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• Reading Comprehension Assessment

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Summer

Summer is the best season of all. It is much better than fall, winter, and spring. They are colder, darker, and duller than summer.

The bright summer sunshine makes the weather pleasant. The sunshine spreads the sun's energy. Animals grow. Flowers bloom. The energy gets stored in the air, water, and ground. Slowly, it escapes and produces heat. Then **temperatures** rise.



Summer days are long. In June, July, and August, there are more hours of sunlight than darkness. The sun rises early. It stays in sky a long time. People can play more and sleep less.

On summer days, there are lots of fun things to do outside. It is fun to swim in ponds. It is fun to jump over ropes in the yard. It is fun to chase kites in a park.

Unlike the summer, the weather in the fall and winter is unpleasant. During the fall, temperatures change a lot. In late September, days can be cool or warm. By November, temperatures are low most of the time. Fall can even have freezing weather. Freezing weather is especially common in the winter. Winter weather can be awful.

Though spring is warmer than winter, it is also wetter. People who forget their umbrellas get soaked when they go outside. To stay dry, many people stay inside. People also stay inside because it is cloudy. In the spring, the sun stays out longer than in the fall and winter, but you may not see any sunshine. Frequent springtime rainclouds hide the sun.

- 1) The information in paragraph 2 helps us understand that **temperatures** tell us about
 - A. sleep
 - B. fun
 - C. exercise
 - D. heat**

- 2) Using the information in paragraph 4, we can understand that the author would most likely enjoy which of the following activities?
 - A. riding a bicycle**
 - B. eating a picnic
 - C. watching the ocean
 - D. reading a newspaper

- 3) According to the passage, when is the sun hidden?
 - A. winter
 - B. spring**
 - C. summer
 - D. fall

KEY

1. only / in / the village / it / restaurant / is / the
It is the only restaurant in the village.
2. surprised / very / yesterday / see / I / to / him / was
I was very surprised to see him yesterday.
3. so / it / didn't / a / day / I / was / very / much / sunny / work.
It was a sunny day, so I didn't work very much.
4. badly / the / by the police / treated / prisoner / was
The prisoner was treated badly by the police.
5. whenever / terrible / match / I / I / a / lose / feel
I feel terrible whenever I lose a match.
Whenever I lose a match I feel terrible.
6. more / than / a / is / a / tiger / dangerous / lion
A tiger is more dangerous than a lion.
A lion is more dangerous than a tiger.
7. in the city / shops / close / some / late / very
Some shops in the city close very late.
8. was / the / cheaper / I / thought / than / bike
The bike was cheaper than I thought.
11. next / reopening / Monday / is / the museum
The museum is reopening next Monday.
13. because / are / in the garden / dirty / she / her / hands / worked
Her hands are dirty because she worked in the garden.
14. of the year / month / is / coldest / January / usually / the
January is usually the coldest month of the year.
15. try / should / I / you / to / think / more / relax
I think you should try to relax more.



● Sentence Completion 4 *(high-beginning level)*

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

- I read some _____ news this morning: there was an earthquake in China.
A. wonderful
B. good
C. funny
D. bad
- Jenny has a fever and a headache. She is _____.
A. crazy
B. sick
C. old
D. healthy
- The circus clowns make Rafael laugh very hard. They are _____.
A. hilarious
B. sad
C. boring
D. angry
- Max loves to eat sweets. For this reason, he always orders _____.
A. dessert
B. lunch
C. dinner
D. French fries
- The game is _____. It only has two rules.
A. complicated
B. exciting
C. simple
D. long
- Mom wanted to be _____, so she gave each child the same amount of candy.
A. cruel
B. fair
C. honest
D. pretty
- If you want to be a great athlete, you have to _____.
A. run
B. practice
C. study
D. win
- The bridge is too _____. The construction workers need to _____ it so that cars can pass underneath.
A. high ... lower
B. strong ... weaken
C. low ... raise
D. empty ... fill
- Although ants are tiny, they can lift very _____ objects.
A. fragile
B. soft
C. big
D. round
- The car is _____. We bought it last week.
A. ugly
B. small
C. expensive
D. new



● Sentence Completion 5 (high-beginning level)

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

- The children are _____ because they are playing a game.
A. careful
B. bored
C. happy
D. scared
- The pigs on our farm eat table scraps mixed with corn and milk. Pigs love it, but to me it seems _____.
A. disgusting
B. delicious
C. tasty
D. interesting
- The big dog _____ me. He is very _____.
A. likes ... friendly
B. hates ... large
C. loves ... mean
D. scares ... sweet
- Ben's watch was very _____. It did not cost much, and after two days it stopped working.
A. huge
B. cheap
C. expensive
D. fancy
- Kevin is _____. He always does his homework and his chores. He even watches his little brother for his mom when she is busy.
A. kind
B. funny
C. smart
D. responsible
- Mary is _____, but Jill is just the opposite. Jill is _____.
A. happy ... crazy
B. interesting ... entertaining
C. silly ... serious
D. ridiculous ... sweet
- Amy only likes small animals. She has a hamster, two birds, and three _____. She doesn't have any _____.
A. giraffes ... dogs
B. elephants ... pigs
C. fish ... mice
D. cats ... horses
- The woman drank all of the water from the bottle. There is nothing left in it. The bottle is _____.
A. dusty
B. empty
C. full
D. thirsty
- The guests had a _____ time at the party. Every one of them said that they had a wonderful time and would love to be invited back again.
A. boring
B. terrible
C. terrific
D. sad
- Sarah accidentally dropped the _____ glass, and it broke into many pieces when it hit the floor.
A. hard
B. fragile
C. tough
D. thick



● Sentence Completion 1 *(low-intermediate level)*

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Despite his **shy** personality, Carlos can be rather **outgoing** sometimes.
A. nervous ... awkward
B. strange ... weird
C. shy ... outgoing
D. funny ... entertaining
2. I wanted to _____ the race, but my friends encouraged me to _____ running.
A. lose ... stop
B. **quit ... continue**
C. win ... begin
D. watch ... start
3. My doctor said that I need more exercise, so I _____ the time I spend _____.
A. **increased ... running**
B. continued ... eating
C. passed ... sleeping
D. decreased ... jogging
4. Keisha _____ the salesman's offer because the price was _____.
A. accepted ... high
B. **rejected ... unfair**
C. took ... expensive
D. considered ... terrible
5. Tom decided not to go to school when he was _____. Instead, he rested all day to recover.
A. young
B. intelligent
C. athletic
D. **sick**
6. Many people think rabbits love to eat carrots, but they actually _____ lettuce.
A. hate
B. consume
C. grow
D. **prefer**
7. Although it is _____ outside, Quincy is not wearing a _____.
A. cool ... hat
B. warm ... scarf
C. hot ... shirt
D. **cold ... jacket**
8. Brian was worried that he would be late for school, so he _____ out the front door.
A. wandered
B. **ran**
C. danced
D. drove
9. Samantha _____ the test to get her driver's license. She will try again tomorrow.
A. noticed
B. took
C. passed
D. **failed**
10. Sherita can play soccer very well. She is _____.
A. **talented**
B. pretty
C. clumsy
D. smart