Read the entire passage carefully and then answer the questions. (Note: Intentional errors may have been included in this passage.)

(1) The earth is a planet unlike any other currently known to humankind. (2) Rich with life-sustaining resources such as an ample water supply and a thick, breathable atmosphere, Mother Earth will always be the origin and home world of the human race. (3) __________, there will likely come a time when the human population on Earth will need an alternative planet to call a second home. (4) Habitable space, water, food, and countless other resources may all be in short supply in the future. (5) In addition, Earth itself could fall victim to a cataclysm like a giant asteroid strike which would endanger the entire human population. (6) Before such is the case, research and planning must be conducted to establish an alternate home, and not many planets are suited to the task.

(7)__________________________________________________________________________________

(8) Mars first meets two criteria of prime importance: It is reasonably close to Earth so that the journey there would not take more than two years, and its environment is comparatively mild, not reaching the extremes of hot and cold like Venus and Pluto. (9) Both are key factors if humans are to set up housekeeping on the red planet because people are both short-lived and fragile. (10) In addition, Mars has recently been found to have a rich source of water in the form of ice which can be converted to a useable water supply. (11) All living beings must have water to survive, so this also makes Mars a favorable host. (12) Furthermore, Mars has natural resources for use in construction. (13) Finally, Mars has soil which may prove conducive to the cultivation of crops such as wheat and food-bearing trees like apple and pear. (14) This is also a must if humans are to survive away from Earth since survival would be impossible without sustainable food sources. (15) Wal-Mart can also provide a variety of nutritious foods and snacks for hardworking Mars pioneers.

(16) All of these factors point to Mars as a likely choice when it comes time for humans to expand beyond their small neighborhood of the solar system. (17) It may be quite some time before such a relocation is necessary, but many find it reassuring to know that we have a new place to go if the need should arise.
1. Which sentence, if inserted in the blank labeled number 7, is the best main idea or thesis statement for this passage?
   
   A. The soil on Mars, however, is suitable for growing vegetables, fruits, nuts, and animal feeds.
   
   B. Exploration of Mars, however, will boost the economy by providing new locations for Wal-Mart stores.
   
   C. Mars, however, is an austerely beautiful place and will entrance all visitors who make the journey.
   
   D. Mars, however, should prove to be a likely choice to serve as a second world for the human race.

2. Which of the numbered sentences is not supported by sufficient specific details?
   
   A. sentence 8
   
   B. sentence 10
   
   C. sentence 12
   
   D. sentence 13

3. Select the arrangement of sentences 10, 11, and 12 that provides the most logical sequence of ideas and supporting details in the paragraph.

   A. All living beings must have water to survive, so this also makes Mars a favorable host. In addition, Mars has recently been found to have a rich source of water in the form of ice which can be converted to a useable water supply. Furthermore, Mars has natural resources for use in construction.
   
   B. Furthermore, Mars has natural resources for use in construction. All living beings must have water to survive, so this also makes Mars a favorable host. In addition, Mars has recently been found to have a rich source of water in the form of ice which can be converted to a useable water supply.
   
   C. In addition, Mars has recently been found to have a rich source of water in the form of ice which can be converted to a useable water supply. All living beings must have water to survive, so this also makes Mars a favorable host. Furthermore, Mars has natural resources for use in construction.
   
   D. All living beings must have water to survive, so this also makes Mars a favorable host. Furthermore, Mars has natural resources for use in construction. In addition, Mars has recently been found to have a rich source of water in the form of ice which can be converted to a useable water supply.

4. Which numbered sentence is least relevant to the passage?

   A. sentence 4
   
   B. sentence 9
   
   C. sentence 15
   
   D. sentence 17

5. Which word or phrase, if inserted in the blank in sentence 3, would make the relationship of the ideas in sentences 2 and 3 clearer?

   A. additionally
   
   B. otherwise
   
   C. therefore
   
   D. nonetheless
Read the entire passage carefully and then answer the questions. (Note: Intentional errors may have been included in this passage.)

(1) _________________________________.  (2) In the past, it was difficult for vegetarians to find suitable food outside of a specialized health food store. (3) Most grocery stores did not cater to the needs of the vegetarian because it was not profitable. (4) Today, though, there are many people who shun meat and other animal products for various reasons, ranging from health to philosophy. (5) Most grocery stores have, __________, expanded their selections of vegetarian fare. (6) In any Publix supermarket, one can find a wide variety of frozen vegetarian entrees. (7) The Morningstar Farms brand manufactures a selection of vegetarian “burgers” like their Chick Patties which are made to simulate breaded chicken and Grillers which are intended to mimic hamburgers both in taste and texture. (8) The Quorn brand produces a “Roast” which is intended to taste like roast turkey and is perhaps the closest that any vegetarian product comes to its meat counterpart. (9) The Pilgrims included wild turkey as an important part of their diet. (10) Boca Burger also makes vegetarian foods. (11) With these products so readily available at the average grocery store, vegetarians no longer have to struggle to maintain good nutrition. (12) As a result, analysts predict that the percentage of vegetarians in the future will increase to levels not seen before when vegetarianism was a difficult choice.

6. Which sentence, if inserted in the blank labeled number 1, is the best main idea or topic sentence for this passage?
A. Vegetarians rarely go to fast food restaurants like Burger King since there is little for them to eat there.
B. In the twenty-first century, the lives of vegetarians have become much easier.
C. Vegetarians eat only lettuce, nuts, and soil; however, they also enjoy dairy-free chocolate.
D. For the non-meat eater, stuffed grape leaves can be a satisfying and nutritious vegetarian delight.

7. Which of the numbered sentences is not supported by sufficient specific details?
A. sentence 6
B. sentence 9
C. sentence 10
D. sentence 12

8. Which word or phrase, if inserted in the blank in sentence 5, would make the relationship of the ideas in sentences 4 and 5 clearer?
A. additionally
B. however
C. consequently
D. on the other hand
9. Which numbered sentence is least relevant to the passage?
A. sentence 2
B. sentence 4
C. sentence 7
D. sentence 9

10. DIRECTIONS: Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).
When the parliamentary vote had concluded, the decision was ____________ .
A. independent
B. fascinated
C. unanimous

11. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”
Except for one unrealistic scene, the film’s special affects were quite breathtaking.
A. Accept
B. effects
C. quiet
D. No change is necessary.

12. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence in which the modifiers are used appropriately.
A. Belvedere in a cardboard box packed his belongings when he retired as doorman of the Plaza Hotel.
B. Belvedere packed his belongings when he retired as doorman of the Plaza Hotel in a cardboard box.
C. Belvedere packed his belongings in a cardboard box when he retired as doorman of the Plaza Hotel.

13. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence in which the modifiers are used appropriately.
A. Running onstage, a sandbag fell and almost hit the lead actress.
B. The lead actress was running onstage when a sandbag fell and almost hit her.
C. A sandbag fell, and the lead actress was almost hit by it running onstage.

14. DIRECTIONS: Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).
Most people stick with the usual toppings like pepperoni on their pizzas, ______ there are some exotic toppings such as arugula and watercress which are quite tasty, too.
A. for
B. but
C. and
D. so
15. **DIRECTIONS:** Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

Before the wedding, Carlotta bought a chartreuse dress at a small boutique in the mall, _____ she found matching shoes at a department store.

A. and  
B. yet  
C. so  
D. but

16. **DIRECTIONS:** Choose the sentence that has **no** errors in structure.

A. At work, Frederick files, types, and answers phones.  
B. At work, Frederick is filing, typing, and answers phones.  
C. At work, Frederick files, typing, and answers phones.

17. **DIRECTIONS:** Choose the correct word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

The tsunami knocked down countless buildings, interrupted power to millions of people, and **takes** the lives of thousands of people.

A. taken  
B. taking  
C. took  
D. was taken

18. **DIRECTIONS:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Brushing his teeth for 20 minutes before his semi-yearly **checkup, He** managed to avoid the dentist’s scowls.

A. checkup, he  
B. checkup; he  
C. checkup, so he  
D. No change is necessary.

19. **DIRECTIONS:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

When gasoline prices reached four dollars and higher per **gallon, many** people gave up their gas-guzzling vehicles and began to travel **less, so** demand for gas was greatly **lessened, and** prices fell sharply.

A. gallon many  
B. less so  
C. lessened and  
D. No change is necessary.
20. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Generally, I prefer chocolate ice cream, however I will make an exception for an especially good vanilla.

A. cream, however,
B. cream however
C. cream; however,
D. No change is necessary.

21. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Since it will be a clear day tomorrow and quite breezy as well, Bertram plans to go boating on the lake boating is one of his favorite things to do in the crisp autumn air.

A. tomorrow, and
B. well. Bertram
C. lake. Boating
D. No change is necessary.

22. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Since Carmela was a little girl and up until present day, she has stuck with her plan to become a nurse.

A. sticks
B. had sticked
C. has stuck
D. No change is necessary.

23. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Before Duke blew his trumpet in front of thousands of people, he paid his dues in countless little clubs and knew he had earned the right.

A. blown
B. had paid
C. known
D. No change is necessary.

24. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

For the past eighty years, my family lived in the same house which was built by my great grandfather.

A. has lived
B. will live
C. is living
D. No change is necessary.
25. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

The decade of the 1970s was a time of hippies and disco. Many people have cherished memories of the events that take place during those ten years. Even now, some still have their bellbottoms and leisure suits packed away in closets and attics.

A. is  
B. took  
C. had  
D. No change is necessary.

26. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Each of the girls pretend that she is a princess from a foreign land.

A. pretended  
B. pretends  
C. are pretending  
D. No change is necessary.

27. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Much of the lawn debris such as leaves, grass clippings, and twigs is compostable.

A. are  
B. have been  
C. were  
D. No change is necessary.

28. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Someone among my friends clearly love chocolate but doesn’t understand the sanctity of personal property or how to share because my giant Hershey’s Chocolate Kiss is missing.

A. loves  
B. don’t  
C. shares  
D. No change is necessary.

29. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Each squad has their own orders to carry out for the graduation day exercise at the military academy.

A. his  
B. they’re  
C. its  
D. No change is necessary.
30. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Mary despises that restaurant because you can never get good service there.

A. her  
B. herself  
C. she  
D. No change is necessary.

31. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

I enjoy this new computer. You can watch streaming movies online, and I can download millions of MP3 songs.

A. One enjoys  
B. I  
C. you  
D. No change is necessary.

32. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

“How do they make it so small?” Franklin wondered as he thought about the inner workings of his new DVD player.

A. do him or her  
B. does he  
C. do the manufacturers  
D. No change is necessary.

33. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

For my friends and me, red rover will always be our favorite game of childhood memory.

A. I  
B. she  
C. myself  
D. No change is necessary.

34. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Heidi felt bad about how she treated her mother on Mother’s Day, so she called her to apologize.

A. badly  
B. very badly  
C. most badly  
D. No change is necessary.

35. DIRECTIONS: Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Marisol is the best of the two brain bowlers who are scheduled to win awards this year.

A. better  
B. most good  
C. more better  
D. No change is necessary.
36. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”
Because his attendance was poor, Horace risked a failing grade even though he had been very conscientious about his assignments all semester and participated at every possible occasion.

A. attendance  
B. contentious  
C. occasion  
D. No change is necessary.

37. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”
The Bhagavad Gita, a Hindu religious text contains universal wisdom; therefore, most philosophers of all religions read it at some point during their studies.

A. text, contains  
B. therefore most  
C. point, during  
D. No change is necessary.

38. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.
A. The womens’ gym features the same equipment as the mens, including free weights’.  
B. The women’s gym features the same equipment as the mens, including free weights.  
C. The women’s gym features the same equipment as the men’s, including free weights.  
D. The women’s gym feature s the same equipment as the men’s, including free weights’.

39. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”
Because we all will grow old one day it is important to have a solid plan for retirement so that we will be able to provide for ourselves and remain solvent and happy even when we no longer work.

A. Because, we  
B. day, it  
C. ourselves, and  
D. No change is necessary.

40. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”
I asked Mother if she would bake cookies since my professor asked if we’d all pitch in and bring something for the bake sale. The proceeds will help buy supplies for all of the algebra classes at school.

A. mother  
B. Professor  
C. Algebra  
D. No change is necessary.
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