

Hassabis, in fact, had long dreamt about AlphaGo's victory against Lee Sedol, but his ambitions stretch far beyond the Go board. Hassabis said he was on a mission to "solve intelligence, and then use that to solve everything else—from cancer and climate change to energy and physics." Coming from almost anyone else, that statement would be (12) _____; from him, however, not so much.

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| 1. A. took up | B. took on | C. took away | D. took to |
| 2. A. committed | B. restricted | C. applied | D. owed |
| 3. A. concerned | B. keen | C. thrilled | D. reluctant |
| 4. A. linked | B. introduced | C. devoted | D. assigned |
| 5. A. narrow | B. crucial | C. challenging | D. flexible |
| 6. A. dissatisfied with | B. ignorant of | D. aware of | |
| 7. A. uninterrupted | B. analysed | C. processed | D. unstructured |
| 8. A. predictions | B. mistakes | C. highlights | D. significance |
| 9. A. Rather | B. However | C. Therefore | D. Furthermore |
| 10. A. train | B. prompt | C. relate | D. schedule |
| 11. A. affected | B. assessed | C. enhanced | D. exceeded |
| 12. A. reliable | | B. understandable | |
| C. laughable | | D. considerable | |

Section B Read the passage and choose the best answer to each question.

In the mountains of northern Turkey, you might hear the strains of whistling on the breeze. It sounds like birdsong, complete with *trills*, *chirrup*s and *lilting whistles* (颤声、唧唧声和轻快的口哨声). But this whistling is entirely human. And, for around 10,000 villagers in a town there, it's a highly efficient form of communication.

Using only their fingers, tongue, teeth, lips and cheeks, people can quickly convey messages to one another with whistled language. They use it to say things as simple as "okay," or as complicated as "Would you like to harvest?"

whistled languages in need of protection. Neapolitan pizza shop recently added to the list as well. UNESCO hopes that this recognition will help inspire and motivate the people still able to use the language and help them pass it on and safeguard it for future generations.

In Kuşköy, there is an annual Bird Language Festival. People come together there to practice, improve and share in their heritage. For the people, the head of the local Bird Language Cultural Association, having their cultural treasure on the world stage has been more than just as a dream come true."

- (13) 13. What can be learned about the whistled language?
- A. Its vocabulary has been found to stop evolving.
 - B. Its sounds help people to communicate more efficiently.
 - C. It is a kind of birdsong which is commonly used around the world.
 - D. Young men have a good command of it for its practical use.
- (14) 14. Why is the whistled bird language disappearing in Turkey?
- A. A new kind of whistled language is created and widely used.
 - B. Young people feel it too difficult to learn the language.
 - C. It becomes easier for people to reach remote places.
 - D. People prefer to enjoy more individual privacy.
- (15) 15. What does the word **proficient** in paragraph 4 mean?
- A. Educated.
 - B. Enthusiastic.
 - C. Powerful.

Notes

Revision

13 16. What is the purpose of people in Kuşköy holding an annual Bird Language Festival?

- A. To create a chance to gather together and have fun.
- B. To promote the language and prolong its existence.
- C. To attract the attention from UNESCO and gain its help.
- D. To have their dying language put into the list for protection.

Section C Read the passage and complete it by using the sentences in the box. Each sentence can only be used once. Note that there are two more sentences than you need.

- A. The researchers asked the participants what they thought the emojis meant, how they would describe them and how they might use them.
- B. This universal expression gains the popularity because it is easy to use and understand.
- C. The researchers suggested people be careful when they are expressing themselves using emojis.
- D. It will cost them a lot of efforts to truly understand what our emoji texts exactly mean.
- E. However, this universal expression may have one big problem: No one can agree on exactly what is being said when we send each other emojis.
- F. It's impossible to know for sure how they are going to interpret our emoji texts.

Lost in Emoji Translation

Emojis, the little faces and characters that can be added to our texts, emails and chat messages, form a language of their own. *The Oxford Dictionaries* went so far as to name one emoji its Word of the Year in 2015. It described the Japanese-born characters as "a form of expression that is able to cross language barriers."

(17) 5 A new study from a group of computer scientists at the University of Minnesota found that people interpret emojis in very different ways.

In the study, researchers talked to 334 people across the US. They analysed 22 emojis from Apple, Microsoft, and Huawei. (18) 14

- They found that about 25 percent of the time, even when people are viewing the same emoji on exactly the same kind of device, they disagree about whether the emotion being conveyed is positive, negative or neutral. Add in the fact that emojis can show up very differently depending on what kind of phone our friends have. (19) 1

One of the most confusing emojis turned out to be the "toothy face with smiling eyes." People in the study described the Apple one as "ready to fight." Even among Apple users, however, people can't seem to agree. (20) C Sometimes, just words or old-fashioned emoticons like :- (and :-) work better!

SUMMARY WRITING

Read the paragraph. Summarise its main idea in no more than 30 words. Use your own words as far as possible.

Thousands of the current living languages are spoken by native individuals. Because these languages are usually only spoken at home by older generations and not typically taught in schools, children do not become fluent speakers. Additionally, once these children become adults, they are less likely to need knowledge of the indigenous language in their daily lives and...