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() 13. What is the passage mainly about?

- (A) Why people should do research on most things.
(B) Why people should make use of pictures.
(C) How important images are for people.
(D) How to write successful articles.

() 14. What does “**them**” in the third sentence refer to?

- (A) Focus. (B) Interest. (C) Pictures. (D) Words.

() 15. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?

- (A) It seems that people do not have any emotional reactions when they see pictures.
(B) Research shows that words can express messages more effectively than images.
(C) Sharing personal experiences might be useful to catch other people’s attention.
(D) Brains process pictures faster than dealing with words.

(4) People have used seaweed for food and medicine for thousands of years. It is usually associated with the countries of East Asia, such as Japan and Korea, but people in the British Isles and Scandinavia also have a long tradition of eating seaweed. Today, the popularity of seaweed is growing around the world as people learn more about how versatile and healthy it is.

Either on its own or with other ingredients, seaweed can be found in many types of food dishes. Sushi wrappers are made of seaweed, and it acts as a healthy substitute for lettuce in salads. Some types can even be made into noodles, which are rich in important minerals like calcium. In addition, seaweed can be used to obtain chemicals that help other food products, such as yogurt and salad dressing, stay fresh longer.

Scientists believe that some types of seaweed can also be valuable as sources for medicine. Many types can be known to provide iodine, which is used to treat thyroid problems, and some types can lower blood pressure. New scientific studies suggest that certain seaweed may even contain compounds that help kill cancer cells, bacterial infections, and HIV.

While many of its health benefits are still unknown, seaweed’s popularity continues to grow throughout the world. Because it is common and easily accessible along many of the

world’s coasts, seaweed has the potential to provide more people with a substantial source of food and medicine.

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() 16. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

- (A) Valuable Medicine (B) Healthy Seaweed
(C) Mysterious East Asia (D) The most Popular Food in the World

() 17. According to the passage, which of the following places does NOT have the tradition of eating seaweed?

- (A) The British (B) Japan (C) Korea (D) Switzerland

() 18. Seaweed is widely used in food dishes except in _____.

- (A) noodles (B) sausages (C) salad (D) sushi

() 19. How can seaweed help yogurt stay fresh longer?

- (A) Seaweed wrappers act like protective clothing for the yogurt.
(B) Seaweed release iodine, reacting with thyroid in yogurt.
(C) Seaweed cats a substitute for lettuce.
(D) Seaweed can be used to obtain certain chemicals to keep it fresh.

() 20. According to the passage, iodine can be used to treat _____.

- (A) thyroid problems (B) bacterial infection
(C) high blood pressure (D) cancer