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Passage No. 18

Directions: Read the following passage to answer the given questions based on it. Some words/phrases are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

- A. In dualistic thinking, students typically tend to depend on figures of authority as benchmarks on what is right or wrong rather than analysing facts.
- B. An understanding and realisation of this model could enable students to develop intellectually beyond the level.
- C. His concept of dualistic thinking in his model of intellectual development involving nine levels, published in 1970.
- D. Perry's model today remains part of college teaching systems in many western contexts.
- E. William G. Perry was a well-known educational psychologist who studied the cognitive development of students during their college years.
- F. Dualism refers to the first level of intellectual capacity, to understand good and evil in black and white, sans intervening shades.

Questions:

1. The passage seems to emphasize that the outside world has

- A. Correct understanding about the reasonable aid provided by the US to the poor countries.
- B. Definite information about what is happening in underdeveloped countries.
- C. Stopped extending any financial aid to undeveloped countries.

D. Misconceptions about the aid given to the poor nations by developed countries.

E. None of these.

2. According to the Westerners, the solution to eradicate poverty of African nations lies in

A. Corruption

B. Improving their own national behaviour

C. Misrule

D. Prolonged economic crisis

E. None of these.

3. The author has given the example of Bangladesh, Indonesia and Pakistan in support of his argument that

A. Corruption is the major culprit in the way of prosperity.

B. Misgovernance hampers the prosperity of nations.

C. Despite rampant corruption, nations may prosper.

D. Developed nations arrogantly neglect underdeveloped countries.

E. None of these.

4. The author has mentioned Ghana as a country with

A. Reasonably good governance

B. Corrupt leadership

C. Plenty of natural resources

D. Rapid economic growth

E. None of these.

5. The cases of malaria in Africa are mainly due to

1. High temperature

2. Climatic conditions conducive for breeding

3. Malaria-carriers' liking for human blood in preference to that of cattle.

A. None of these B. Only 2 & 3 C. Only 1 & 3 D. Only 1 & 2

E. All the three

6. The remark of former US Secretary of the Treasury, Paul O'Neil, is according to the author,

A. A statement of fact

B. Not factually correct

C. An underestimation of US aid

D. A ruthless remark by an arrogant bureaucrat

E. None of these.

7. President Bush's statement in a Press Conference in April 2004 indicates that

A. The aid given by the US to the poor countries is substantial and sufficient.

B. The spread of freedom cannot be achieved through financial aid.

C. Feeding the hungry millions outside the outside the US is not possible.

D. The US, on its own, assumes the obligation of helping the poor countries.

E. US has spent trillions of dollars on aid.

8. Which of the following statements is TRUE about US aid to the sub-Saharan African countries?

- A. The US aid meant for per capita African does not reach the incumbent.
- B. The US aid to African countries is more than that for any other developing or underdeveloped nation.
- C. The US aid to farmers in African countries is \$200 m per year.
- D. The donor country charges \$ 5 per individual as consultancy charges.
- E. US has been contributing more than 0.7% of its GNP for development assistance.

9. The purpose of the author in writing this passage seems to

- A. Criticizes the US for not providing adequate financial help
- B. Make Africans realize their own problems
- C. Analyse the actual quantum of aid against the perceived one
- D. Highlight how American leaders are power-hungry
- E. None of these.

10. Which of the following word/group of words is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage?

Obligation.

- A. Lip-sympathy B. True empathy C. Self-pity
- D. Conditional responsibility E. Moral binding

11. Which of the following word/group of words is most SIMILAR in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage?

Squander

- A. Use economically B. Spend wastefully C. Siphon judiciously
D. Donate generously E. Donate with ulterior motive

12. Which of the following word/group of words is most SIMILAR in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage?

Modest

- A. Humble B. Sufficient C. Meagre D. Sober E. Unpretentious

13. Which of the following word/group of words is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word given in bold as used in the passage?

Myth

- A. Reality B. Mystery C. Misery D. Misconception E. Exaggeration

14. Which of the following word/group of words is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word given in bold as used in the passage?

Extensive

- A. Intensive B. Abominable C. Inherent D. Rampant E. Negligible

15. Which of the following word/group of words is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word given in bold as used in the passage?

Prolonged

- A. Immediate B. Shortened C. Brevity D. Short-lived E. Narrow

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
D	B	C	A	C	B	D	C	A	E	B	C	A	E	D

Explanations:

1.

The answer can be inferred from the 1st paragraph of the passage.

2.

Kindly refer to the 3rd sentence of the 1st paragraph.

3.

The answer can be inferred from the 5th & 6th sentences of the 1st paragraph.

4.

Kindly refer to the last sentence of the 1st paragraph.

5.

Except 2nd statement, 1st & 3rd statements are mentioned in the passage.

The correct answer, therefore, is option C.

6.

In the given context of the passage, the writer contradicts Paul O'Neil's statements by providing a number of facts about US aid to the african nations.

The answer, hence, is option B.

7.

Kindly refer to the 6th and 7th statements of the 3rd paragraph.

8.

The answer can be inferred from the last sentence of the 3rd paragraph.

9.

It can be inferred from the passage that the writer criticizes the US for not providing enough financial aid to the African countries.

The answer, therefore, is option A.

10.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Obligation' is 'Moral binding'.

11.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Squander' is 'Spend wastefully'.

12.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Modest' is 'Meagre'.

13.

In the given context of the passage, the most opposite of the word 'Myth' is 'Reality'.

14.

In the given context of the passage, the most opposite of the word 'Extensive' is 'Rampant'.

15.

In the given context of the passage, the most opposite of the word 'Prolonged' is 'Short-lived'.



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