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### Text I

*After rising steadily for almost a century, standards of education in the public schools of Europe and America have levelled off and, in the opinion of many parents and employers, are actually falling. More and more children are leaving school with little more than a basic knowledge of reading, writing, and arithmetic, and illiteracy is becoming a social problem once again. With dropout rates of twenty-seven percent in high schools and fifty percent in colleges, the American education system is really in trouble; European dropout rates, though lower than those of the US, are rising too.*

*Varios factors have been blamed for the apparent decline in educational standards. Some people say that overcrowding and lack of discipline are major factors. Others maintain that subjects like art and drama have been overemphasized at the expense of more practical subjects. The negative influence of television is frequently mentioned as a reason for growing illiteracy. Many teachers and principals however insist that the problem is not of falling standards but of rising expectations on the part of parents and employers.*

*Whether or not standards in public schools are actually falling, many parents feel that the only way to secure a good education for their children is to send them to private schools, which generally have smaller classes and stricter discipline. The popularity of such schools is growing steadily, despite the high tuition fees. In the United States, for example, eleven percent of all school children attend private schools, in France over six teen percent do so.*

01. The text is a about \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) problems in current education systems
- (B) rising dropout rates in American public schools
- (C) factors determining general education standards
- (D) comparison between the American and European education system
- (E) problems in education in European and American public schools

02. Which of the following statements about the education of children in public schools is NOT TRUE according to the text ?

- (A) Many children quit school.
- (B) Dropouts lack basic knowledge of reading and writing.
- (C) Public school should offer more practical subjects.
- (D) Dropout rates are rising.
- (E) The dropout rate in Europe is lower than that in the U.S.

03. Which of the following is thought to be a factor causing the decline in educational standards ?

- (A) Discipline in school is generally too strict.
- (B) Teachers use too much television in class.
- (C) There are too many pupils in one class.
- (D) Subjects like drama and art are neglected.
- (E) Parents and employers expect too much from teachers.

04. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the text ?

- (A) School authorities do not think that educational standards in public school is declining.
- (B) More children are leaving school because they realize that public school have no discipline.
- (C) The general trend in the world is that there is a decline in educational standards.
- (D) Televisions greatly contributed to the failure of public school in general.
- (E) Private school are expensive because they provide more practical subject than public school do.

05. Private schools have become popular among parents, because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) they charge high tuition fees
- (B) their educational system never has problems
- (C) parents expectations for more practical subjects are met
- (D) they think that private schools provide better education
- (E) their rate of dropout is lower than that in public schools

## Text II

*Bisons have not always lived in North America. They are relatively new comers. They belong to the Bovidae family, like domestic cattle and the wild buffalo of Africa and Asia. The oldest known bison fossils have been found in China and the Himalaya Foothills where an animal with all the essential features of the genus lived a million years ago. They evolved rapidly and spread over most of the northern hemisphere in Europe and Siberia. During one of the Ice Ages, the sea level dropped exposing a land bridge across the Bering Strait allowing the faunas of Asia and North America to intermingle. Very early, the stepped bison moved eastward to the North American Continent.*

06. What is the topic of the paragraph ?

- (A) The spread of bison from China and Himalaya to North America.
- (B) Type of bisons belonging to the Bovidae family.
- (C) The effect of the intermingling of Asian and North American faunas.
- (D) Places in the world where bison lived.
- (E) The rapid evolution of bisons.

07. What is the main idea of the text ?

- (A) Bisons are relative new comers in North America because they have lived in other parts of the worlds.
  - (B) The oldest known bison fossils have been found in China and the Himalaya foothills.
  - (C) Bisons belong to the Bovidae family, like domestic cattle and the wild buffalo of Africa and Asia.
  - (D) From Asia bisons spread over most of the Northern hemisphere and came to North America through the bering strait.
  - (E) Bisons came to North America when the faunas of Asia and North America intermingled.
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**Text III**

*Driving a car is a necessity in today's society, and it is a special privilege. Getting a driver's license is a complicated process. It is divided into four steps: study the traffic laws, taking the written test, learning to drive, and taking the driving test. Therefore, anyone who wants to drive must carry a driver's license.*

08. What is the topic of the paragraph ?

- (A) The necessity of driving a car.
- (B) The process of getting a driver's license.
- (C) Drivers in today's busy society.
- (D) Learning to drive.
- (E) The special privilege of driving a car.

09. What is the main idea of the text ?

- (A) Driving a car is a necessity in today's busy society.
- (B) Anyone who wants to drive a car must have a driver's license.
- (C) Driving a car is a special privilege for busy people.
- (D) The four steps in getting a driver's license are a complicated process.
- (E) Studying the traffic laws is included in the process of getting a driver's license.

**Text IV**

*Throughout history man has changed his physical environment in order to improve his way of life. With the tools of technology, he has \_\_10\_\_ many physical features of the earth. He has transformed woodlands and prairies into farmland and made lakes and reservoirs out of rivers for irrigation \_\_11\_\_ or hydroelectric power. Man has also \_\_12\_\_ the face of earth by draining marshes and cutting through mountains to build roads and railways. \_\_13\_\_ man's changes to the physical environment have not always had \_\_14\_\_ results. Today, pollution of the air and water is a rising danger to the health of the planet.*

10. (A) divided  
(B) constructed  
(C) promoted  
(D) identified  
(E) altered
11. (A) means  
(B) media  
(C) organs  
(D) purposes  
(E) instruments
12. (A) surrounded  
(B) interrupted  
(C) changed  
(D) disturbed  
(E) enlarged
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13. (A) Consequently  
(B) However  
(C) Besides  
(D) Moreover  
(E) Similarly
14. (A) benefit  
(B) beneficiary  
(C) beneficial  
(D) beneficially  
(E) beneficent
15. You can buy the ticket in advance, so that you \_\_\_\_\_ queue up for it.
- (A) musn't  
(B) can not  
(C) may not  
(D) shouldn't  
(E) don't have to
16. The original \_\_\_\_\_ manuscript of the play is on display in the museum.
- (A) written by hand  
(B) writing hand  
(C) hand - written  
(D) that is hand - written  
(E) hand - writing
17. "My car broke down this morning."  
"It's your own fault. You \_\_\_\_\_ your brother for advice before you bought that used car."
- (A) could ask  
(B) might ask  
(C) should have asked  
(D) may have asked  
(E) must have asked
18. \_\_\_\_\_ She likes him very much, she always pretends to ignore him.
- (A) Since  
(B) Because  
(C) Whereas  
(D) Even though  
(E) However
19. Anita and I missed the morning flight and this made \_\_\_\_\_ late for our friend's wedding.
- (A) his  
(B) me  
(C) them  
(D) her  
(E) us

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20. Do you know that at the moment some amazing experiments \_\_\_\_\_ by the university research biologists ?
- (A) carried out
  - (B) to carry out
  - (C) are being carried out
  - (D) be carried out
  - (E) they are carried out
21. "Where is my dictionary ? It was on my desk."  
"Perhaps somebody \_\_\_\_\_ it. "
- (A) takes
  - (B) has taken
  - (C) is taking
  - (D) had taken
  - (E) would take
22. Constructed from 3000 to 1500 BC \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) the pyramids were monumental tombs of Egyptian pharaohs
  - (B) many tourists come from all over the world to see the pyramids
  - (C) the Egyptian pharaohs were buried in the pyramids
  - (D) it was the monumental tombs of Egyptian pharaohs
  - (E) the Egyptian buried their pharaohs in the monumental pyramids
23. \_\_\_\_\_ cigarette smoke can be harmful for non smokers is a fact not many smokers realize.
- (A) Whether
  - (B) That
  - (C) If
  - (D) Which
  - (E) When
24. We always try to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ preserved foods.
- (A) consuming
  - (B) to consume
  - (C) consumed
  - (D) we consume
  - (E) being consumed
25. These scholarships will be given to students \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) which passed the selection test
  - (B) whose selection test passed
  - (C) they passed the selection test
  - (D) who have passed the selection test
  - (E) have passed the selection test

26. The murder suspect wanted to tell the police the truth \_\_\_\_\_ they were afraid.

- (A) so
- (B) nevertheless
- (C) otherwise
- (D) moreover
- (E) therefore

27. "Since when hasn't she been feeling well?"

"Since she \_\_\_\_\_ from Singapore."

- (A) returned
- (B) has returned
- (C) was returning
- (D) had returned
- (E) has been returning

28. I don't have much time to do all my household work, so I always \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) help somebody
- (B) have helped somebody
- (C) have to help somebody
- (D) have somebody help me
- (E) to have me help somebody

29. My parents advised my sister \_\_\_\_\_ too much money on clothes.

- (A) do not spend
- (B) not to spend
- (C) did not spend
- (D) not spending
- (E) not spend

30. *Rudi would have lost his way in London if he hadn't been able speak English well.*

The above sentence means : \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Rudy got lost because his English was poor
- (B) Although Rudy's English was good, he got lost
- (C) As Rudy could not communicate in English, he got lost
- (D) In spite of his poor English, Rudy did not get lost
- (E) Rudy did not get lost because his English was good