

I. READING

Travelling Light

My wife and I had just returned to the hotel after an afternoon on a Spanish beach. As I took off my shirt, I noticed how threadbare the collar had become. "That'll have to be thrown out when we get home," I muttered.

Hold on, I thought. Why wait till we get home? Shirts can be thrown away in Spain presumably. The Spanish must do it all the time. But there's something embarrassing about throwing away clothes. The shirt couldn't just be put in the little bin with the soap wrapper and disposable razors. The maid would think it had fallen in by mistake and retrieve it. So it had to be smuggled out when we went for a drink that night.

Out in the street there wasn't a litter bin in sight, at least not an empty one: I couldn't leave my red-and-yellow-striped shirt sitting on top for all to see. At last I spotted a bin, sidled up and, after a quick look round, dropped the shirt in.

Once the deed was done, I thought: *Why doesn't everyone do it? Why struggle home with worn-out clothes in an already over-crowded suitcase? Next evening I went through the wardrobe looking for something else to throw away – a sock with a "spud" in it, underpants with the elastic gone.*

Over the winter the idea hibernated. One April day I found a shoe nearly worn out and not worth repairing. About to throw it away, I remembered Spain and the shirt. Why not make a pile of old clothes to take on holiday and throw it away there? Then we'd have empty suitcases to fill with presents and bottles and come home to wardrobes so tidied that the doors actually shut.

It's now an annual habit. First the hunt in the cupboards and under the bed for the shirts, socks and towels that have seen better days – we gather just enough for the time away. Next there's the holiday and the strange thrill of watching your luggage go down each day. Then the return journey unencumbered apart from a few presents, watching other holidaymakers struggling to squeeze duty-free bottles into bags which are already full to bursting.

And when we finally get home, there's no laundry to do.

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1. The narrator is a person who

- ☐ A) keeps his worn-out clothes in a suitcase
- ☐ B) throws away little bins
- ☒ C) prefers to throw away worn-out clothes while on holiday
- ☐ D) hibernates over the winter

2. What did the narrator do with his red-and-yellow-striped shirt?

- ☐ A) He threw it out on returning home.
- ☐ B) He put it in the little bin with the soap wrapper and disposable razors.
- ☐ C) He left it to the maid to be retrieved.
- ☐ D) He managed to drop it in the letter box.

3. What kind of hunt is mentioned in the text?

- ☐ A) The hunt for cupboards and beds.
- ☒ B) The hunt for the worn-out towels, shirts and socks.
- ☒ C) The hunt for the shirts, socks and towels that have seen better days.
- ☒ D) The hunt for the things that would be thrown away on holiday.

4. The narrator feels while getting rid of the unnecessary luggage.

- ☐ A) the strange sadness
- ☒ B) the strange pleasant excitement
- ☐ C) the strange tranquility
- ☐ D) the strange admiration

5. How often does the narrator go on holiday?

- ☒ A) Every year.
- ☒ B) At least once a year.
- ☐ C) The information is not given in the text.
- ☒ D) Annually.

II. COMMUNICATION AND VOCABULARY

6. A: I'd like you to meet my nephew.

B:

- ☐ A) All right
- ☒ B) I am pleased to meet you
- ☐ C) OK
- ☒ D) Hello

7. A: Can you help me with my homework?

B:

- ☒ A) Sure. That's what friends are for!
- ☐ B) Yes, I can help it.
- ☒ C) Yes, of course, I can help you.
- ☐ D) Sorry, I don't.

8. A: My name is Doug. How do you do?

B:

- ☐ A) I am fine, thanks.
- ☐ B) We are having a good time here!
- ☒ C) How do you do?
- ☐ D) What's up?

9. A: Thank you for making the time and effort to help us.

B:

- ☐ A) Don't you dare worry
- ☒ B) Don't mention it
- ☐ C) It's not worth it
- ☐ D) Don't thank me whatever

10. A: What have you been up to?

B:

- ☒ A) We are the champions!
- ☒ B) Nothing much.
- ☒ C) Why do you ask?
- ☐ D) I haven't been up to, sorry.

11. We want to get a better and earn more money.

- ☐ A) work ☒ Б) job
☐ B) employ ☐ Г) occupation

12. are people waiting outside with travel bags.

- ☐ A) They, they're ☐ Б) There, there
☐ B) There, they're ☒ Г) There, their

13. He likes English Maths.

- ☐ A) better then ☒ Б) better than
☐ B) best to ☐ Г) better to

14. We turns in throwing the dice.

- ☐ A) do ☐ Б) have
☐ B) make ☒ Г) take

15. This is a recording.

- ☐ A) life ☒ Б) live
☐ B) lives ☐ Г) lived

16. pictures here are much better than pictures there.

- ☐ A) Those, these ☐ Б) These, these
☒ B) These, those ☐ Г) Those, these

III. GRAMMAR

17. If it a problem, we do it some other day.

- ☒ A) is, can
☒ Б) were, could
☐ B) was, couldn't
☐ Г) had been, could have

18. The escaped prisoners reported to be travelling towards London.

- ☒ A) were ☐ Б) were being
☐ B) were been ☐ Г) were being been

19. Very children actually enjoy visiting the dentist.

- ☐ A) little ☐ Б) a little
☒ B) few ☐ Г) a few

20. I don't think he have laughed if it had happened to him.

- ☐ A) will ☐ Б) should
☒ B) would ☐ Г) has

21. She never goes to school on Saturdays,?

- ☐ A) isn't she ☐ Б) is she
☐ B) doesn't she ☒ Г) does she

22. I am the luckiest person among them,?

- ☐ A) don't I ☐ Б) amn't I
☒ B) aren't I ☐ Г) am I

23. Mark said that he to Kyiv.

- ☐ A) was never ☒ Б) had never been
☐ B) has never been ☐ Г) was never been to

24. She asked, 'Who is that woman?'

- ☒ A) She asked who that woman was.
☐ Б) She asked who was that woman.
☐ B) She asked who this woman was
☐ Г) She asked who that woman had been.

25. How is Anna getting at school?

- ☐ A) of ☒ Б) on
☐ B) out of ☐ Г) in

26. The girl I was speaking to is the sister of my colleague.

- ☐ A) that ☐ Б) whose
☐ B) which ☒ Г) who

27. I'm going to have a new carpet tomorrow.

- ☐ A) lie down ☐ Б) lied
☐ B) lay down ☒ Г) laid

28. Whenever we came to Lourdes we always in the Central Hotel.

- ☐ A) used to staying
☐ Б) got used to staying
☐ B) used to being
☒ Г) used to stay

29. Last year we visited St. Paul's Cathedral and Tower of London.

- ☐ A) the, the ☐ Б) -, -
☒ B) -, the ☐ Г) the, -

30. He had hurt his leg, so he walk at all.

- ☒ A) couldn't ☒ Б) was not able to
☒ B) could hardly ☐ Г) used to