

I. READING



If you plan on going to Hawaii, don't bring any pets. Hawaiians are wary of letting in foreign animals. Your beloved Rex or Fi-fi could spend up to 120 days in quarantine. They have strict rules for importing animals. They carefully screen all incoming pets. Who could blame them? They've had problems with new animals in the past.

The black rat was introduced to Hawaii in the 1780s. These ugly suckers originated in Asia, but they migrated to Europe in the 1st century. Since then they've snuck on European ships and voyaged the world with them. These rats carry many diseases including the plague. They are also good at surviving and tend to displace native species. That means that after they infest an area, there will be fewer birds and more black rats. Most people prefer living around birds. Since their arrival in Hawaii, black rats have been pests as they've feasted on sea turtle eggs. They've eaten tree saplings, preventing trees from being reforested. And they've been a leading cause in the extinction of more than 70 species of Hawaiian birds. They love to climb trees to eat bird eggs. They also compete with forest birds for food, such as snails, insects, and seeds.

Perhaps more troubling, black rats threaten humans. They spread germs and incubate disease. They are a vector for more than 40 deadly illnesses. Some think that rat-borne diseases have killed more people than war in the last 1,000 years. Rats also eat our food. They eat more than 20% of the world's farmed food. And that's why the mongoose was brought to Hawaii. During the mid 1800s, the Hawaiian sugar industry was thriving. Americans were just realizing that they loved sugar. Hawaii was pretty much the only place in America where one could grow sugarcane. But those filthy vermin were tearing up the fields. Black rats were destroying entire crops. What's a plantation owner to do? The answer is simple. Import an animal that will make the rats die! What could go wrong with that? In 1883 plantation owners imported 72 mongooses and began breeding them.

People *revere* the mongoose in its homeland of India. They are often kept tame in Indian households. Mongooses feed on snakes, rats, and lizards, creatures that most people dislike. They are also cute and furry. And they kill deadly cobras. What's not to love? Sadly, India is a much different place than Hawaii. When the mongooses got to Hawaii, they did not wipe out the rats as plantation owners hoped. Instead, they joined them in ravaging the birds, lizards, and small plants that were native to Hawaii. It's not that the mongooses became friends with the rats. They still ate a bunch of them. But mongooses are not too different from most other animals: they go for the easy meal. In Hawaii they had a choice. Pursue the elusive black rat or munch on turtle eggs while tanning on the beach. Most took the easy route.

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1. It is to bring animals to Hawaii.

- ☐ A) obligatory ☐ B) advisable
☒ B) inadvisable ☐ C) reasonable

2. How were black rats introduced to Hawaii?

- ☐ A) The native Hawaiians imported them to their land on purpose.
☐ B) The Asians brought them when they first arrived.
☐ B) The rats were able to swim from Asia to Hawaii.
☒ C) The Europeans brought them on their ships.

3. The rats

- ☒ A) carry infectious diseases.
☐ B) may threaten people to little extent.
☐ B) have difficulty living in Hawaiian climate.
☐ C) have no effect on wildlife in Hawaii.

4. Why were mongooses imported to Hawaii?

- ☐ A) To accompany farmers on the fields.
☐ B) To eat snakes and lizards.
☐ B) To keep them as pets.
☒ C) To kill the rats.

5. What did mongooses NOT do when they arrived in Hawaii?

- ☐ A) They ate some rodents.
☐ B) They hunted for birds.
☒ B) They avoided eating turtle eggs.
☐ C) They ate native plants of Hawaii.

6. Which would be the most appropriate title for the text?

- ☐ A) *A Journey To The Unknown*
☒ B) *An Unsuccessful Attempt*
☐ B) *How To Grow Sugarcane*
☐ C) *Mongoose- An Insect Killer*

II. COMMUNICATION AND VOCABULARY

7. A: I bumped into John this morning.

B:

- ☐ A) Did you hurt him?
☒ B) How is he?
☐ B) Why was he upset?
☐ C) Did he like it?

8. A: What would you do if you were in my shoes?

B:

- ☒ A) I'd give it a go.
☐ B) I fully agree with you.
☐ B) I intend to go there.
☐ C) I'd put on another pair.

9. A:

B: We enjoyed ourselves.

- ☒ A) What was the party like?
☐ Б) What were Mark and Sue like?
☐ В) Are you having a good time?
☐ Г) What were you and your friend wearing at the party?

10. A: I've lost my new mobile phone last week.

B:

- ☐ A) Here you are. ☐ Б) That's all right.
☒ B) Poor you. ☐ Г) Not at all.

11. My friend Susan is a/an child and wishes her parents would give her a brother or a sister!

- ☐ A) single ☒ Б) only ☐ В) orphan ☐ Г) twin

12. A party that you give in a house that you have just moved into is called a party.

- ☐ A) hen ☐ Б) tea
☐ В) cocktail ☒ Г) housewarming

13. (1) and (2) are vegetables.

- ☐ A) (1) spinach; (2) veal
☐ Б) (1) herring; (2) mussel
☐ В) (1) prune; (2) gooseberry
☒ Г) (1) aubergine; (2) radish

14. You should always keep a in case you are dissatisfied with an item you bought.

- ☒ A) receipt ☐ Б) paragon
☐ В) recipe ☐ Г) prescription

15. Don't get too close to the platform or you may fall onto the

- ☐ A) lines. ☐ Б) runway.
☒ B) track. ☐ Г) roundabout.

16. Voyage is a

- ☐ A) journey to a place and back again, especially a short one.
☐ Б) journey by sea, visiting different places, especially as a holiday/vacation.
☒ B) long journey, especially by sea or in space.
☐ Г) journey made for pleasure during which different towns, countries, etc. are visited.

III. GRAMMAR

17. I (1) for half an hour before the bus (2)

- ☐ A) (1) was waiting; (2) arrived.
☒ Б) (1) had been waiting; (2) arrived.
☐ В) (1) waited; (2) arrived.
☐ Г) (1) had waited; (2) was arriving.

18. (1) Alps are (2) highest mountain range system that lies entirely in (3) Europe.

- ☐ A) (1) The; (2) the; (3) the
☐ Б) (1) —; (2) the; (3) —
☒ B) (1) The; (2) the; (3) —
☐ Г) (1) —; (2) the; (3) —

19. I have done any work today.

- ☐ A) still ☐ Б) already ☐ В) little ☒ Г) hardly

20. He prefers growing plants growing trees.

- ☐ A) than ☐ Б) as well as
☒ B) to ☐ Г) in case of

21. He took his car to the garage in order to

- ☒ A) have it fixed. ☐ Б) having it fixed.
☐ В) have it fix. ☐ Г) have fixed it.

22. 'You must do it tomorrow'. My mum told me that

- ☐ A) I have to do it the following day.
☐ Б) I had to do it tomorrow.
☐ В) I must do it the day before.
☒ Г) I would have to do it the next day.

23. They became suspicious their neighbour's behaviour and contacted the police.

- ☒ A) of ☐ Б) for ☐ В) with ☐ Г) into

24. I asked Tom to the party but he the invitation.

- ☐ A) took off ☒ Б) turned down
☐ В) stood for ☐ Г) let down

25. You not be late or he will be angry.

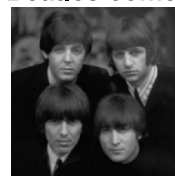
- ☐ A) would rather ☐ Б) would better
☒ B) had better ☐ Г) ought

26. Unless you, they will expel you from school.

- ☐ A) will behave ☒ Б) behave yourself
☐ В) won't behave yourself ☐ Г) don't behave

IV. ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD

27. Where did The Beatles come from?



- ☐ A) Manchester ☐ Б) London
☒ B) Liverpool ☐ Г) Oxford

28. The 16th President of the USA who led his country through the Civil War was

- ☒ A) Abraham Lincoln. ☐ Б) George Washington.
☐ В) George Bush. ☐ Г) Thomas Jefferson.

29. The capital city of New Zealand is

- ☒ A) Wellington. ☐ Б) Sydney.
☐ В) Canberra. ☐ Г) Auckland.

30. Match the food with the country:

1. Haggis	A. America
2. Kangaroo steak	B. Australia
3. Apple pie	C. England
4. Fish and chips	D. Scotland

- ☐ A) 1 - B, 2 - C, 3 - A, 4 - D
☐ Б) 1 - C, 2 - D, 3 - A, 4 - B
☐ В) 1 - D, 2 - A, 3 - C, 4 - B
☒ Г) 1 - D, 2 - B, 3 - A, 4 - C