treat, except- *

_____.

- ☒ A. Heart attack
- ☐ B. Leukemia
- ☐ C. Lymphoma
- ☐ D. Immune deficiency

21. When is the National Marrow Donor Program launched? *

- ☐ A. October 1998
- ☐ B. December 1998
- ☐ C. December 2008
- ☒ D. October 2008



22. The word who in Line 7 refers to_____. *

- ☐ A. Blood
- ☐ B. Baby's cord blood
- ☒ C. A sibling or parent
- ☐ D. Public bank

23. According to the passage, which statement is NOT true? *

- ☐ A. Umbilical cord blood, like bone marrow, contains valuable stem cells.
- ☒ B. The National Marrow Donor Program, which is overseen by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, launched a program in October 2009.
- ☐ C. A baby's cord blood can be donated to a public bank or stored at a private bank.
- ☐ D. The National Marrow Donor Program provides families affected by life-threatening diseases with the opportunity to store a new baby's cord blood at no cost.

24. If the passage mentions that "Health Resources and Services Administration, *
launched a program in October 2008 that provides families affected by life-
threatening diseases with the opportunity to store a new baby's cord blood at no
cost." It means_____.

- ☒ A. The program is free
- ☐ B. The program needs a lot of money
- ☐ C. The program is only for rich people
- ☐ D. The program is not for poor men



25. What is the topic of the passage? *

- ☐ A. Umbilical cord blood
- ☒ B. Cord blood banking and donation
- ☐ C. Leukemia
- ☐ D. The National Marrow Donor Program

26. The word affected in line 14 has a close meaning with_____. *

- ☐ A. Pushed
- ☐ C. Gave
- ☐ B. Motivated
- ☒ D. Influenced



Questions 27-33

Line 1 The Great Buddha of Kamakura (Daibutsu in
Japanese) in Japan is a representation of Buddha
Amitaba the Lord of the Western Pure Land. The
bronze statue of Amita Buddha, which is worshipped
line 5 by the followers of the Pure Land sect of Buddhism
as a savior, was cast in 1252 and is Kamakura's most
important tourist site. Once housed in a huge hall, the
statue today sits in the open, the original temple having
been washed away by a tsunami in 1495. Cast in
line 10 bronze and weighing close to 850 tonnes, the statue
is 13.35 meter tall. The latest repairs to the Buddha
were completed in 1960. These strengthened the
neck and made it possible for the Buddha's body to
move freely on the base to prevent a damaging shock
to the statue in case of an earthquake.

27. According to the passage, what is the latest repair of Buddha for? *

- ☐ A. To strengthen the body.
- ☐ B. To make it possible for the Buddha's neck to move freely.
- ☒ C. To make it possible for the Buddha's body to move freely on the base to prevent a damaging shock to the statue in case of an earthquake.
- ☐ D. To prevent an earthquake.



28. The word which in Line 4 refers to_____. *

- ☐ A. The Great Buddha of Kamakura in Japan
- ☒ B. The bronze statue of Amita Buddha
- ☐ C. Japan
- ☐ D. The followers

29. The word completed in line 12 can be replaced by_____. *

- ☒ A. Finished
- ☐ B. Built
- ☐ C. Began
- ☐ D. Full

30. When was the original temple washed? *

- ☐ A. In 1954
- ☐ B. In 1945
- ☐ C. In 1594
- ☒ D. In 1495



31. How tall is the statue? *

- ☐ A. 13.53 meter tall
- ☒ B. 13.35 meter tall
- ☐ C. 15.33 meter tall
- ☐ D. 15.35 meter tall

32. According to the passage, which statement is NOT true? *

- ☐ A. Daibutsu is a representation of Buddha Amitaba, the Lord of the Western Pure Land.
- ☐ B. The bronze statue of Amita Buddha was cast in 1252.
- ☐ C. The latest repairs to the Buddha were completed in 1960.
- ☒ D. Cast in bronze and weighing close to 805 tonnes.

33. What is the passage talking about? *

- ☐ A. The Great Buddha of Kamakura in Japan
- ☒ B. The bronze statue of Amita Buddha
- ☐ C. The Pure Land sect of Buddhism
- ☐ D. Tsunami in 1495



Questions 34-41

Line 1 A heart attack happens if the flow of oxygen-rich blood to a section of heart muscle suddenly becomes blocked. Most heart attacks occur as a result of coronary heart disease (CHD). CHD is a condition
line 5 in which a waxy substance called plaque builds up inside of the coronary arteries. These arteries supply oxygen-rich blood to your heart.

When plaque builds up in the arteries, the condition is called atherosclerosis. The build up of plaque
line 10 occurs over many years. Eventually, an area of plaque can rupture (break open) inside of an artery. This causes a blood clot to form on the plaque's surface. If the clot becomes large enough, it can mostly or completely block blood flow through a coronary
Line 15 artery.

If the blockage isn't treated quickly, the portion of heart muscle fed by the artery begins to die. Healthy heart tissue is replaced with scar tissue. This heart damage may not be obvious, or it may cause severe or long-lasting problems.



34. What is the passage talking about? *

- ☒ A. Heart attack cause
- ☐ B. Type of blood
- ☐ C. Parts of heart
- ☐ D. A coronary artery

35. Where in the passage does the author explain about how heart attack happens? *

- ☐ A. Line 1-3
- ☐ B. Line 6-7
- ☒ C. Line 9-11
- ☐ D. Line 14-15

36. What is coronary heart disease? *

- ☐ A. It is a kind of heart attack.
- ☐ B. It is a condition in which a waxy substance called plaque builds up outside of the coronary arteries.
- ☒ C. It is a condition in which a waxy substance called plaque builds up inside of the coronary arteries.
- ☐ D. It is a blood clot to form on the plaque's surface.



37. According to the passage, what do arteries do? *

- ☐ A. These supply water to your body.
- ☒ B. These supply oxygen-rich blood to your heart.
- ☐ C. These supply blood to your body.
- ☐ D. These pump the blood to your head.

38. The author mentions when plaque builds up in the arteries, the condition is called _____. *

- ☐ A. Sclerosis
- ☐ B. Heart attack
- ☐ C. CHD
- ☒ D. Atherosclerosis

39. The word this in line 18 refers to _____. *

- ☐ A. Heart
- ☐ B. Damage
- ☐ C. Heart damage
- ☒ D. Scar tissue



40. The word obvious can be replaced by_____. *

- ☐ A. Understand
- ☒ B. Clear
- ☐ C. Complete
- ☐ D. Gorgeous

41. According to the passage, which statement is NOT true? *

- ☒ A. The build up of plaque occurs for a moment.
- ☐ B. A heart attack happens if the flow of oxygen-rich blood to a section of heart muscle suddenly becomes blocked.
- ☐ C. If the clot becomes large enough, it can mostly or completely block blood flow through a coronary artery.
- ☐ D. Healthy heart tissue is replaced with scar tissue.



Questions 42-47

Line1 Diabetes is really a serious condition of the
glands, associated with pancreas to be exact, called
Madhumeha within Ayurveda. It is among the majority
of insidious disorders of the metabolism and, if left
line 5 undiagnosed, may lead to rapid emaciation and eventually
death.

According to Ayurveda, diabetic issues is actually
of two sorts: Diabetic issues Mellitus- Blood insulin
reliant Juvenile Diabetes (IDDM-Type I) when the
line 10 physique is not able to create blood insulin; and Non Blood
insulin Dependent Adult Beginning Diabetes (NIDDM- Type II)
where the pancreas will produce insulin, but
it's actually inadequate for reducing the blood glucose
to normal amounts.

42. What is the passage talking about? *

- ☒ A. Diabetes types
- ☐ B. IDDM-type I
- ☐ C. NIDDM-Type II
- ☐ D. Madhumeha



43. According to the passage, how many types does diabetes have? *

- ☐ A. One
- ☒ B. Two
- ☐ C. Three
- ☐ D. Four

44. If someone cannot produce blood insuline, he must be attacked by_____. *

- ☒ A. IDDM-Type I
- ☐ B. NIDDM-Type II
- ☐ C. Non Blood insulin Dependent Adult Beginning Diabetes
- ☐ D. Diabetic issues Mellitus- Blood insulin reliant Juvenile Diabetes

45. According to the passage, the statements below are correct, *except*_____. *

- ☐ A. Diabetes is really a serious condition of the glands, associated with pancreas to be exact
- ☒ B. According to Ayurveda Diabetic issues is actually of three sorts
- ☐ C. IDDM-Type I is when the physique is not able to create blood insulin
- ☐ D. Non Blood insulin Dependent Adult Beginning Diabetes is also called as NIDDM-Type II



46. The word it in line 13 refers to_____. *

- ☐ A. Blood
- ☐ B. Glucose
- ☐ C. Insulin
- ☒ D. Diabetes

47. The word reducing in line 10 has a close meaning with_____. *

- ☒ A. Decreasing
- ☐ B. Minus
- ☐ C. Loosing
- ☐ D. Increasing



Questions 48-50

Line 1 Blossoming Chestnut Branches' is a very late
van Gogh. Vincent painted it sometime after he
arrived in Auvers-sur-Oise on May 21, 1890, but before
the chestnut trees had stopped flowering. Here he had
line 5 broken a few blooming chestnut branches off and ar-
ranged them in a vase with some light pink rhododen-
drons. The resultant painting is bold in composition,
color and brushwork, yet fragile in its subject matter.

Vincent presented this as a gift to Paul Gachet
Line 10 (1828-1909), the homeopathic physician with whom
he was staying. The artist had specifically come to
Auvers-sur-Oise on the advice of his brother, Theo,
to receive treatment from Gachet. Unfortunately, van
Gogh soon doubted that even the artistic, artist-friendly
Gachet would be of any help and wrote as much to
Theo. And by the end of July, a scant two months
later, he was gone.

48. What is the topic of the passage? *

- ☒ A. Van Gogh's painting 'Blossoming Chesnut Branches'
- ☐ B. Vincent Van Gogh
- ☐ C. Paul Gachet
- ☐ D. The homeopathic physician



49. The word it in line 2 refers to_____. *

- ☐ A. The painter
- ☒ B. Blossoming Chesnut Branches
- ☐ C. Van Gogh
- ☐ D. Auvers-sur-Oise

50. Where did Van Gogh get inspiration of the painting? *

- ☐ A. At his house
- ☐ B. In Auvers-sur-Oise
- ☒ C. On the way to Auvers-sur-Oise
- ☐ D. At a museum

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