



Read a magazine article about earthquakes. Seven paragraphs have been removed from the article. Read paragraphs 1-7 and select the one that fits each gap (a-g).

Earthquake in L.A

a _____

At 4.31 in the morning on January 17, 1994, the full impact of a massive earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale hit the community of Northridge in Los Angeles. It was an unwelcome wake-up call for everyone in the city. One resident, Rosemary Sato, was shaken awake in her bed to the sound of tremors violently rocking her house. When she got up she found that the quake had blown open her front door and thrown her furniture around like toys.

b _____

However, the damage wasn't restricted to Northridge. Across the city the quake killed sixty people, destroyed or severely damaged more than 3,000 homes, and brought down ten highway bridges. Many people were trapped under debris. The cost of the damage was estimated to be \$20 billion. The cause of this quake was movement in the San Andreas Fault system. The fault is a crack between two giant pieces of the Earth's crust. One of these pieces, most of which is situated under the Pacific Ocean, is moving at an average of about four centimetres every year.

c _____

The good news is that the Californian authorities are taking these predictions seriously. Engineers are working to strengthen the steel frames of buildings and other structures such as bridges. Hopefully, this will lead to less structural damage during the next quake.

d _____

During a quake, it is important to stay calm, as panic leads to rash actions which may result in injury or even death.

e _____

Levon Jernazian, a clinical psychologist, helps people to deal with the effects of this trauma. For weeks after the Northridge quake, one of his patients, Ani Shakhverdyan, aged eight, would still cling to her parents, was terrified of the dark, and would not even go to the bathroom alone.

f _____

Other survivors of quakes deal with their fears in a different way. They tell themselves that it won't happen again.

g _____

Little does she realise that in California, with the chances of another severe quake at 90 percent in the next thirty years, she is very likely to experience at least one more.

1. In one session, Ani was asked to draw a picture of her fears. She drew a big rat. Then Levon Jernazian told her to cut the picture of the rat into pieces, burn it, and then jump on the remains. Ani did what he suggested and her fears became less intense.

A) a B) b C) e D) g E) f

2. Unfortunately, this movement isn't slow and continuous but occurs in bursts, which result in earthquakes. And to make matters worse, scientists not only expect more earthquakes in the near future but also more powerful ones.

A) c B) b C) a D) g E) f

3. People are advised to stay where they are and, if possible, to take shelter under a bed or table. However, for many, it is difficult to get rid of the terror of experiencing an earthquake. After the Northridge quake, thousands of Californians even left the state, and many of those who stayed have experienced what is now known as "earthquake trauma".

A) b B) a C) e D) f E) g

4. One woman's reaction was, "I'm not scared anymore. Also, it's similar to being in a plane crash. What are your chances of being in another?"

A) g B) a C) c D) b E) e

5. Another resident of the community, who lived in a three-store apartment block, recalls the top two floors of the building crashing down onto his first-floor apartment. "A wall fell on me," he said, "I couldn't move my head. I was trapped for five hours with injuries to my lungs, ribs, and collarbone."

A) e B) a C) b D) c E) g

6. Amazingly enough, nobody noticed it apart from scientists who were studying the seismic activity. However, one man did report that his dog had started to howl at the time the quake was said to have started.

A) b B) a C) g D) f E) e

7. The residents of California are also preparing themselves for the next big one. They are buying emergency supplies, nailing down their belongings and, making plans for what they should do in the event of another quake.

A) a B) b C) e D) d E) f

Look at the questions 8-10. Choose the correct answer.

8. Find the odd word out.

A) terrified B) scared C) thrilled
D) horrified E) frightened



9. Match the methods of cooking with their definitions.

1) bake	a) cook in very hot oil
2) boil	b) cook over hot water
3) fry	c) cook over/under a flame
4) grill	d) cook meat, etc. in an oven
5) roast	e) cook in hot water
6) steam	f) cook bread, etc. in an oven

- A) 1f, 2e, 3a, 4c, 5d, 6b
 B) 1a, 2b, 3c, 4d, 5e, 6f
 C) 1b, 2d, 3a, 4e, 5c, 6f
 D) 1f, 2e, 3a, 4d, 5b, 6c
 E) 1b, 2d, 3c, 4e, 5a, 6f

10. Choose the correct item.

When I took a ... of the steak I realised that the chef had not cooked it properly.

- A) swallow
 B) bite
 C) chew
 D) nibble
 E) sting

Read the following text and answer questions 11-15.

Facebook is a popular social networking website, whose name originated from the nickname for directories handed out to university students that aided them in getting to know their fellow students. Facebook was invented by Harvard computer science student, Mark Zuckerberg, along with some classmates. Mark Zuckerberg was a second-year student when he wrote the software for the original "Facemash" website. Zuckerberg's sophomore sense of humour led him to use the site as a type of "hot or not" game for Harvard students, where website visitors could compare two student photos side-by-side and let viewers decide who was "hot" and who was "not". Membership of the website was at first restricted to Harvard University students. Zuckerberg enlisted a few of his fellow students to help develop the website and access to the site was later expanded to include additional universities and colleges. Mark Zuckerberg's efforts finally paid off when profits from Facebook made him the world's youngest multi-billionaire.

11. What is a sophomore sense of humour?

- A) silly and childish B) mature and grown-up
 C) dull and innate D) deep and philosophical
 E) unpleasant and annoying

12. The purpose of the directories handed out to university students was to

- A) confuse them
 B) make them study
 C) give them lectures
 D) teach them lessons
 E) help them get acquainted

13. Which sentence is true? At the beginning

- A) everyone could use Mark's website
 B) only Mark's friends had access to the website
 C) only Harvard students were entitled to access the site
 D) the "hot" students had access while others didn't
 E) only Harvard and Yale students had access to the site

14. If something you have done pays off, it is

- A) expensive B) successful C) necessary
 D) payable E) boring

15. Harvard University, one of the most prestigious universities in the world, is located in

- A) Cambridge, UK
 B) Bern, Switzerland
 C) Berlin, Germany
 D) Toronto, Canada
 E) Cambridge, USA

16. Supposing Jane ... with us, what would you do?

- A) would come B) came C) will come
 D) has come E) is coming

17. What letters form a synonym of **certainly**?

- A) y/ l/ t/ i/ n/ e/ f/ d
 B) f/ e/ d/ y/ i/ t/ l/ a/ n
 C) l/ e/ f/ i/ t/ e/ i/ d/ y/ n
 D) y/ e/ f/ d/ n/ i/ l/ e
 E) i/ f/ d/ t/ n/ l/ i/ y/ e

18. Complete the sentence.

If you have just enough money and nothing extra, you live from hand to

- A) pocket B) purse C) poverty
 D) hunger E) mouth

19. Which word is not a correct nationality?

- A) Japanese B) Luxembourgish C) Maldivian
 D) Uzbekistani E) Surinamese

20. **Scarcely ... the truth, ... she started to cry.**

- A) she found out/ then
 B) had she found out/ when
 C) she has found out/ than
 D) she had found out/ than
 E) has she found out/ when



21. It's a lovely big house but nobody uses it, so it's **a bit of a white elephant**. What does the idiom in bold mean?

- A) something very beautiful and useful
- B) something very big and useful
- C) something very cheap and useless
- D) something very expensive and useless
- E) something expensive and useful

22. Choose the right sentence formed by these words: **the children/ barely/ their homework/ had finished/ the rain/when/began**

- A) The children barely had finished their homework when the rain began.
- B) Barely had finished the children their homework when the rain began.
- C) The rain began when barely the children had finished their homework.
- D) Barely the rain began when the children had finished their homework.
- E) Barely had the children finished their homework when the rain began.

23. Match the words connected with air travel:

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. check-in | a. flight |
| 2. charter | b. baggage |
| 3. boarding | c. desk |
| 4. air-traffic | d. card |
| 5. excess | e. controller |

- A) 1e/ 2d/ 3c/ 4a/ 5b
- B) 1e/ 2b/ 3c/ 4a/ 5d
- C) 1c/ 2d/ 3e/ 4a/ 5b
- D) 1c/ 2a/ 3d/ 4e/ 5b
- E) 1c/ 2b/ 3a/ 4c/ 5d

24. Recent research has shown that having a pet can ... children's immune systems.

- A) stronger
- B) strengthen
- C) strength
- D) strengthening
- E) strengthened

25. We knew Dad had turned the corner when he started complaining about the hospital food. What does **Dad had turned the corner** mean?

- A) Dad had started to like the hospital food.
- B) Dad had left the hospital.
- C) Dad had started to feel worse.
- D) Dad was at the point of dying.
- E) Dad had started to feel better.

Read the text and answer the questions 26-30.

Madame Tussauds is a famous wax museum in London with branches in a number of major cities. It was set up

by wax sculptor Marie Tussaud. Marie Tussaud (1761–1850) was born in Strasbourg. Her mother worked as a housekeeper for Dr. Philippe Curtius, who was a physician skilled in wax modelling. Curtius taught Tussaud the art of wax modelling. In 1765, Curtius made a waxwork of Marie-Jeanne du Barry, Louis XV's mistress. A cast of that mould is the oldest work currently on display. The first exhibition of Curtius' waxworks was shown in 1770, and attracted a large audience. Tussaud created her first wax figure, of Voltaire, in 1777. Other famous people she modelled at that time include Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Benjamin Franklin. During the French Revolution, she modelled many prominent victims. In her memoirs, she claims that she would search through corpses to find the decapitated heads of executed citizens, from which she would make death masks. Following the doctor's death in 1794, she inherited his vast collection of wax models and spent the next 33 years travelling around Europe. Her marriage to Francois Tussaud in 1795 lent a new name to the show – Madame Tussauds. In 1802, she went to London. As a result of the Franco-British war, she was unable to return to France, so she travelled throughout Great Britain and Ireland exhibiting her collection.

26. What is Madame Tussauds?

- A) a housekeeper
- B) a famous wax sculptor
- C) a famous wax museum
- D) a waxwork
- E) a physician skilled in wax modelling

27. Where was Marie Tussaud born?

- A) in France
- B) in Portugal
- C) in Spain
- D) in Italy
- E) in England

28. Who taught Tussaud the art of wax modelling?

- A) a physician
- B) her mother
- C) Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- D) a wax modelling teacher
- E) her father

29. Which statement is true?

- A) The first exhibition of Curtius' waxworks was shown in the XVIII century.
- B) Tussaud created her first wax figure, of Madame du Barry.
- C) Tussaud's wax museum includes only film stars.
- D) Dr. Curtius inherited Marie's vast collection of wax models.
- E) In 1802, Marie Tussaud returned to France.



30. The synonym of **prominent** is

- A) famous B) perfect C) handsome
D) poor E) permanent

31. **It's no tea party!** means

- A) It's none of your business!
B) Keep off!
C) Be careful around here!
D) Beware of the tea parties!
E) It is very difficult!

32. ... a number of people in my life who have helped me achieve my goals.

- A) There were
B) They were
C) They have been
D) There have been
E) There was

33. An Indian student moves to the United Kingdom to attend the university. The disorientation he feels is called

- A) counterculture B) culture shock
C) culture lag D) cultural relativism
E) culture vulture

34. Which of the following has the similar meaning of **make-do**?

- A) make-up B) make with C) makeshift
D) available E) fashionable

35. Find the endings.

- 1) If I must choose the lesser evil, ...
2) No one knows what he can do ...
3) I will find a way ...
4) Ideas are funny things: ...
5) Nothing in life is to be feared, ...
- a) ... or make one.
b) ... they don't work unless you do.
c) ... until he tries.
d) ... I will choose neither.
e) ... it is only to be understood.

- A) 1b, 2c, 3a, 4e, 5d B) 1e, 2b, 3d, 4c, 5a
C) 1d, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5e D) 1d, 2a, 3c, 4e, 5b
E) 1a, 2b, 3c, 4d, 5c

36. Tick the correct sentence.

- A) She ate nothing for two days.
B) I won't see something like it again.
C) She has done anything for the last weeks.
D) I'm not very lucky - I never win something.
E) When I lost my money, there wasn't nothing I could

do.

Read the text. Answer questions 37 – 40.

Alice was waiting at a curious croquet-ground for the game to begin. The balls were live hedgehogs, the mallets live flamingoes, and the soldiers had to double themselves over and stand on their hands and feet to make the arches. The main difficulty Alice had was in managing her flamingo. She succeeded in getting its body tucked away under her arm with its legs hanging down, but every time she had got its neck nicely straightened out, and was going to give the hedgehog a blow with its head, it **would** twist itself round and look up in her face, with such a puzzled expression that she could not help but burst out laughing. When she finally got its head down and was going to try again, she found that the hedgehog had unrolled itself and was in the act of crawling away. And if this wasn't enough, all the doubled-over soldiers kept getting up and walking off. Alice soon came to the conclusion that this was a very difficult game indeed.

37. The verb **would** in the text can be replaced with

- A) preferred to B) used to C) wanted to
D) desired to E) could

38. The flamingo's puzzled expression made Alice feel like

- A) crying
B) screaming
C) giggling
D) singing
E) joking

39. Which of the following would twist itself around?

- A) The flamingo
B) The hedgehog
C) Both of the animals
D) The mallet
E) The ball

40. The croquet game proved to be difficult because

- A) Alice didn't know how to play it
B) Alice wasn't paying attention at all
C) everybody was laughing
D) the croquet ground was in a bad condition
E) the equipment consisted of live animals