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**PART 1: Mark ONE letter for each question.**

**CHOOSE THE WORD THAT HAS THE UNDERLINED LETTER(S) PRONOUNCED DIFFERENTLY FROM THE REST**

- 1:** A. personality                      B. thankful                      C. intelligent                      D. danger  
**2:** A. candle                      B. complaint                      C. should                      D. silver

**ERROR IDENTIFICATION**

- 3:** Taylor finds it hard to sympathize at Wilson because he has told a lie to her so many times.  
A.                      B.                      C.                      D.  
**4:** No one in my family even noticed when I got home because they watched a big football game on TV.  
A.                      B.                      C.                      D.

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for each question below**

There is a saying that goes “Make new friends, but keep the old; Those are silver, these are gold” (Joseph Parry). As widely known, gold and silver are not equal elements, which would mean that gold (old friends) is greater than silver (new friends). But is it really true?

Friendship is one of the most important relationships in our daily lives and it plays a huge role to all cultures. We tend to make friends with someone who shares the same interests and experiences; also, having a lot of friends means that we are comfortable with our surroundings and can easily interact with everyone. As we grow older, we have to go through new experiences and face a lot of struggles to adapt to many constantly changing environments. Therefore, new friends are considered as a way to help us overcome any troubles and they actually give us the opportunities to practice our social and communicative skills such as listening to catch others’ attention, starting a conversation, being a good listener, and most importantly being able to go after similar interests and aims.

However, friends are something we rely on as humans because old and new friends are there with us on our highs and lows and they share the same chances to make everlasting memories. As a results, we need both new friends and old friends in our lives to keep things balanced and interesting since new friends satisfy the desire for new experiences and interests, while old friends remain as a constant “rock”, or “gold” and will always be there waiting for us. Hence, it is advisable to keep our old friends but never be afraid to branch out and meet new friends since one of them may unexpectedly change our life for the better.

- 5:** What skills does friend help us to exercise?  
A. Problem-solving skills    B. Organizational skills    C. Time management skills    D. Social skills
- 6:** What does the phrase “highs and lows” refer to?  
A. successful and comfortable moments    B. happy and bad times  
C. unlucky and upset stages    D. pleasant and willing days
- 7:** According to the passage, what can friends bring to us?  
A. Job opportunities    B. A gold medal  
C. Skills to make more friends    D. A balanced life

- 8:** According to the passage, what is NOT TRUE?
- A. It is recommended to keep old friends but not to make new friends.
  - B. New friends are hoped to make our life better.
  - C. Both kinds of friends can create unforgettable memories.
  - D. People who easily interact with others can make a lot of friends.

- 9:** What is the main idea of the passage?
- A. Old friends are superior to old friends
  - B. Both old and new friends are valuable
  - C. Making new friends is more important
  - D. Making new friends is complicated

### CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

**10: SYNONYM:** Holding her father's hand and walking to the church on her wedding will be one of the most **memorable** moments in Katie's life.

- A. terrified                      B. dissatisfied                      C. invaluable                      D. unforgettable

**11:** After having been rescued from the burning building, Henry started to appreciate the \_\_\_\_\_ of his entire life.

- A. importance                      B. description                      C. embarrassment                      D. attitude

**12:** Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ a moment of panic when a gang of buffalo ran directly towards him.

- A. appreciated                      B. experienced                      C. imitated                      D. convinced

**13: ANTONYM:** Katie's mother put the birthday cake on the table, started to **light up** all the candles then asked Katie to pray for herself.

- A. blow out                      B. slip out                      C. turn away                      D. brighten up

**14:** Eric is such a \_\_\_\_\_ leader that he is able to come up with solutions when any problems arise.

- A. hospitable                      B. hard-working                      C. quick-witted                      D. humorous

### CHOOSE THE WORD THAT HAS THE MAIN STRESS PLACED DIFFERENTLY FROM THE REST

**15:** A. unselfishness                      B. appreciate                      C. sympathetic                      D. experience

**16:** A. receive                      B. convince                      C. gather                      D. destroy

### PART 2: Write your answers clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS on your Answer sheet.

**A. OPEN CLOZE:** Read the text below and choose ONE of the words in the box to fill in each gap. There are TWO extra words in the box

|         |           |           |             |          |          |    |
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| However | celebrate | Therefore | decorations | suitable | ordinary | of |
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“Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be!” (quoted from the poem *Rabbi ben Ezra*, composed by Robert Browning) is often best used as a slogan in celebration (17)\_\_\_\_\_ a couple's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Two people that have been sharing joys and sorrows, standing head and shoulders above the rest to prove their commitment to each other for half a century deserve observance from their beloved family and friends. (18)\_\_\_\_\_, whether it is a surprise celebration or planned with the thoughts and wishes of the happy couple, a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary is an important milestone to (19)\_\_\_\_\_ one of the greatest occasions of their lives. From (20)\_\_\_\_\_ to gifts, people prefer using gold-colored items in order to advance the theme of party since the brilliance and lasting power of gold is (21)\_\_\_\_\_ for representing the 50th wedding anniversary.

**B. WORD FORMS: Use the word given to FORM A WORD that fits in the gap of each sentence**

- 22.** Hannah received her first salary and rushed to the shop to buy presents for her parents with \_\_\_\_\_.  
(EXCITE)
- 23.** Francisco Petrarch says that \_\_\_\_\_ is the cancer of friendship. (SUSPECT)
- 24.** Sarah's most \_\_\_\_\_ moment of her life was captured when she gave birth to her first child.  
(MEMORY)
- 25.** Our house is so \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment because we are in the middle of redecorating for Christmas.  
(ORGANIZE)
- 26.** It is said that it requires a very fine nature of a friend to \_\_\_\_\_ with the other friend's success.  
(SYMPATHY)
- 27.** All guests applauded \_\_\_\_\_ when the hosts of the party appeared on the stage. (ENTHUSIASM)

**C. VERB FORM/TENSE: Write the correct FORM OR TENSE of the given verb in the gap of each sentence.**

- 28.** Before Joe rang at my door, he \_\_\_\_\_ for a parking space for more than ten minutes. (LOOK)
- 29.** Whenever Megan had problems at school, her parents usually \_\_\_\_\_ her to cope with them.  
(HELP)
- 30.** I'm so sorry! I didn't mean \_\_\_\_\_ your favorite flower vase. (BREAK)
- 31.** Clara felt so ashamed that she didn't mention \_\_\_\_\_ for not doing homework by her parents.  
(PUNISH)
- 32.** \_\_\_\_\_ all the rules of chess, the contestants started to play the first game. (LEARN)
- 33.** Famous people often try to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ by the public. (RECOGNIZE)

**D. KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. You must use between TWO and FIVE words, including the word given.**

- 34.** Emily hasn't come back to her hometown since she entered her university. (WHEN)  
⇒ The last time \_\_\_\_\_ to her hometown \_\_\_\_\_ she entered her university.
- 35.** Charlie didn't sign the contract until he talked to his private lawyer. (AFTER)  
⇒ Charlie signed the contract \_\_\_\_\_ to his private lawyer.
- 36.** The students mustn't go to school late. (ALLOWED)  
⇒ The students are not \_\_\_\_\_ to school late.
- 37.** Does Lily have to work overtime this week? (NECESSARY)  
⇒ Is it \_\_\_\_\_ overtime this week?
- 38.** Sophie tried not to eat too late at night. (EATING)  
⇒ Sophie avoids \_\_\_\_\_.
- 39.** Martin finds it annoying when someone bothers him when he is working. (BOTHERED)  
⇒ Martin dislikes \_\_\_\_\_ when he is working.
- 40.** It's no use asking him to help us. (TO)  
⇒ It's \_\_\_\_\_ to help us.

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