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Q1. Read the following texts carefully, then answer the questi	on that follows each text by
choosing the correct answer between those A,B,C or D.	9

1. A few years ago, as many as 1,000 schools across the USA started making school years longer by adding up to ten extra days to the school year or by making each school day longer by half an hour. This was because it was found that secondary school students in the USA and the UK were spending the least time at school, with an average school year of 187 days. The typical Jordanian school year is longer than **this**.

The underlined pronoun (this) refers to	
A. School year in Jordan	B. The typical Jordanian school year
C. An average school year of 187 days	D. Secondary school

2.In Finland, however, students are usually given less than half an hour of homework per night, and they attend school for fewer and shorter days than 85% of other **developed nations**.

The underlined phrase (<u>developed nations</u>) means: ______

A. poor countries B. primitive countries C. healthy countries D. wealthy countries

3. Studio schools are pioneering schools which receive funding as well as support from private businesses, and which seek to encourage young people to undertake a less conventional form of secondary education. These schools often specialize in one specific area. Whilst understanding that the same broad range of skills and qualifications should be made available to all young people.

One of the following sentences is not true about the studio schools.

- A. They receive funding as well as support from private businesses
- B. These schools often specialize in a specific area
- C. The same broad range of skills and qualifications shouldn't be made available to all young people
- D. They seek to encourage young people to undertake a less conventional form of secondary education

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4. Two summers ago, I spent five months studying Arabic at the German-Jordanian University near Madaba. As my father is originally from Jordan, I grew up speaking Arabic as well as German. However, I had never studied Arabic formally. When the opportunity came up for me to spend a year in Jordan studying Arabic, I didn't hesitate for one moment. I have relatives in Jordan and they arranged for me to stay with a wonderful family who live just outside Madaba.

The sentence that indicates that the wi	riter never hesitated before she came to Jordan is :
A. Two summers ago, I spent five mon	nths studying Arabic at the German-Jor <mark>dani</mark> an
University near Madaba	
B. However, I had never studied Arab	oi <mark>c form</mark> ally
C. I have relatives in Jordan and they	arranged for me to stay with a wonderful family who liv
just outside Madaba	
D. When the opportunity came up for	me to spend a year in Jordan studying Arabic, I didn't
hesitate for one moment	
Q2. Choose the correct answer betwee	en those in bold to complete the following sentences.
5. I am not sure if it will be warm to have	ve a barbecue. I think we will
(get it off our chests, play it by ear, po	ut our backs into it).
6. When somebody has a natural menta	l ability for numbers, this means that he
(gets cold feet, plays it by ear, has a h	ead for figures).
7. Samir always even i	n hard times. He is cheerful.
(puts his back into it, keeps his chin u	p, gets cold feet).
8. He couldn't climb over the mountain	. He <u>lost his confidence</u> .
The underlined phrase can be replaced by	oy
(had a head for figures, played it by e	ear, got cold feet).
9. The event happened	(purpose, purposefully, purposeful).

Wa'el Mohammad Nsairat (WM) Q3. Choose the correct answer between those A, B, C	0799126156 or D to complete the following sentences.
10. History is the least studied subject.	
The sentence that has the same meaning is	·
A. No student has studied history. B. No subject	et is studied as much as History.
C. No subject is studied as little as history. D. History is	studied as much as other subjects.
11. Homework in the UK is three times as much as Fig.	ıland.
Homework in Finland	
A. is more than it is in the UK. B. is the same a	as it is in the UK.
C. is the most all over the world. D. is three times	s less than it is in the UK.
12. English is more wanted than Arabic and Math.	
The above sentence means:	
A. Neither Arabic nor Math is as wanted as English. B.	Arabic and Math aren't less wanted as English.
C. Math is less wanted than Arabic and English D.	Arabic is less wanted than English and Math.
13. Students don't like doing Music and Arts but they	like doing English.
This sentence means	
A. Students like English less than Arts and Music.	
3. Neither English nor music and Arts are being done.	
C. Neither Music nor Arts is being done as much as English.	
D. Music and Arts are being done more than English.	
14. Secondary education is better than primary educa	tion.
This sentence means	
A. Primary education is not as good as secondary education. Neither secondary education nor primary education is C. Secondary education and primary education are good to D. Secondary education is not as good as the primary education.	good. he same.

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15. Rasha doesn't read asstories as Rand.	
A. much B. many C. more D. most	
16. She didn't meet her friend yesterday as she left early. I think sh	e had to wait a bit
·	
A. long B. longer C. longest D. shortest	
Q4. Rewrite the following sentences by which the new sentence is si	imilar in meaning.
17. The easiest exam will be the English exam.	9
The least	
18. His brother doesn't eat as much food as my brother.	
My brother	
19. The number of successful students this year isn't as few as the number of successful students this year isn't as few as the number of successful students.	nber in the last year.
The number of successful students in last year was	•
20. Only few people study computer science all over the world.	
Computer science is the gro	owing subject.
21. Older people suffer from ailments more than young people.	
Young people don't suffer from ailments	
Q5. Fill in the blanks with the missing words in the box to complete	e the following sentences.
majority, play it by ear, fees, colloquial,	, pioneering
22. You should have fun even in hard times. You can	·
23. Most students borrow money from the government to save their tuit	tion
24. Studio schools are more attractive and rather	
25is the opposite of "minority".	

Wa'el Mohammad Nsairat (WM) O799126156 O6. Choose the correct answer between those A, B, C or D to complete the following sentences.
26. Despite this they achieve top marks in subjects like Maths and Science. In addition, most students also speak at least two, and often three, languages
A.,/fluently B.,/Fluently C/Fluently D/fluently
27and the global market have always interested me, but I wanted to study a subject with a clear
career path
A. economics / . B. Ekonomics / , C. Economics / , D. Economics / .
28. In the end, after a lot of, we can perform the task perfectly, or at, almost perfectly.
A. repetition / less B. repetition / least C. Repetition / more D. repeatition / least
Q7. Read the following text carefully, and 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.
29. Quote a sentence which indicates that only half of English people study at universities.
30. The writer states one way in which students can get money. Write it down.

The end.

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