

I. READING

Unnatural beauty

Take a look at this photograph. You'll probably agree that photographer Matthew Albanese has a very good eye. Matthew has photographed everything from a spinning tornado to the lava flow of an active volcano. He's even snapped a Mars landscape and a Moon landing! Just how is this possible?

The answer is simpler than you might imagine. All of his landscapes are fake! Even though they look real, these photographs actually show miniature models that Matthew created in his home studio. But even more amazingly, Matthew revealed that the idea behind these dreamlike worlds actually came to him by chance!

Once Matthew was busy in his kitchen when he knocked over a large tub of paprika spice. As he was cleaning it up, the colour and texture of the spice reminded him of the planet Mars. Even though it may have been just a passing thought, for Matthew it was an inspiration. He began to study images of the 'red planet' and then made his very own miniature Mars from a blend of various spices. Then, he began to experiment with more materials, such as melted sugar for his arctic landscapes and glowing phosphorus ink for his erupting volcano.

To create such intricate models takes a lot of work. Matthew first must research his subjects in great detail. He then experiments with different materials to find which look the most realistic. After a slow and lengthy process, Matthew finally constructs a model. But the work isn't finished yet: he then has to photograph it hundreds of times to achieve the best result. Well, all his hard work has certainly paid off, because the results are quite spectacular

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Glossary:

tub - pojemnik; intricate - zawity; lengthy - przydługi; glowing - żarzący się; spinning - wirujący; passing - przelotny; blend - mieszanka

1. Matthew

- ☐ A) has travelled to the Moon.
☐ B) has journeyed into outer space.
☐ C) is a travel photographer.
☒ D) creates miniature landscapes.

2. The author's purpose is to the reader.

- ☐ A) frighten ☒ B) inform
☐ C) amuse ☐ D) bother

3. Matthew's interest centres around

- ☐ A) photography.
☐ B) moonscapes.
☒ C) model making.
☐ D) Martian landscapes.

4. What did Matthew find inspiring about the paprika spice?

- ☒ A) Its colour and texture reminded him of Mars.
☐ B) It forced him to visit Mars.
☐ C) It helped him to make a model of Moon.
☐ D) It seemed to be a spinning tornado.

5. Matthew uses different materials to his models.

- ☐ A) knock ☐ B) fake
☒ C) construct ☐ D) experiment

6. What overall impression do you get of the writer from the text?

- ☒ A) He is impressed.
☐ B) He wants to meet Matthew.
☐ C) He doesn't like Matthew's art.
☐ D) He wants to try it for himself.

II. COMMUNICATION

7. A:

B: Help yourself.

- ☐ A) Would you like a piece of cake?
☐ B) I'll help you with the cake.
☐ C) Could you give me a hand?
☒ D) Could I have another helping?

8. A: Are you ready to order?

B:

- ☐ A) Yes, we'd like the bill, please.
☒ B) Could you give us another minute?
☐ C) What would you like to eat?
☐ D) Yes, we'd like a table for three, please.

9. A: I've got a temperature and a sore throat.

B:

- ☐ A) I don't mind going to bed.
☒ B) You should go to bed.
☐ C) I'm in a lot of pain.
☐ D) Never mind, it doesn't matter.

10. A: Shall we go to the leisure centre?

B:

- ☒ A) That sounds great.
☐ B) I sometimes go there.
☐ C) Yes, thanks.
☐ D) Me neither.

11. A:

B: Yes, the changing room is behind me.

- ☐ A) Can I have a receipt for this jumper?
☐ B) Can I change this jumper for a black one?
☒ C) Can I try this jumper on?
☐ D) Can I pay for this jumper here?

12. A: May I see your ticket, please?

B:

- ☐ A) Yes, please.
☐ Б) You are welcome.
☒ В) Here you are.
☐ Г) No, thanks.

III. VOCABULARY

13. On its first, the Magellan's ship travelled around the world.

- ☐ A) flight ☒ Б) voyage
☐ В) hike ☐ Г) wander

14. People can admire Ayers Rock in

- ☒ A) Australia.
☐ Б) South Africa.
☐ В) the USA.
☐ Г) New Zealand.

15. The polar bear is species.

- ☐ A) an extinct
☐ Б) a deserted
☐ В) a dead
☒ Г) an endangered

16. Poachers sometimes kill for their ivory tusks.

- ☐ A) rhinos ☐ Б) walrus
☐ В) warthogs ☒ Г) elephants

17. The of this film isn't famous but he's talented.

- ☐ A) cast
☒ Б) director
☐ В) soundtrack
☐ Г) editor

18. After six hours, the rescue team in finding two boys alive under the avalanche.

- ☐ A) coped ☐ Б) managed
☒ В) succeeded ☐ Г) achieved

19. Rick's sister is their parents'

- ☐ A) sibling. ☐ Б) cousin.
☒ В) daughter. ☐ Г) niece.

20. Mike has got all over the world. He's even got an uncle in New Zealand!

- ☒ A) relatives ☐ Б) members
☐ В) colleagues ☐ Г) siblings

IV. GRAMMAR

21. I'm sure Peter doesn't know about the incident. Peter know about the incident.

- ☐ A) mustn't ☐ Б) shouldn't
☐ В) needn't ☒ Г) can't

22. My favourite shop, I buy all my clothes, is open every Sunday.

- ☐ A) which ☒ Б) where ☐ В) whose ☐ Г) that

23. John (1) to his pen friend for many years, but he (2) her.

- ☒ A) (1) has been writing; (2) has never met
☐ Б) (1) is writing; (2) hasn't met
☐ В) (1) was writing; (2) didn't meet
☐ Г) (1) has been writing; (2) didn't meet

24. Tony was nervous because he before.

- ☐ A) has never flown
☐ Б) didn't fly
☒ В) had never flown
☐ Г) wasn't flying

25. I'd love to the cinema tonight.

- ☐ A) going ☒ Б) to go
☐ В) to going ☐ Г) go

26. Let's have a picnic on the lake,

- ☐ A) won't we? ☐ Б) don't we?
☐ В) have we? ☒ Г) shall we?

27. Amy doesn't have any free time. If she (1) some free time, she (2) up a new hobby.

- ☐ A) (1) would have; (2) took
☐ Б) (1) has; (2) will take
☐ В) (1) has; (2) would have
☒ Г) (1) had; (2) might take

28. Sue's mum made her the Hoovering this afternoon.

- ☒ A) do ☐ Б) doing
☐ В) have done ☐ Г) to do

29. We can't make our pizza today. We have too cheese in the fridge.

- ☐ A) less ☐ Б) few
☒ В) little ☐ Г) many

30. There are clothes all over your room. Put, please.

- ☒ A) them away ☐ Б) them off
☐ В) off them ☐ Г) away them