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TEST 1

I. For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

THE WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATES

Belgium likes to think of itself as the home of the finest chocolate in the world. If this ...(1) is true, then the Place du Grand Sablon in Brussels must be the centre of the chocolate world. The square is not far from the city's Museum of Fine Arts and some of the country's ...(2) chocolate shops can be found there ,.....(3) such internationally famous names as Wittamer, Godiva and Marcolini.

Marcolini is the most recent arrival in the square and is ...(4) regarded as the most fashionable chocolate-maker in Belgium. The designers of the company's shop have evidently been(5) up ideas from Emporio Armani a few doors down. The Marcolini shop has black walls, a white floor and staff who ...(6) black and white shirts and resemble fashion models ...(7) salespeople.

As ...(8) as the chocolates are concerned, these are displayed in impressive glass cases. Once you've ...(9) your selection , you go over to the counter to pay , and get a wonderful close-up ...(10) of a flowing fountain of melted chocolate. Some Belgians would ...(11) that the best examples of the

country's skill at chocolate-making are the small chocolates called pralines. These have a hard outer shell of chocolate around a softer filling that ...(12) in a variety of flavours. It was these that I decided to try.

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| 1. A accusation | B claim | C demand | D challenge |
| 2. A leading | B winning | C ruling | D beating |
| 3. A involving | B enrolling | C enclosing | D including |
| 4. A wholly | B greatly | C widely | D deeply |
| 5. A catching | B picking | C getting | D copying |
| 6. A carry | B wear | C dress | D clothes |
| 7. A instead | B better | C whereas | D rather |
| 8. A soon | B far | C long | D well |
| 9. A done | B achieved | C made | D arrived |
| 10. A view | B scene | C sight | D look |
| 11. A suggest | B remind | C persuade | D inform |
| 12. A goes | B offers | C comes | D gains |

II. For questions 13-20 complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

13. Eating on buses isn't allowed.

(SUPPOSED) Youon buses

14. Shall I do the washing up?

(ME) Wouldthe washing up?

15. This medicine works best if taken in the morning.

(MUST) For this medicine to be effective ,.....in the morning.

16. When did you start playing the guitar?

(BEEN) How.....the guitar?

17. I don't feel like going out.

(MOOD) I am.....going out.

18. You shouldn't have been rude to your boss.

(FOOLISH) It wasrude to your boss.

19. I'm sure Tom hasn't fixed the fax machine yet.

(HAVE) Tomthe fax machine yet.

20. Sophie hasn't been to a party for a month.

(LAST) It's a montha party.

III. Fill each blank with a word derived from the one written in capitals .

21. Our trip to Swansea was very (TIRE), as it took us five hours to reach the city.

22. Sally isn't (INTEREST) in science fiction.

23. Yesterday was (CERTAIN) one of the most boring days at work.

24. What a very (ORIGIN) plot!

25. Joe doesn't like (DETECT) stories.

26. Nobody found her joke (AMUSE).

27. I entered the (COMPETE) but I didn't win.

28. My brother was (FURY) when I told him I'd taken his car without asking.

29. This is a really (SIGNIFY) issue. You have to think about it.

30. My friend Angie is very (AMBITION).

She wants to be a famous artist one day.

IV. Write a story beginning with the sentence:

"Snowflakes were falling like tears from Heaven's eyes"

(200 words)

TEST 2

I. Choose the correct word:

1. It's not a good idea to.....unnecessary risks.

A. make B. have C. take

2. I..... cycling by accident, but once I had started , I loved it.

A. got by B. got over C. got into

3..... you hurry, you will be late for school.

A. Unless B. Providing C. Supposing

4. They.... on paying for the meal.

A. claimed B. demanded C. insisted

5. If you..... your room, you may go out to play.

A. tidied B. had tidied C. have tidied

6. Alison apologized forJane's birthday.

A. forgetting B. to forget C. forget

7. He wasn't wearing a coat.....it was very cold.

A. whereas B. even though C. despite

8. If I had a bigger flat, I.....a party.

A. have B. will have C. would have

9. By the time the rain stopped, we.....two pots of tea.

A. have drunk B. had drunk C. had been drinking

10. When we lived by the sea, we.....to swim every day.

A. were used B. used C. got used

II. Rephrase the following sentences using the word given, so that the meaning stays the same. Do not change the word given. You must use between two to five words, including the word given.

1. Their normal business was continued after a short break.

ON After a short break, they.....their normal business.

2. She may contact him by phone this afternoon.

THAT It.....she will contact him by phone this afternoon.

3. There is no chance that Peter was in the house at the time of the robbery.

HAVE Peter can't.....in the house at the time of the robbery.

4. The technician solved the computer problem immediately.

DEALT The computer problem..... by the technician.

5. He said the accident was my fault.

BLAMED Hethe accident.

6. I prefer watching football to playing it.

RATHER Iplay it.

7. "It was me who broke the window", said Steven

ADMITTED Steven.....the window.

8. The film was so funny, that we laughed all the way through.

SUCH It..... that we laughed all the way through.

9. No one understood me when I tried to explain the problem.

MYSELF I couldn't.....when I tried to explain the problem.

10. It is possible that she has forgotten the arrangements.

MAY Shethe arrangements.

III. Form a word derived from the word in capitals that best fits each space:

1. Mario's friendship is really.....to me. **VALUE**

2. Couples often break up if one of them becomes very
FAME

3. At first I thought Tracey was..... but then I realised she was just shy. **FRIEND**

4. My parents are very....of me, and encourage me to try new things. **SUPPORT**

5. It's very.....to go without breakfast. **HEALTH**

6. The show was really..... **ENJOY**

7. The volunteers had to live on a desert island as a test of..... **SURVIVE**

8. Text messages use..... to save time and space.

ABBREVIATE

9. Peter thinks that a lot of the about the future are wrong. **PREDICT**