

### I. READING

...At school he had been taught a song about larks in the spring that climbed an invisible ladder and vanished in the sky. That morning he got up and went indoors, past the high flowers that stood sunning themselves along the garden path, past the buzzing bees and the fruit trees with their whitewashed trunks. He went to the piano, climbed on the stool and took the cage down. Piet started to flutter excitedly. He took the cage out into the garden and looked up at the clouds; he wanted to say something, something important and fascinating that God would be sure to listen to. But his throat hurt too much and the memory of his defeat in the doctor's chair was still too fresh; he decided that a silent messenger would be all he could send up that day and he opened the cage.

Piet did not understand at first, but after a few minutes hopped onto the little threshold. They both sat very still for a long time, then Piet gave a questioning "Tweet?" and he whispered, "Tonsils." It was the only word he could think of that would tell it all to God, if only God could be made to listen.

Piet understood at once. He hopped first on the ground, then on top of the cage, and then, with a breathtaking surge of tremendous power for so small a creature, he rose straight up into the sky, fluttering wildly, higher and higher. When he had risen higher than the treetops, he started to sing. He sang more beautifully than any bird had ever sung before. He sang as if he had a little silver trumpet that rang out a song of joy and triumph. Then, when Joost was certain that God was listening and waiting for Piet to bring Him his message, the song suddenly stopped, as if it had been throttled; the wings that had carried their unique and priceless treasure of beauty and joy aloft stopped beating, and the bird plummeted back to earth...

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#### 1. The passage describes .....

- ☐ A) an unexpected misfortune
- ☐ Б) a permanent triumph
- ☐ В) bird abuse
- ☐ Г) how Twitter was founded

#### 2. In the passage, Piet is .....

- ☐ A) a boy's name
- ☐ Б) a lark's name
- ☐ В) a family name
- ☐ Г) a brand name

#### 3. Joost let Piet go because .....

- ☐ A) he wanted to massage somebody
- ☐ Б) he wanted to set the bird free
- ☐ В) he wanted to get well
- ☐ Г) he wanted to listen to a song

#### 4. What is true according to the passage?

- ☐ A) Piet possessed a silver trumpet.
- ☐ Б) Joost tweeted Piet.
- ☐ В) Piet's song was flattering.
- ☐ Г) Joost hoped to be heard.

#### 5. What is not mentioned in the passage?

- ☐ A) Piet's size.
- ☐ Б) Joost's state of health.
- ☐ В) Characteristics of singing.
- ☐ Г) Piet's plumage.

### II. COMMUNICATION AND VOCABULARY

#### 6. A: Will you tell me .....

B: No, I won't.

- ☐ A) when are your birthday date
- ☐ Б) when your birthday is
- ☐ В) when is your birthday
- ☐ Г) when your birthday date are

#### 7. .... my idea?

- ☐ A) How do you think about
- ☐ Б) What do you think of
- ☐ В) How do you look at
- ☐ Г) Can you like

#### 8. Sam is the ..... of their family - he dropped out of school and hasn't had a job in years.

- ☐ A) dumb sheep
- ☐ Б) white sheep
- ☐ В) black sheep
- ☐ Г) wolf in sheep's clothing

#### 9. A: What year are you?

B: I'm a/an .....

- ☐ A) freshman
- ☐ Б) teenager
- ☐ В) old-looking man
- ☐ Г) old man

#### 10. A: So, is this where you wanted to come?

B: ....., I wanted to go to Stanford.

- ☐ A) To tell you the true
- ☐ Б) To tell you the truth
- ☐ В) To tell you the heart
- ☐ Г) To tell you from heart

11. Choose the word which is the same part of speech as „breathe”.

- ☐ A) soften                      ☐ Б) woollen  
☐ B) abdomen                      ☐ Г) often

12. Which vowel(s) is/are stressed in „machinery”?

- ☐ A) a              ☐ Б) i              ☐ B) a, e              ☐ Г) e

13. Choose the word to complete the simile „as lively as a ..... ”.

- ☐ A) rose                      ☐ Б) bee  
☐ B) hatter                      ☐ Г) cricket

14. Choose the word to complete the phrase „..... and even numbers”.

- ☐ A) smooth                      ☐ Б) odd  
☐ B) unpaired                      ☐ Г) rare

15. Choose the correct spelling of the word [ˌmɪsəˈleɪniəs].

- ☐ A) miscellaneous                      ☐ Б) miscelaneous  
☐ B) missellaneous                      ☐ Г) miscellaneous

16. The ..... tenth-former towered over the other players on his basketball team

- ☐ A) reserved                      ☐ Б) gangling  
☐ B) mnemonic                      ☐ Г) lethargic

17. With an ..... blow of the whistle, the coach interrupted the game.

- ☐ A) enviable                      ☐ Б) officious  
☐ B) illustrious                      ☐ Г) industrious

### III. GRAMMAR

18. .... met about five years ago.

- ☐ A) Him and me                      ☐ Б) He and me  
☐ B) Him and I                      ☐ Г) He and I

19. This year, Tom’s family bought ..... magazine subscriptions than ever before.

- ☐ A) fewer    ☐ Б) few              ☐ B) less              ☐ Г) lesser

20. What’s she doing? She ..... the soup to see that it’s OK.

- ☐ A) tastes                      ☐ Б) tries  
☐ B) is tasting                      ☐ Г) is trying

21. Susan parked the car and ..... the engine.

- ☐ A) switched off                      ☐ Б) turned down  
☐ B) calmed down                      ☐ Г) took off

22. On ..... .

- ☐ A) sea                      ☐ Б) a page  
☐ B) the party                      ☐ Г) the south

23. I have no idea why Tom left the room so suddenly.

- ☐ A) what made Tom leaving  
☐ Б) what made Tom leave  
☐ B) what made Tom to leave  
☐ Г) what made Tome had to leave

24. The socks smell ..... . You’d better throw them away.

- ☐ A) bad                      ☐ Б) badly  
☐ B) badlier                      ☐ Г) badder

25. I am going to stay longer ..... he likes it or not.

- ☐ A) although                      ☐ Б) unless  
☐ B) whether                      ☐ Г) despite

26. Every player in a basketball team ..... have a personal number.

- ☐ A) has to                      ☐ Б) must to  
☐ B) have to                      ☐ Г) musts

27. I wish I ..... a holiday now.

- ☐ A) had                      ☐ Б) have  
☐ B) am having                      ☐ Г) had had

28. They left the house two weeks ago and haven’t come back ..... .

- ☐ A) yet                      ☐ Б) still  
☐ B) recently                      ☐ Г) already

29. When Alice arrived, Jim was sitting in an armchair. His dog ..... on the sofa.

- ☐ A) was lieing                      ☐ Б) was laying  
☐ B) was lying                      ☐ Г) lay

30. The house ..... at the moment.

- ☐ A) is being redecorating  
☐ Б) is being redecorated  
☐ B) has been redecorated  
☐ Г) is redecorating