

I. READING

During this past year, I've had three instances of car trouble. Each time these things happened, I was disgusted with the way most people hadn't bothered to help. One of those times, I was on the side of the road for close to three hours with my friend's big Jeep. I put signs in the windows, big signs that said NEED A JACK, and offered money. Nothing. Right as I was about to give up and start hitching, a Mexican family in a van pulled over, and the father bounded out.

He sized up the situation and called for his daughter, who spoke English. He conveyed through her that he had a jack but that it was too small for the Jeep, so we would need to brace it. Then he got a saw from the van and cut a section out of a big log on the side of the road. We rolled it over and put his jack on top, and we were in business.

I started taking the wheel off, and then, if you can believe it, I broke his tire iron—snapped the head clean off. No worries: He handed it to his wife, and she was gone in a flash down the road to buy a new tire iron. She was back in 15 minutes. We finished the job, and I was a very happy man.

The two of us were filthy and sweaty. His wife produced a large water jug for us to wash our hands with. I tried to put a \$20 bill in the man's hand, but he wouldn't take it, so instead I went up to the van and gave it to his wife as quietly as I could. I asked the little girl where they lived. Mexico, she said. They were in Oregon so Mommy and Daddy could pick cherries for the next few weeks. Then they were going to pick peaches, then go home.

After I said my goodbyes and started walking back to the Jeep, the girl called out and asked if I'd had lunch. When I told her no, she ran up and handed me a tamale.

I thanked them again, walked back to my car, and opened the foil on the tamale, and what did I find inside? My \$20 bill! I ran to the van. The father saw the \$20 in my hand and just started shaking his head no. With what looked like great concentration, he said in English, "Today you, tomorrow me."

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1. The event described in the text above happened to the author

- ☒ A) the previous year
☐ B) simultaneously with the story
☐ C) two years before the story was written
☐ D) during some indefinite time

2. The author says he was disgusted with most people's

- ☐ A) eagerness to help ☒ B) reluctance to help
☐ C) disability to help ☐ D) willingness to help

3. What is the meaning of „JACK” in the text?

- ☐ A) Money.
☐ B) A name of a person.
☒ C) A device for lifting heavy objects.
☐ D) A car polish.

4. Which of the following is TRUE, according to the text?

- ☐ A) The tamale's price was \$20.
☐ B) The Mexican family didn't take money because they were well-off.
☐ C) The Mexican family could hardly be seasonal workers.
☒ D) The Mexican family didn't sell tire irons.

5. Which of the following is FALSE, according to the text?

- ☐ A) The author was filthy and sweaty having repaired the car.
☐ B) Jeep belonged to the person other than the author.
☒ C) The woman produced a large water jug for the men to wash their heads with.
☐ D) The author's attempt to give money to the Mexican family was unsuccessful.

II. COMMUNICATION AND VOCABULARY

6. A: Will you take care of my cat Sebastian?

B:

- ☒ A) Sure, I can look after Sebastian for you.
☐ B) Sure, I can look for Sebastian for you.
☐ C) Sure, I will look at it for you.
☐ D) Sure, it's we'll look it out if possible.

7. A: You are so late today.

B:

- ☐ A) You are welcome.
☒ B) I'm sorry, Mr. Miller, but I had some car trouble.
☐ C) I'm sorry, I am not lately.
☐ D) Sorry, Mr. Miller, for the latter.

8. A: Peter, what are you doing on the roof?

B:

- ☒ A) I'm installing a solar-panel roof!
☐ B) I'm talking a nap.
☐ C) I'm looking for the proof of my roof.
☐ D) I don't know. I'm just gonna doing.

9. A: Have you been in to see Doctor Miller before?

B:

- ☐ A) Yes, I've seen. He was here before.
☒ B) Yes, I have. I had a physical last year.
☐ C) Yes, I been in to see Doctor Miller in his office.
☐ D) Yes, I have found out Doctor Miller before.

10. Which of these people would be most likely to use a rolling pin?

- ☐ A) Builder ☐ B) Fisherman
☐ C) Gardener ☒ D) Baker

11. Which sign of the zodiac has a sting in the tail?

- ☐ A) Sagittarius ☐ B) Aries
☐ C) Cancer ☒ D) Scorpio

12. What is the main characteristic of a person described as extrovert?

- ☐ A) Shy ☐ B) Greedy
☒ C) Socially confident ☐ D) Clumsy

13. Which of the following is the traditional raising agent in bread?

- ☐ A) Eggs ☐ B) Flour
☒ C) Yeast ☐ D) Vinegar

14. Around what part of the body would you wear a bow tie?

- ☐ A) Ankle ☒ B) Neck ☐ C) Waist ☐ D) Wrist

15. What is the opposite of „temporary“?

- ☐ A) Residential ☒ B) Permanent
☐ C) Infinite ☐ D) Makeshift

III. GRAMMAR

16. 'How to Have a Healthier and More Productive Home Office'. A headline of this kind have appeared in a thousand newspapers in recent years.

- ☒ A) must ☐ B) ought ☐ C) will ☐ D) can

17. I felt as if I some great crime, the consciousness of which haunted me.

- ☐ A) commits ☐ B) had been
☒ C) had committed ☐ D) had committee

18. When did his motivation?

- ☐ A) race ☐ B) rose ☒ C) arise ☐ D) raised

19. Or the case that, once an idea becomes obsessive, in your mind for ever?

- ☐ A) it is; it is ☐ B) it is; is it
☐ C) is it; is it ☒ D) is it; it is

20. These are fascinating questions to explore, whether you are interested in psychology or

- ☐ A) no ☒ B) not
☐ C) neither ☐ D) not any

21. Migration is always the news, and the more people move to other countries, the more newsworthy it is.

- ☒ A) in ☐ B) on ☐ C) at ☐ D) among

22. „English has less grammar than other languages”, some people think.

- ☐ A) Some people think that English had less grammar than other languages.
☒ B) Some people think that English has less grammar than other languages.
☐ C) Some people think that English had had less grammar than other languages.
☐ D) Some people think that English has had less grammar than other languages.

23. In women were supposed to fulfill certain roles, such as a caring mother, a diligent homemaker, and an obedient wife.

- ☐ A) 1950s ☐ B) the 1950th
☐ C) the 1950 ☒ D) the 1950s

24. They rarely speak Japanese,?

- ☐ A) don't they ☒ B) do they
☐ C) isn't it ☐ D) when

25. IT programming now has some special status in many countries. This is than the status achieved by any other profession.

- ☐ A) farther more ☐ B) further more
☒ C) far more ☐ D) father more

26. Arabic came to be spoken widely across Northern Africa and Middle East.

- ☐ A) - ; - ; - ☐ B) The; - ; the
☒ C) - ; - ; the ☐ D) An; - ; the

27. Their constant practicing magnificent results.

- ☐ A) brings down ☐ B) brings up
☐ C) brings of ☒ D) brings forth

28. English becomes a global language. It has to do with the number of people who it.

- ☐ A) a little; speak ☐ B) a little; speaks
☒ C) little; speak ☐ D) little; speaks

29. Language exists only in the brains and and ears and hands and eyes of users.

- ☐ A) mouths; its ☐ B) mice; it's
☐ C) mouths; it's ☒ D) mouths; its

30. When they, on the international stage, their language

- ☐ A) will succeed; succeeds
☐ B) succeeded; would have succeeded
☒ C) succeed; succeeds
☐ D) had succeeded; succeed