

Reading for the Real World 3 - Unit 7

Name _____

I. Vocabulary: Choose the best word to fill in the blank.

1. The general _____ among the scientific community is that global warming is partly caused by deforestation and pollution.
 - a. prescription
 - b. flux
 - c. consensus
 - d. aristocracy
2. The cold winter weather has a(n) _____ effect on the way people go about their daily lives.
 - a. linguistic
 - b. profound
 - c. unconscious
 - d. repressed
3. Many universities use scores from _____ tests to rank the students applying for admission on common grounds.
 - a. banished
 - b. standardized
 - c. insensible
 - d. inferior
4. In order to earn an A in this course, you must work hard for the entire _____ of the semester.
 - a. duration
 - b. disturbance
 - c. countenance
 - d. composure
5. The police did not immediately believe her _____ of guilt in the murder of her neighbor.
 - a. dubbing
 - b. usage
 - c. case
 - d. admission

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 - 10

Today, English is spoken by so many people in so many different countries across the globe that it has become even harder to ____ (6) _____. The contemporary ____ (7) _____ lies somewhere between the ____ (8) _____ and descriptive approaches. Educators generally try to follow something called Standard English (SE), so as to avoid a complete ____ (9) _____ of order in the use of English. However, as one can see in the differences in spelling and vocabulary between, say, British and American English, rules can be difficult to ____ (10) _____. Think of examples such as the American spelling of words like “organization” or “color,” which are spelled “organisation” and “colour” in the UK. Both forms are seen as correct, as long as they are used in the right country.

6. a. rouse
 b. repress
 c. standardize
 d. admit

9. a. lack
 b. vowel
 c. case
 d. flux

7. a. aristocracy
 b. vowel
 c. usage
 d. consensus

10. a. attempt
 b. bestow
 c. confess
 d. enforce

8. a. prescriptive
 b. profound
 c. linguistic
 d. inferior

III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, indicate whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).

11. ____ Because so many people speak English, it is easy to make common rules that everyone follows.
12. ____ Scholars all agree on the descriptive approach to English rules.
13. ____ British and American English use different spellings for some words.
14. ____ Very few educators use Standard English (SE).
15. ____ People in America spell “colour” with a “u” in it, but people in the UK do not use a “u”.

IV. Word Study: Choose the SYNONYM (=) or ANTONYM (↔) for each word.

16. Which of the following is an antonym for *evident*?
- a. unclear
 - b. agreement
 - c. obvious
 - d. disagreement
17. Which of the following is an antonym for *inferiority*?
- a. infinity
 - b. lesser
 - c. superfluidity
 - d. superiority
18. Which of the following is an antonym for *unconscious*?
- a. aware
 - b. consistent
 - c. unaware
 - d. inconsistent
19. Which of the following is a synonym for *disturbance*?
- a. utterance
 - b. bother
 - c. calm
 - d. rudiment
20. Which of the following is a synonym for *banish*?
- a. conquer
 - b. welcome
 - c. name
 - d. expel

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

duration pronounce linguistic vowel lexicon

21. In English, the letter Y is sometimes a consonant and sometimes a _____.
22. Do not _____ the first letter in the word *mnemonic*; that M is silent.
23. The _____ of this movie is almost 3 hours, so don't drink too much soda.
24. Samuel Clemens chose two words from the _____ of riverboat pilots for his pen name: *mark* and *twain*.
25. A _____ analysis of the old script found that it was written in two ancient languages: Aramaic and Greek.

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a	d	a	b	d
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vowel	pronounce	duration	lexicon	linguistic