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Part 1:
Read the following text carefully then answer the questions that follow.

Scientists have successfully invented a prosthetic hand with a sense of touch. It is an exciting new invention, which **they** plan to develop. It is possible that similar artificial arms and legs will have taken the place of today's prosthetic limbs.

Dennis Sorensen, a 39-year-old from Denmark, was the first person to try out the new invention. After losing his left hand in an accident, he had been using a standard prosthetic hand for nine years. The new hand, which was developed by Swiss and Italian scientists, was a huge improvement. With it, Sorensen could not only pick up and manipulate objects, but he could also feel them. 'When I held an object, I could feel if it was soft or hard, round or square,' he explained. He said that the sensations were almost the same as the ones he felt with his other hand.

Unfortunately, Sorensen was only taking part in trials, and the equipment is not ready for general use yet. He was only allowed to wear it for a month, for safety reasons. So now he has his old artificial hand back. However, he hopes that soon he will be wearing the new type of hand again. He is looking forward to the time when similar artificial limbs are available for the thousands of people who need them. He will have helped to transform their lives.

1. The new prosthetic hand was developed by ----------------
A. Dennis Sorensen.   **C.** The British scientist Tim Berners-Lee.
B. European scientists.   **D.** a specialist doctor.

2. What is special about the new artificial limb?
A. it allows the wearer to expertise things.   **C.** it allows the wearer to help people.
B. it allows the wearer to feel objects.   **D.** it allows the wearer to only pick up objects.

3. The sentence which shows that the new prosthetic hand was temporary is ----------------
A. "He said that the sensations were almost the same as the ones he felt with his other hand."
B. "Dennis Sorensen was the first person to try out the new invention."
C. "So now he has his old artificial hand back."
D. "He was only allowed to wear it for a month, for safety reasons."

4. The word in the text that is the opposite of 'natural' is ------------------
A. limb   **B.** artificial   **C.** manipulate   **D.** object

5. The underlined pronoun in the first paragraph "they" refers to ----------------
A. legs   **B.** arms   **C.** Scientists   **D.** limbs

Part 2:

Read the following text carefully then answer the questions that follow.

In England, almost 50% of school leavers go on to higher education. **The figure** has not always been as high as this. Twenty years ago, it was closer to 30%, and thirty years before that, it was only about 5%. Another huge change has been financial. Before 1998 CE, higher education in the UK was completely free for UK citizens. Since then, tuition fees have been introduced. Most students borrow this money from the government. They don't have to repay it immediately. Instead, they pay it back slowly out of future earnings.

Despite the high cost, most students choose to study away from home. A recent survey of 17,000 students revealed that only 7% wanted to stay at home while they studied for their degree. Of course for most young people, living away from home means borrowing even more money from the government. So why don't students choose to avoid debt by staying at home, where they don't have to pay rent? Most of them say that they want to move to the university of their choice, rather than the nearest one. Another strong motive is the desire to live in a new culture. Where do these students live? Many have rooms in **halls of residence**, especially in their first year; others rent flats or houses. A lucky minority live in property that their parents have bought for them. Most of them need to learn to cook, do their own washing and manage their time and money.

6. Decide if the following statement is True OR False.
It's more expensive to go to university than it used to be.
A. True   **B.** False

7. The underlined phrase in the second paragraph "halls of residence" means ---------------
A. money you owe   **C.** accommodation provided by a university or college.
B. charges   **D.** reason for doing something

8. When was higher education in the UK free for citizens?
A. After 1998   **B.** Before 1998   **C.** After 1999   **D.** Before 2002

9. Which part of the text tells you that students are able to afford to leave home?
A. they borrow money from the government.
B. most of them need to learn to cook.
C. only 7% wanted to stay at home while they studied for their degree.
D. none of the above.

10. The strong motive for students who want to study abroad is --------------
A. they want to move to the university of their choice.
B. the desire to live in a new culture**.**
C. they prefer to study at different universities rather than the nearest ones.
D. all of the above.

11. The word in the text that is the opposite of 'many' is ------------------
A. majority   **B. minority**   **C. tuition fees**   **D. debt**

12. The underlined word "the figure" in the first paragraph refers to ---------------
A. The number of school leavers.   **C.** British government.
B. university students.   **D.** the percentage of school students

Part 3:

13. Read the following sample summary of the article Masdar City, and then choose the item from A, B, C OR D that best completes the summary.

The article discusses Masdar City, which is an example of a 'megaproject'. A megaproject is a large-scale investment project designed to stimulate the economy and benefit the population. The author states that this project is currently being undertaken in Abu Dhabi and has attracted a lot of both positive and negative attention. The author goes on to say that, whilst it has been praised for its environmentally friendly status, some people argue that we should prioritise sustainability in already existing cities, rather than creating new ones. -- the project is a landmark of urban planning and a precursor of megaprojects to come.

A. The aim of this report is to...;   **C. 10 per cent of those questioned said...**
B. Whatever the opinion, it is clear that   **D. There is a distinct advantage….**

14. Choose the suitable linking word from A, B, C OR D to complete the following passage.

The following advice about preparing for exams was given by our teacher. He should know, as he has taken so many of them in his life! He said, 'It is not a good idea to study late at night. --------- is because your brain is tired then, and it is unlikely to retain the information as well. The best time to study is early in the morning. That is when you feel most awake.'

A. This   **B. Many of them**   **C. He**   **D. it**

15. The following lines has four underlined mistakes. Choose the correct group of the items from A, B, C OR D that makes the passage correct.

According to a study carried out by Pennsylvania State University, USA, **multilinguel** people are able to switch between two systems of speech, writing**!** and structure quite easily. **It has been proves** that they are also able to switch easily between completely different tasks. One experiment required participants to operate a driving **simulatar** while carrying out separate tasks at the same time.

A. multilingual /, / it have been proved /simulatur
B. multilingual /. / it has been proving /simulator
C. maltilingual /, / it has been proved /simulator
D. multilingual /, / it has been proved /simulator

16. Some robots will look and sound very like humans, because technology will have advanced a great deal.
The rhetorical device used in the above sentence is --------------------
A. metaphor   **B.** simile   **C.** personification   **D.** onomatopoeia

17. The teacher strongly recommended that the time that students spend at school should be decreased into five hours.
The language function of the above sentence is --------------------
A. expressing advice
B. expressing recommendation
C. expressing conclusion
D. all the above

Part 4:

Read the following essay about the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping then choose the best answers from A, B, C OR D to complete it.

Most people now use the Internet on computers, smartphones and tablets to do a variety of tasks. For many people, these tasks include online shopping. From shopping for groceries to all kinds of clothes shopping, consumers are finding this the easiest way to get what they need, literally at the touch of a button. (18) -----------------, there are numerous and important disadvantages to shopping in this way.

Although using the Internet to shop is usually fairly easy, and there is often greater variety available, it is always a risk because you cannot try on or see in detail the item you wish to buy. In fact, the immediate 'convenience' of shopping in this way can end up being an inconvenience if the item is faulty or does not fit, or is just not what the customer wanted. (19) -------------------- the prices are better when you shop online, but, while it might be cheaper, there is a distinct disadvantage because you have to wait for the delivery of the purchases. Some people might prefer not to have any personal contact while shopping online, but it can save time in the end since there are always assistants to help with queries you might have during the transaction. In addition to this, there is the issue of Internet payment security; however, recently this has improved a lot.

The Internet has indeed given us a wider choice as consumers, as well as made some aspects of shopping more pleasant and convenient. However, it is nearly impossible, in my opinion, to forget the disadvantages we experience from time to time, (20) --------------- these can and do influence the way in which we choose to shop.

(18)- **A.** And   **B.** However   **C.** Such as   **D.** Because of

(19)- **A.** It is true that…   **C.** A study was done to find out...;
       B. The essay discusses the main …….   **D.** There are many example of…

(20)- **A.** finally   **B.** since   **C.** As a consequence   **D.** in this way,

MODEL ANSWERS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A						■			■			■		■					■	
B	■	■		■				■			■		■			■		■		■
C					■		■													
D			■							■					■		■			

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