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We are providing you with this module as a tool to assist you with the skills you need for your English class. In it, you will find multiple choice exercises for you to choose the right answer.

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We hope that, once you complete your sixth grade, you will obtain the same satisfaction that we've had creating these exercises to help you.



Directions: In this section, you will show how well you understand how to write in English. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Fishing Trip

(1) Dad and I were preparing to go fishing on the first day of vacation. (2) I did not have a hat Dad said it would be easier if I used one of his. (3) I could wear my sneakers since they have rubber soles. (4) Dad and I were ready for the first day of vacation!

1 What is the **CORRECT** punctuation for sentence 2?

- A Add a semicolon (;) after “hat.”
- B Add a colon (:) after “said.”
- C Add a comma (,) after “easier.”
- D Add an exclamation mark (!) after “his.”

2 What does soles mean as it is used in sentence 3?

- A only ones
- B flat fishes
- C shoe bottoms
- D single persons

3 Which pronoun **CORRECTLY** replaces the underlined words in sentence 4?

- A I
- B Us
- C Me
- D We

4 Read the sentences.

Kevin plays basketball. He also plays baseball.

What is the **CORRECT** way to combine the sentences to form a new sentence?

- A Kevin plays basketball and baseball.
- B Basketball and baseball Kevin plays.
- C Kevin he plays basketball and baseball.
- D Kevin plays basketball but he plays baseball.

5 Read the sentence.

Gabriel likes fishing and tends to **exaggerate** the size of the fish he catches.

Which word has a meaning **SIMILAR** to **exaggerate**?

- A magnify
- B amplify
- C lessen
- D lie

6 Read the sentence.

John is walking _____ the park with his friend Alex.

Which homophone belongs in the blank?

- A too
- B two
- C tew
- D to

7 Which is the **BEST** persuasive sentence?

- A Many researchers study how students perform in school after eating different types of snacks.
- B According to studies, students have trouble concentrating after consuming sugar.
- C Further research is needed to reach conclusions.
- D Sugary snacks can affect education.

8 Which sentence would **BEST** describe the setting for a mystery story?

- A The house was empty.
- B The old house was filled with silence.
- C There was silence in the abandoned house.
- D Silence filled the long corridors of the old, abandoned house.

9 Which sentence presents the BEST word order?

- A Many cities and counties are creating in neighborhoods programs to promote recycling.
- B Many cities and counties are creating programs to promote recycling in neighborhoods.
- C Are creating in neighborhoods programs to promote recycling many cities and counties.
- D Are creating in neighborhoods programs many cities and counties to promote recycling.

10 Read the sentence.

Roberto and Sandra collaborate in removing hazardous obstacles from the hallways.

Which word is misspelled in the sentence?

- A collaborate
- B removing
- C hazardous
- D obstacles

Directions: In this section, you will show how well you can read and understand written English. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 11** Diana needs to write an essay about sharks.

Where would she **MOST LIKELY** find scientific facts about them?

- A in an art magazine
- B in a sports journal
- C in a biology book
- D in an online atlas

Koko the Gorilla

1 Koko was a famous gorilla that had been taught to use sign language since the age of one. She had a word bank of over 1,000 signs. Her conversations with humans consisted of three to six words. One day, with her ability to communicate using signs, she requested a kitten from her trainers. Some trainers believe it may have been because Koko’s favorite story was “Three Little Kittens.”

2 Koko’s request was granted, and she chose a tailless, gray male kitten. One trainer wondered if Koko made this choice because, like a gorilla, the kitten had no tail. Koko enjoyed the kitten’s company. She named the kitten All Ball and treated it like a baby gorilla. She even carried it on her back! Koko was observed using sign language to suggest to All Ball that they tickle each other. Tickling was Koko’s favorite game. Koko and All Ball enjoyed a special bond. This became evident when Koko was once seen dressing All Ball in napkins and All Ball did not put up a fight!

3 In 1984, All Ball escaped from Koko’s cage. Koko became troubled. When her trainers asked if she wanted to talk about All Ball’s leaving, she signed the word “cry.” When she was shown a picture of All Ball, she signed, “Cry, sad, frown.”

4 Koko had other kittens, like Smoky and Lipstick, as well as some other pets. There are many debates about whether or not animals have emotions like humans. It seems Koko provided researchers with some good information!

12 Which sentence from the reading selection could also be part of the introductory paragraph?

- A “One trainer wondered if Koko made this choice because, like a gorilla, the kitten had no tail.”
- B “When her trainers asked if she wanted to talk about All Ball’s leaving, she signed the word ‘cry.’ ”
- C “Koko had other kittens, like Smoky and Lipstick, as well as some other pets.”
- D “There are many debates about whether or not animals have emotions like humans.”

13 What is the meaning of the word troubled as it is used in paragraph 3?

- A annoyed
- B angry
- C upset
- D tired

14 What is the **MOST LIKELY** reason Koko was taught to use sign language?

- A to find out why she was always upset
- B to learn about the things she enjoyed
- C to see how many signs she could learn
- D to find out if she could communicate with humans

15 What can the reader conclude about Koko?

- A She was a gentle animal.
- B She did not know other gorillas.
- C She had been angry with All Ball for leaving.
- D She should not have been allowed to have another pet.

16 Based on the reading selection, the reader can conclude that —

- A only gorillas can learn sign language.
- B Koko liked to be with other animals.
- C eating was Koko’s favorite activity.
- D kittens are smarter than gorillas.

17 What does the word debates mean in paragraph 4?

- A battles
- B disputes
- C agreements
- D conversations

18 What is the **MAIN IDEA** of the reading selection?

- A A famous gorilla loved kittens and other animals.
- B A famous gorilla had a word bank of over 1,000 signs of sign language.
- C A famous gorilla chose a tailless gray kitten because it resembled a gorilla.
- D A famous gorilla provided researchers with information about animals’ emotions.

19 Which paragraph **BEST** supports the idea that animals have emotions?

- A paragraph 1
- B paragraph 2
- C paragraph 3
- D paragraph 4

- 20** A. What would be the MOST appropriate type of publication to feature this reading selection in?
- B. What type of visual aid could facilitate a better understanding of the reading selection?

Remember to answer all parts of the question in the space provided. Your answers should be in ENGLISH, but you can also answer in SPANISH.

Directions: In this section, you will show how well you understand spoken English. Listen carefully. Then, choose the correct answer.

- 1** Where does this passage take place?
- A at home
 - B in a classroom
 - C on the playground
 - D at the community center
- 2** Who gave Javier the idea to volunteer at the animal shelter?
- A his classmates
 - B his teacher
 - C his uncle
 - D his aunt
- 3** According to Javier, what is one of the benefits of volunteering at the shelter?
- A being entertained during summer vacation
 - B playing with puppies and kittens
 - C receiving a certificate of merit
 - D doing daily exercise
- 4** Which sentence BEST describes the main purpose of Javier's presentation?
- A Javier expresses his love for animals.
 - B Javier shows off his certificate of merit.
 - C Javier complains about his summer vacation.
 - D Javier tells about his experience as an animal shelter volunteer.

Directions: In this section, you will show how well you understand how to write in English. For each question, choose the correct answer.

My Idea

(1) My brother and I clean our house each week (2) We team up and go from room to room. (3) Last week, my brother was surprised when I brought out my wagon. (4) I put a basket in the wagon to hold the cleaning supplies. (5) Now we always bring the wagon with us as we clean.

- 5** Which punctuation mark should be at the end of sentence 1?
- A a period (.)
 - B a comma (,)
 - C a question mark (?)
 - D an exclamation point (!)
- 6** In sentence 2, the phrase team up means that the brothers —
- A work together.
 - B cook together.
 - C sing together.
 - D cry together.
- 7** In sentence 3, the word brought is the past tense of —
- A buy.
 - B bring.
 - C break.
 - D borrow.
- 8** Which word from sentence 4 has an affix?
- A basket
 - B wagon
 - C hold
 - D cleaning

9 Which sentence from the selection is a complex sentence?

- A sentence 1
- B sentence 2
- C sentence 3
- D sentence 4

- 10** Which sentence is **CORRECTLY** punctuated?
- A The journalist wrote an article, the trial was finished.
 - B After the rehearsal had finished; the actress was tired.
 - C By next summer; the house will be sold to the new owners.
 - D During the filming of their last movie, the actors became friends.

- 11** Which sentence is the **MOST** persuasive?
- A Healthy snacks provide the nutrients your body needs to keep strong.
 - B Remember that healthy snacks are better for you.
 - C Students usually like to eat healthy snacks.
 - D You should always eat healthy snacks.

- 12** Read the paragraph.

(1) The zookeeper took us to see different animal species. (2) She also showed us how to feed and take care of the animals. (3) It was a very exciting trip!

Which would be the **BEST** introductory sentence for this paragraph?

- A I hope we go back to the zoo soon.
- B We even fed the birds with delicious seeds.
- C We learned many new things on our zoo field trip.
- D The monkeys were taking a bath under the waterfall.

- 13** Which sentence has the **CORRECT** word order?

- A Because he likes to feel the breeze, Javier enjoys walking outdoors in the afternoon and the sunlight.
- B Javier enjoys walking outdoors because he likes to feel the breeze in the afternoon and the sunlight.
- C Because he likes to feel the breeze and the sunlight, Javier enjoys in the afternoon walking outdoors.
- D Javier enjoys walking outdoors in the afternoon because he likes to feel the breeze and the sunlight.

14 Which sentence is punctuated
CORRECTLY?

- A After they greeted the teacher, the students showed her their homework and she was very impressed.
- B After they greeted the teacher the students showed her their homework, and she was very impressed.
- C After they greeted the teacher the students showed her their homework; and she was very impressed.
- D After they greeted the teacher, the students showed her their homework, and she was very impressed.

Directions: In this section, you will show how well you can read and understand written English. For each question, choose the correct answer.

A Great Team

- 1 The emperor penguin is one of seventeen different kinds of penguins. The largest of all the penguins, these flightless birds live in Antarctica.
- 2 The responsibility of raising an emperor penguin chick is shared by the male and his female mate. But only the male penguin takes on the duty of incubating the egg, which involves protecting the egg and keeping it warm. Once a chick has hatched, the parents take turns feeding and looking after it.
- 3 During the months of January and February—summer in Antarctica—the penguins eat incredible amounts of fish and squid to prepare their bodies for the journey to the colony, or rookery, where they will mate and raise their chicks. In March and April, they make their way to the breeding sites. Emperor penguins do not build nests. Instead, they stand and huddle together to keep warm.
- 4 With winter approaching, the female lays a single egg. After the egg is laid, the female passes it to her mate and goes off to the open sea for about two months to find food for herself. The male keeps the egg warm by balancing it on his feet and covering it with his feathered skin. If the chick hatches before the mother returns, the male feeds the chick a milk-like substance produced by an organ located below the esophagus.
- 5 When the mother returns, she will have eaten enough to feed herself and the chick. The male then goes off to eat. The mother brings up from her stomach some of the food she had stored to feed the chick from her mouth. After several weeks, the male returns to his post to help care for the chick. He feeds the chick the same way the female does. By December or January, the young penguin is old enough to take care of itself.

15 Which sentence is a **FACT** from the reading selection?

- A The male is responsible for keeping the egg warm.
- B The female should not feed the chick.
- C Emperor penguins do not eat fish.
- D Emperor penguins can fly.

16 The duty of incubating an emperor penguin egg is done by —

- A the female penguin.
- B the male penguin.
- C neither parent.
- D both parents.

17 As stated in paragraph 1, emperor penguins are flightless birds, which means they cannot —

- A swim.
- B walk.
- C fight.
- D fly.

18 Why is this reading selection **NONFICTION**?

- A The author presents a process of the penguins in chronological order.
- B It presents the story of the emperor penguins' journey to a colony.
- C It states real information about the penguins raising a chick.
- D The author wants to convince the reader to like penguins.

19 Which paragraph explains how the penguins get ready for their trip?

- A paragraph 1
- B paragraph 2
- C paragraph 3
- D paragraph 4

- 20** Read this sentence from the reading selection.

“When the mother returns, she will have eaten enough to feed herself and the chick.”

Which sentence from paragraph 5 BEST supports this statement?

- A “The mother brings up from her stomach some of the food she had stored to feed the chick from her mouth.”
- B “After several weeks, the male returns to his post to help care for the chick.”
- C “He feeds the chick the same way the female does.”
- D “By December or January, the young penguin is old enough to take care of itself.”

- 21** Which sentence BEST expresses the idea introduced by the title?

- A Flocks of emperor penguins eat incredible amounts of fish and squid at the start of the breeding season.
- B Emperor penguin mates share responsibilities in the care of their young.
- C Emperor penguins are the largest of all penguins.
- D Flocks of emperor penguins live in Antarctica.

- 22** In which type of publication would it be BEST to feature this reading selection?

- A a narrative book
- B a tourist guidebook
- C a science magazine
- D an encyclopedia entry

- 23** Which paragraph best expresses the MAIN IDEA of the reading selection?

- A paragraph 2
- B paragraph 3
- C paragraph 4
- D paragraph 5

- 24** A. How does the male emperor penguin keep the egg warm?

- B. How do the mates take turns caring for the chick?

Remember to answer all parts of the question in the space provided. Your answers should be in ENGLISH, but you can also answer in SPANISH.