

Reading Ability

1. Vocabulary

A: Directions: Choose the BEST alternative to complete the passage below.

It is said that bananas are the most popular fresh fruit in the United States. While some fruits, like apples and oranges, are also (1)_____ as juice and in other ways, almost all bananas are eaten (2)_____ right out of the peel.

What is so great about bananas? Well, for one thing, they are rich in nutrients and (3)_____ like potassium and iron. For another, they have no cholesterol and (4)_____ any fat. And most important, for people watching their food bills, they are (5)_____.

But this was not always the (6)_____. For many years, bananas were so expensive in America that most people (7)_____ them a rare delicacy. The first bananas were brought over here in 1516 by a Spanish priest. They grew well in Central America, but could not (8)_____ in the colder North America climate. The Puritans got their first (9)_____ of bananas in the 1690s, but they hated them! This is not (10)_____ for they boiled them and then ate them-skins and all.

1. a. pressed b. chewed c. stirred d. consumed e. swallowed
2. a. cool b. safe c. fresh d. warm e. clean
3. a. matters b. minerals c. qualities d. materials e. compounds
4. a. totally b. solely c. mostly d. hardly e. exactly
5. a. costly b. priceless c. worthy d. invaluable e. inexpensive
6. a. fact b. case c. theme d. subject e. opinion
7. a. chose b. praised c. revealed d. mentioned e. considered
8. a. store b. settle c. serve d. spare e. survive
9. a. touch b. sense c. taste d. drink e. meal
10. a. certain b. normal c. possible d. surprising e. interesting

Choose the BEST alternative to make the sentence(s) meaningful.

1. Phaya Thai BTS station is _____ to Suvarnabhumi Airport by airport rail link.
a. decorated b. connected
c. equipped d. constructed
2. The fingerprints and cigarette ashes _____ at the crime scene _____ the identity of the murderer.
a. happened – denoted b. occurred - identified
c. left – revealed d. tarnished – occurred
3. The doctor told John that if he _____ drinking, smoking, and working _____, he would have a heart attack sooner or later.
a. kept – effectively b. continued - hardly
c. pondered – deliberately d. insisted on – excessively
4. Although Tom used to be quite good at speaking German, he is so out of practice that he can _____ say a sentence.
a. hardly b. reluctantly
c. fluently d. accurately
5. I don't really understand why Christopher Columbus is credited with the _____ America when we learn that Leif Ericson was there 50 years before him.
a. colonization b. discovery
c. foundation d. domination
6. If John has spent more money on the maintenance of his car, it wouldn't have _____ so much like this.
a. turned down b. marked down
c. broken down d. looked down
7. _____ great economic and medical advances during the 20th century, childbirth was still a major _____ of death for women in poor countries.
a. Because of – effect b. In spite of – cause
c. In stead of – factor d. Owing to – problem
8. Alicia spent all her money extravagantly when she earned lots of money, without _____ anything _____ for tough times, and now, she is penniless and out of work.
a. thinking – of b. setting – down
c. putting – aside d. coming – across
9. According to the safety _____ for hotels, there must be fire extinguisher on every floor.
a. policy b. protections
c. minute d. treaty

10. Many old people don't want to live in a home for the elderly they don't get much _____ there as they are always in a room with other people.
- a. privacy
 - b. society
 - c. attention
 - d. rapture
11. The firm has advertised for a qualified marketing manager. The closing date for _____ is December 15th.
- a. attendances
 - b. inspections
 - c. resignations
 - d. application
12. Over the years, we have _____ so many things we don't need that we have to _____ most of them before we move.
- a. accumulated – get rid of
 - b. complied – deal with
 - c. integrated – keep in touch with
 - d. established – be comprised of
13. A lot of _____ left during the performance because the singers did not seem to be able to sing in _____.
- a. spectators – note
 - b. audiences – tune
 - c. applicants – tone
 - d. listeners – theme
14. We see the Moon because the Sun's light _____ off it; therefore, half of the Moon is light and half is dark.
- a. revolves
 - b. orbits
 - c. raises
 - d. reflects
15. All comments are subject to review, so there will be a delay before comments are displayed. Once approved, your comments will be _____ to all site users.
- a. edible
 - b. audible
 - c. visible
 - d. sensible