

I. READING

The Beatles

In 1957 a Liverpool schoolboy, John Lennon, started a 'rock and roll' group. The other members were Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Stuart Sutcliffe and Pete Best. They called it The Quarrymen.

In August 1960, they went to Hamburg in Germany and worked hard every night in the clubs. When the group returned to Liverpool, Stuart and Pete left and Ringo Starr joined and they changed the name to The Beatles. John, George and Paul played rhythm, lead and bass guitars. Ringo played the drums. The Beatles started their career at the Cavern Club in Liverpool in 1961. Brian Epstein, a local record shop owner saw them and soon became their manager. He gave The Beatles a new image – the famous suits and haircut.

In 1962, The Beatles made a record with the producer George Martin. Their first records were great hits in the UK. In 1964, they visited the United States. The Americans loved them and The Beatles became famous very fast.

The Beatles worked perfectly as a team. They had different personalities and abilities but they were great friends. The Beatles were very talented. John and Paul wrote songs quickly and easily. George was a songwriter, too. Ringo did not play the drums fantastically but the others were very good musicians. George and John played the guitar well and Paul was a fine bass guitarist. John and Paul were the lead singers but all The Beatles sang.

In 1967, they went to India and became followers of the Maharishi Mashesh Yogi. From about 1968, things went badly with the group. The Beatles changed slowly from a group to four individuals with different interests. In 1970, they split up and started their own successful solo careers. The Beatles were the world's first international pop group and Lennon and McCartney were the best song-writing team of the twentieth century. John was shot in New York in 1980 and George died in 2001. Paul McCartney (77 years old) and Ringo Starr (79) are still active musicians.

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1. The Beatles first appeared in Liverpool in

- ☐ A) 1957. ☐ B) 1960.
☐ C) 1961. ☐ D) 1962.

2. was the songwriter of The Beatles.

- ☐ A) John Lennon
☐ B) George Harrison
☐ C) Ringo Starr
☐ D) Paul McCartney

3. was The Beatles' drummer.

- ☐ A) Stuart Sutcliffe
☐ B) George Martin
☐ C) Brian Epstein
☐ D) Ringo Starr

4. The Beatles in 1970.

- ☐ A) visited the USA for the first time
☐ B) stopped singing together and making records
☐ C) were in India
☐ D) split up

5. was the singer of The Beatles.

- ☐ A) John Lennon
☐ B) George Harrison
☐ C) Ringo Starr
☐ D) Paul McCartney

6. Brian Epstein was

- ☐ A) the manager of The Beatles.
☐ B) the follower of the Maharishi Mashesh Yogi.
☐ C) a record shop owner.
☐ D) a composer.

7. Choose the true sentences.

- ☐ A) The Beatles were extremely popular in the USA before 1962.
☐ B) Ringo, John, Paul and George started individual careers in 1970.
☐ C) One of The Beatles was killed.
☐ D) Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney give concerts nowadays.

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: I'm moving to Alaska next weekend.

B:

- ☐ A) You must be kidding!
☐ B) I can't believe it!
☐ C) Yes, please!
☐ D) You can't be serious!

9. A:

B: Oh yes. That's very kind of you.

- ☐ A) Would you like me to wash your car?
☐ B) Would you like to help me do the washing-up?
☐ C) Shall I bring you some coffee?
☐ D) Can I help you with your Maths homework?

10. A: What seems to be the matter with you?

B:

- ☐ A) It comes and goes.
☐ B) I've had a toothache since yesterday.
☐ C) I've got a stomach ache and I often throw up.
☐ D) I haven't drunk anything for ages.

11. A: Would you like a doughnut?

- ☐ A) No, I don't.
☐ Б) Yes, please.
☐ B) It sounds like it.
☐ Г) No, thanks.

12. A: I'm so sorry about my behaviour last night.

B:

- ☐ A) That's all right.
☐ Б) Yes, thank you.
☐ B) Certainly.
☐ Г) Never mind.

III. VOCABULARY

13. My aunt loves eating all kinds of sea food, so she often cooks for dinner.

- ☐ A) shrimps ☐ Б) stewed lamb
☐ B) octopus ☐ Г) baked lobster

14. Natalie needs a to whip up cream.

- ☐ A) sieve ☐ Б) bowl
☐ B) whisk ☐ Г) rolling pin

15. The stew tastes really, so you should add more spices and herbs.

- ☐ A) stale ☐ Б) bland
☐ B) salty ☐ Г) hot

16. Egg yolks are very because they contain a lot of protein, minerals and vitamins.

- ☐ A) harmful ☐ Б) tasteless
☐ B) healthy ☐ Г) nutritious

17. The Dead Sea is a famous in Israel and Jordan.

- ☐ A) valley ☐ Б) hill
☐ B) lake ☐ Г) river

18. Don't eat too much food!

- ☐ A) fast ☐ Б) sparkling
☐ B) junk ☐ Г) frozen

19. If people continue to hunt whales, they will become soon.

- ☐ A) extinct ☐ Б) deserted
☐ B) extinction ☐ Г) deadline

IV. GRAMMAR

20. What are your plans for the weekend? at home on Saturday evening?

- ☐ A) Will you stay
☐ Б) Are you staying
☐ B) Do you stay
☐ Г) Are you going to stay

21. I (1) Jim two months ago, but I (2) him since then.

- ☐ A) (1) have met; (2) haven't seen
☐ Б) (1) met; (2) didn't see
☐ B) (1) met; (2) haven't seen
☐ Г) (1) have met; (2) didn't see

22. It's only a little injection. It much.

- ☐ A) isn't hurting
☐ Б) hasn't hurt
☐ B) won't hurt
☐ Г) isn't going to hurt

23. Jeff (1) asleep when he (2) a loud noise outside.

- ☐ A) (1) has fallen; (2) heard
☐ Б) (1) was falling; (2) heard
☐ B) (1) fell; (2) was hearing
☐ Г) (1) was falling; (2) was hearing

24. It's possible that Grace will finish her science project on time. Grace finish her history project on time.

- ☐ A) may ☐ Б) could
☐ B) must ☐ Г) might

25. There were mosquitoes in Frank's bedroom when he came in.

- ☐ A) some ☐ Б) no
☐ B) a lot of ☐ Г) a few

26. give you a hand with your heavy suitcase?

- ☐ A) Can I
☐ Б) Would I
☐ B) Shall I
☐ Г) Do you want me to

27. I'll send you an email I arrive in London.

- ☐ A) until ☐ Б) as soon as
☐ B) while ☐ Г) when

28. to the beach if it's hot tomorrow.

- ☐ A) We can go ☐ Б) We go
☐ B) Go ☐ Г) We'll go

29. I (1) for my wallet while my sister (2) dinner.

- ☐ A) (1) looked; (2) cooked
☐ Б) (1) was looking; (2) was cooking
☐ B) (1) have looked; (2) was cooking
☐ Г) (1) was looking; (2) cooked

30. I'm sure Ben isn't at home at the moment. Ben at home at the moment.

- ☐ A) mustn't be ☐ Б) shouldn't be
☐ B) needn't be ☐ Г) can't be