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It's no accident that the symbol of the World Wide Fund for Nature is a giant panda. These animals are cute or beautiful, or both, and of course we all want to save them. This popularity enables organisations such as the WWF to raise money to support a range of critically endangered species. However, less well-known or 'exciting' creatures are far more likely to become extinct because they don't get enough attention from researchers. Invertebrates make up over 90% of all the creatures on Earth, but get only a tiny percentage of the money available to protect our wildlife.

And what about those creatures that many people would find positively ugly? With its tiny eyes, big mouth and slimy, pink body, the blobfish is far from attractive. This marine creature lives deep in the ocean, where the pressure is very high. As a result, it has tiny fins and no skeleton, which keeps it from being crushed by the water pressure. Unfortunately, when fishing boats sweep the ocean floor, looking for other fish, these fish can get swept into the nets accidentally.

The threat faced by the pangolin, however, is far from accidental. They are more often targeted by poachers than any other animal in the world. Unique among mammals, it is covered in scales, like a reptile. They may not look very cuddly or cute, but these scales are highly prized in traditional Chinese medicine, which has caused the population of pangolins in China to fall by around 90% since the 1960s. Their scales protect them from their natural predators, but it's simple for a poacher to just pick them up.

Other creatures become endangered precisely because people find them ugly. Take the aye aye for example. Found only on the island of Madagascar, the aye aye is the world's largest nocturnal primate. During the day they sleep in nests in the trees, coming out to hunt at night. They are solitary creatures, furry, and harmless but unfortunately, they are often killed.

Read the text carefully and choose the best alternative.

1-The blobfish is mentioned in the text to show how _____.

- A-a creature whose body is perceived as useful by some humans**
- B-a creature's physical features protect it from an extreme environment**
- C-an animal is very different from others in its class**
- D-a belief that a particular creature might be a good / bad sign**

2-The underlined pronoun in the text "they" refers to _____.

- A-less 'exciting' creatures**
- B-the pandas**
- C-researchers**
- D-organisations**

3-The WWF receives funding in order to _____.

- A-wipe out all critically endangered species**
- B-protect cute and cuddly creatures**
- C-enable poachers to get rid of ugly animals**
- D-protect our wildlife**

4-The pangolin can best be described as _____.

- A-the animal that gets the most funding by the WWF**
- B-a creature possessing a part that can be considered a blessing and a curse**
- C-an animal that is hunted accidentally**
- D-an animal that poachers suffer a lot to catch because of its scales.**

- 5-The animals that are being hunted accidentally are _____.
A-the aye aye B-the pangolin C-the blobfish D-the giant Panda
- 6-One of the following statements is **NOT** correct according to the text:
A-Many animals are killed just because they are ugly.
B-The aye aye is a peaceful animal that lives faraway from other creatures.
C-Having tiny fins and no skeleton, the blobfish can be easily crushed by sea pressure.
D-A lot of unknown animals are killed by poachers for different reasons.
- 7-The word in the text which means 'covered in liquid and not nice to touch' is _____.
A-invertebrate B-slimy C-nocturnal D-marine
- 8-The creatures that get the least funding in terms of research and preservation are _____.
A-the panda B-the aye aye C-the pangolin D-invertebrate
- 9-The real reason why many animals are becoming extinct is that _____.
A-they don't get enough attention from researchers
B-poachers find them ugly and useful for their sake.
C-these animals are cute or beautiful, or both
D-they are solitary creatures, furry, and harmless
- 10-The danger that the pangolin encounters is _____.
A-accidental B-done at random C-intentional D-unique

Question Number Two:

- 1-It was cloudy, but he could still _____ the distant star.
A-figure out B-wipe out C-make out D-come across
- 2-I _____ an interesting article about space exploration the other day.
A-pointed out B-came across C-made out D-wiped out
- 3-I found it hard to understand what the physics teacher was talking about.
The underlined verb can be replaced by:
A-figure out B-pick up C-get across D-make out
- 4-Technology has _____ many changes in the way we live.
A-taken in B-got across C-wiped out D-brought about
- 5-I always try to strike up _____.
A-to them immediately. B-a favourable impression on her new tutor.
C-bond between young people at university. D-a conversation when we someone new.
- 6-My tutor and I really hit it _____.
A-off, so I'm looking forward to our lessons together. B-a laugh when we get together.
B-as a confident person, I'm actually quite shy. D-a compliment, smile and say 'thanks'.
- 7-Sharing a house creates a strong _____.
A-to them immediately. B-small talk and I often end up saying silly things.
C-a favorable impression on her new tutor. D-bond between young people at college
- 8-She felt very _____ as she waited for her job interview.
A-devastated B-sad C-tense D-capable

- 9-He's _____ that someone will find out his secret.
A-undeniable **B-terrified** **C-affordable** **D-unacceptable**
- 10-Nothing is changing and he is becoming more and more _____ about the situation.
A-exasperated **B-sad** **C-devastated** **D-unbelievable**
- 11-I don't like holding fish because they are cold and _____.
A-invertebrate **B-slimy** **C-furry** **D-nocturnal**
- 12-I am writing to draw your attention to a _____ problem to which your stores are contributing significantly.
A-pressing **B-viable** **C-torrenial** **D-ideal**
- 13-Because of global warming, _____ conditions are more common with periods of drought followed by torrential rain.
A-acid rain **B-freak weather** **C-soil erosion** **D-water scarcity**
- 15-I found his explanation of the broken window completely _____.
A-unsuitable **B-undeniable** **C-unbelievable** **D-unaffordable**
- 16-Houston has finally managed to _____ contact with Apollo 13 again after nearly 24 hours of radio silence.
A-make **B-lose** **C-spread** **D-pass on**
- 17-I've no idea where Nawal is now. We _____ touch after she moved to Egypt.
A-stayed in **B-lost** **C-passed on** **D-conveyed**
- 18-Trying to grow vegetables on my little plot of land in the _____ of summer or on a cold winter's day sounds a bit depressing.
A-torrential rain **B-scorching heat** **C-sub-zero temperatures** **D-soil erosion**
- 19-A simple and effective way to reduce _____ is to drive at steady speed.
A-global warming **B-toxic waste** **C-vehicle emissions** **D-water scarcity**
- 20-The whole aviation sector _____ to five percent of global warming.
A-makes **B-produces** **C-causes** **D-contributes**

Question Number Three:

- 1-In two weeks' time, I _____ on a beach.
A-will be lying **B-will lie** **C-will have been lying** **D-am lying**
- 2-I _____ Amer these days.
A-am seeing **B-was seeing** **C-am seen** **D-have been seen**
- 3-The drivers at the station _____ a lot of trouble before the police arrested them.
A-had caused **B-has caused** **C-are causing** **D-have been caused**
- 4-By the end of this month, they _____ over control of the company for two years.
A-will be fought **B-will fight** **C-will have been fought** **D-will have been fighting**
- 5-Some people fear that robots _____ control of society soon, but I think that's unlikely.
A-would take **B-are taken** **C-will take** **D-are going to take**

- 6-I _____ a message to you when you phoned!
A-was just writing B-have just been writing C-am just writing D-will write
- 7-My grandfather is 89 years old, but he's in great shape, so I'm sure he _____ to be 100.
A-was going to live B-will live C-would live D-are living
- 8-By the time I got to the field, the object _____.
A-has disappeared B-was disappearing C-had disappeared D-will have disappeared
- 9-I don't think we _____ passwords, as computers will be able to recognise our faces.
A-will need B-will have needed C-will have been needed D-are going to need
- 10-What _____ you _____ about these days?
A-are you thinking B-have you thought C-do you think D-did you think
- 11-In a few decades, everyone _____ their own food.
A-will have been growing B-will be growing C-will have been grown D-grew
- 12-_____ you _____ the documentary about communication through the ages yesterday?
A-Have / watched B-Was / watching C-Did / watch D-Had / been watched
- 13-Driverless cars are already a reality and _____ common place in the next years.
A-are going to become B-will be become C-will be becoming D-would become
- 14-They picked it up and _____ a note inside asking the finders to contact the authorities.
A-were discovering B-discovered C-have discovered D-discover
- 15-He hasn't stayed in touch with me _____ we had that argument.
A-earlier today B-right now C-these days D-ever since
- 16-I'm _____ doing my presentation on endangered species.
A-going to B-hoping to C-planning to D-thinking of
- 17-Most teenagers _____ texting to calling.
A-prefer B-prefers C-were preferring D-are preferring
- 18-In 1956, Ake Viking, a Swede, _____ a letter into the sea.
A-was tossing B-has tossed C-tossed D-is tossing
- 19-In 100 years' time, half the world's languages _____.
A-will disappear B-will be disappearing C-would disappear D-will have disappeared
- 20-Since the invention of the Internet, the world _____ a different place.
A-becomes B-is becoming C-was becoming D-has become
- 21-The King _____ open the new bridge in Zarqa.
A-is to B-will be C-going to D-thinking of
- 22-My friends and I _____ usually _____ emails.
A-aren't / sent B-don't / send C-weren't / sending D-haven't / been sent
- 23-Leon was riding his bike when he _____ his phone.
A-lost B-was losing C-has lost D-loses

- 24-_____ your laptop right now? I'd like to borrow it.
A-Were you using B-Did you use C-Had you used D-Are you using
- 25-Landline telephones _____ less and less common these days.
A-became B-were becoming C-have been become D-are becoming

Question Number Four:

- 1-We're sure that we will find a cure for cancer in the future.
A-We are bound to find a cure for cancer in the future.
B-We are likely to find a cure for cancer in the future.
C-We are unlikely to find a cure for cancer in the future.
D-We are uncertain to find a cure for cancer in the future.
- 2-I don't think he will stop eating meat.
A-He is bound to stop eating meat.
C-He is surely to stop eating meat.
B-He is likely to stop eating meat.
D-He is unlikely to stop eating meat.
- 3-Oil prices will definitely rise next year.
A-Oil prices are uncertain to rise next year.
B-Oil prices are unlikely to rise next year.
C-Oil prices are certain to rise next year.
D-Oil prices are likely to rise next year.
- 4-The human race probably won't go and live on another planet.
A-The human race is likely to go and live on another planet.
B-The human race is bound to go and live on another planet.
C-The human race is unlikely to go and live on another planet.
D-The human race is certain to go and live on another planet.
- 5-The underlined vowels in the word 'beaten' are pronounced like the vowels _____.
A-field B-filled C-did D-instinct
- 6-So, to sum up, ... The function of this part of the signpost is _____.
A-sequencing an argument
B-indicating that the speaker is going to paraphrase what they just said
C-introducing the topic
D-concluding
- 7-The sentence which shows something that has already been decided is _____.
A-I'm going to turn them into shorts.
B-Send me the details ... I'll take a look.
C-She'll be explaining how to understand the labels on clothes.
D-I'm meeting her next week to finalise the plans.
- 8-I'm thinking of quitting my summer job. The explanation that this sentence presents is _____.
A-for plans
B-when something is happening very soon
C-for timetabled events
D-for formal or official arrangements, instructions or commands

9-The sentence which contains the more formal style in writing is _____.

A-I heard that sea plastic is harming over 600 species.

B-All the best, Ibrahim.

C-You should look into other options.

D-It is essential that we take immediate action.

10-In the introduction of the formal email, we usually _____.

A-ask the recipient of the email / letter to take some action.

B-state the problem(s) and offer solutions.

C-mention that you expect a reply.

D-state your reasons for writing.

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