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(A)

### Finland's Education System

- ◊ English is the most commonly taught foreign language.
- ◊ Everyone has equal educational opportunities.
- ◊ There is a maximum of 20 students in each class.
- ◊ Finnish students have a short school day.
- ◊ Children under 7 learn by playing rather than being stuck in a classroom all day.
- ◊ Students have less homework compared to those in other countries.
- ◊ Students are taught to apply knowledge rather than merely gain it.
- ◊ Students enjoy free food at school, and tuition is also free.
- ◊ Free transportation is offered to students who live in remote areas.

1. What is the purpose of this passage?
  - (A) To praise a great Finnish educator.
  - (B) To explain how to apply to a school in Finland.
  - (C) To help students in Finland.
  - (D) To introduce the education system of Finland.
2. Which of the following is NOT true about Finland's education system?
  - (A) Local students have no homework at all.
  - (B) It is impossible to have 22 students in a class.
  - (C) Most Finnish students' second language is English.
  - (D) Students don't have to pay for food at school.
3. Based on the list above, what can we infer about Finnish students?
  - (A) They are all used to learning in very large classes.
  - (B) They don't have to worry about how to get to school.
  - (C) They mostly prefer foreign teachers to local ones.
  - (D) They spend more time at school than students in other countries.

(B) Do you have 18 minutes of free time? If so, why not use it to watch a TED Talk? One of the best recent TED Talks is *The Secrets of Learning a New Language* by Lýdia Machová. Lýdia Machová is a language expert from Slovakia. She is also a "polyglot," a person who can speak several languages. At the beginning of her talk, she mentions that she is currently learning her eighth **one!** She then says that people often ask her how she does it. Her usual reply used to be, "I just love it." However, after asking other polyglots for their opinion, she came up with a better answer.

Through discussions with several other polyglots, a common theme became clear. They had all found ways to enjoy the language-learning process. Whether it was using apps or cooking with the help of foreign recipes, they all had ways to make it fun. To conclude her talk, Machová argues that **adopting** effective learning methods, developing a good system for practice, exercising patience, and, most importantly, making it all fun are the true secrets of learning a new language.

4. What does "one" in the first paragraph refer to?
  - (A) Talk.
  - (B) School.
  - (C) Language.
  - (D) Grade.
5. What is NOT mentioned by Lýdia as a secret of learning a new language?
  - (A) Effective learning methods.
  - (B) Fun in learning.
  - (C) Patience and practice.
  - (D) Time and energy.
6. Which of the following is NOT true?
  - (A) Lýdia Machová is a language expert.
  - (B) Lýdia Machová comes from Slovakia.
  - (C) A polyglot is a person who can speak several languages.
  - (D) The language-learning process isn't fun for polyglots.
7. What does the word "**adopt**" in the second paragraph mean?
  - (A) To start to use something.
  - (B) To give up on something.
  - (C) To take a short break.
  - (D) To raise a child.

(C) TED Talks is a perfect way to inspire yourself to improve both personally and professionally. One video, in particular, that has touched many people is from a man named Simon Sinek on "How Great Leaders Inspire Action." In his speech, Sinek discusses the importance of **figuring out** the "why" or reasons behind what you do before even thinking about the methods of "how" or "what." He stresses that **this** is equally important to the job and to yourself. Before you decide what it is that you want to do, you must know the factors that motivate you to do so and the ideas that inspire you. Once you are able to **figure out** those factors, your career and your life will have a purpose, which helps you keep working towards your goal. Better yet, you'll be able to inspire others more effectively.

8. Which of the following is the key word in Sinek's speech?
  - (A) Discussion.
  - (B) Career.
  - (C) Motivation.
  - (D) Planning.
9. What does "this" refer to in the passage?
  - (A) The methods of "how" or "what."
  - (B) Having a discussion.
  - (C) Knowing why we do certain things.
  - (D) Simon Sinek's speech.

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11. What does the phrase “**figure out**” mean?

- (A) To achieve one's goal.      (B) To understand something after a lot of thought.  
(C) To hold a conference.      (D) To communicate with other people formally.

**(D)** In 1848, a conference about women's rights was held in Seneca Falls, New York. Although this was not the first meeting in support of women's rights, it is considered by historians to be the start of the movement in the US. At that time, politicians were often not willing to listen to women because women could not vote. Therefore, over time, women realized they needed to fight for the right to vote in order to improve their situation.

For the next fifty years, under leaders such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, women appealed to\* Congress\* and to the public. Then, early in the twentieth century, both the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) and the National Woman's Party (NWP) worked to convince President Wilson and Congress to give women the right to vote. In 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution\* was passed, finally granting women the right to vote. To this day, the victory is considered one of the most significant achievements for the women of the US.

\* appeal to 請願；上訴 \* Congress *n.* 國會 \* Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution 第 19 條憲法修正案

12. What is this passage about?

  - (A) The history of the US.
  - (B) The achievements of the US government.
  - (C) Important female politicians.
  - (D) The struggle for women's rights.



14. What does the word "**convince**" mean in the second paragraph?  
(A) Punish.      (B) Understand.      (C) Persuade.      (D) Ch

15. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?

  - (A) Both NAWSA and NWP struggled for women's right to vote.
  - (B) In 1848, the first meeting in support of women's rights was held in Seneca Falls.
  - (C) The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution was passed in 1920.
  - (D) When women could not vote, politicians were often not willing to listen to them.

(E) When Jim was 22 years old, he led a wonderful life. Playing sports was his favorite. However, one day, when he was going home from his office, a drunk driver drove through a red light and hit him. Jim woke up two days later in the hospital with both of his legs gone. Because of this accident, Jim became sad and saw no hope for the future.

Later on, while he was still in the hospital, Jim read a news report about wheelchair athletes playing basketball. This news made him decide to learn more about that league (聯盟). Jim then went to the gym and watched the wheelchair athletes play basketball. After watching the game, Jim decided to join the league.

Jim's friends in the league helped him deal with the suffering he had experienced. He stopped feeling so sad about losing his legs. Before long, he became energetic again and felt better about his life.



17. Jim lost both of his legs because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) he was sent to the hospital  
(B) he was hit by a car driven by a drunk driver  
(C) he drove after he drank wine  
(D) he got hurt when he played basketball

18. How did Jim learn about the league for wheelchair athletes?

  - (A) He read a new report about it.
  - (B) A doctor in the hospital told him about it.
  - (C) He had watched a program about the league before the accident.
  - (D) A basketball player shared the information with him.

19. Which of the following is NOT true?

  - (A) Jim enjoyed playing sports.
  - (B) At first, Jim was depressed about losing his legs.
  - (C) Jim founded a league for wheelchair athletes.
  - (D) Jim learned about the wheelchair athletes when he was in the hospital.

20. What does the word "**suffering**" in the last paragraph mean?  
(A) Sport.      (B) Accident.      (C) Energy.      (D) Pain.