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Summer in Bermuda

(1) The summer I was eight, my parents spent the entire summer at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (BBSR), and my brother and I went with them. (2) Mom and Dad are marine biologists, and Bermuda has a great location for marine research. (3) Bermuda is a tiny island nation about 650 miles due east of North Carolina in the middle of the Sargasso Sea. (4) BBSR is on the island of St. Georges, and it has laboratories, dormitories, a research boat, and many tropical plants.

(5) Every day while my parents studied the land crabs that swarm the beaches and golf courses of Bermuda, my brother Nate and me swam in the swimming hole and fed grass to the horse behind our house. (6) The sun was so hot and the water was so clear! (7) The temperature was always perfect—in the eighties during the day and cool at night, when the tree frogs sang a beautiful lullaby to serenade us to sleep. (8) One night my parents woke us up to go see the Night-Blooming Cereus that grew nearby. (9) A plant that only blossomed once a year, in midsummer, in the middle of the night! (10) Its fragrance was heavenly.

(11) On weekends, evenings, and afternoons when they wasn’t working, my parents took us for special field-trips around the islands. (12) We visited beautiful pink-sand beaches like warm, shallow Tobacco Bay and crowded Horseshoe Bay. (13) Two of my favorite things to do when I was not snorkeling or swimming were to visit the Crystal Caves or the Bermuda Dolphin Show. (14) The Crystal Caves were full of perfectly clear water and beautiful stalagmites and stalactites of limestone. (15) In the Dolphin Show, trained dolphins danced, swam, “talked,” and jumped through hoops for us.

(16) My favorite thing to do was to walk along the abandoned railroad line that followed the coast near the BBSR. (17) We often packed picnic dinners and walked the trail to the point at sunset, when the sun was sinking into the water. (18) The trail wound through thickets of wild grape and finally emerged at the point. (19) If the moon was right, we sat there and watched the watery fireworks of spawning ocean worms, which glowed in the dark and made sparkles and swirls of bright green light. (20) This is the kind of unusual entertainment you can expect if you’re parents are marine biologists.
1. Which change should be made to correct sentence 5?
   A change *Every day* to *Everyday*
   B change *parents* to *parents’*
   C change *me* to *I*
   D change *swam* to *were swimming*

2. Which change should be made to correct sentence 10?
   A change *It’s* to *Its*
   B change *fragrance* to *fragrances*
   C change *was* to *is*
   D change *heavenly* to *Heavenly*

3. Which change should be made to correct sentence 11?
   A change *wasn’t* to *weren’t*
   B change *parents* to *parent’s*
   C change *us* to *them*
   D change *islands* to *Islands*

4. Which change should be made to correct sentence 20?
   A change *This is* to *These are*
   B change *kind* to *kinds*
   C change *if* to *because*
   D change *you’re* to *your*

5. Which of the following is a fragment?
   A (4) BBSR is on the island of St. Georges, and it has laboratories, dormitories, a research boat, and many tropical plants.
   B (6) The sun was so hot and the water was so clear!
   C (9) A plant that only blossomed once a year, in midsummer, in the middle of the night!
   D (12) We visited beautiful pink-sand beaches like warm, shallow Tobacco Bay and crowded Horseshoe Bay.
6. Which of the following suggests that the writer enjoyed the summer?

A (1) The summer I was eight, my parents spent the entire summer at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (BBSR), and my brother and I went with them.

B (7) The temperature was always perfect—in the eighties during the day and cool at night, when the tree frogs sang a beautiful lullaby to serenade us to sleep.

C (8) One night my parents woke us up to go see the Night-Blooming Cereus that grew nearby.

D (18) The trail wound through thickets of wild grape and finally emerged at the point.

7. How should sentences 1 and 2 best be combined to reduce wordiness and increase sentence variety?

A Spending the entire summer I was eight in Bermuda, my parents took us there—a great location for marine research: the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (BBSR).

B The summer I was eight, my parents, who are marine biologists, took my brother and me to spend the entire summer at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (BBSR), a great location for marine research.

C A great location for marine research, the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (BBSR); my parents took my brother and me there for the whole summer I was eight.

D My parents took my brother and me, eight, to Bermuda, a great location for marine research at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (BBSR) for the whole summer.
8. In sentence 19, why did the writer most likely include such phrases as “watery fireworks of spawning ocean worms” and “made sparkles and swirls of bright green light”?

A to elaborate on their beautiful Fourth of July celebration

B to express surprise at seeing colorful worms

C to better explain the type of work marine biologists do

D to engage the reader’s imagination in visualizing the situation

9. Which sentence should be added to the final paragraph to emphasize the main idea of the selection?

A Ever since that summer in Bermuda, I am reminded of those worms every time I see fireworks.

B I have decided to become a marine biologist like my parents.

C I still remember all the beautiful, exciting, and interesting experiences of those summer months in Bermuda.

D Those sunsets closed another chapter of my life.
A Separate Peace

1. In A Separate Peace, by John Knowles, the main character, Gene, as he grows up, experiences personal crises, adolescent troubles, and a friendship that is put to the test. 2. This novel is a good example of a coming-of-age genre that relates well to what teens are going through now. 3. As the story unfolds its conclusion, Gene’s issues can be looked at objectively.

4. The story unfolds with Gene and Phineas attending the summer session at Devon School. 5. At this point, Gene is described as being introverted and not very harmonious with his own talents as his friend Phineas is. 6. Whenever Phineas asks for something, Gene readily gives in—case in point, the tree. 7. There are five boys together, and as they look upon the majestic tree, Phineas climbs up and prepares himself for the jump. 8. To the applause of the others, Phineas lands easily and coaxes Gene into following. 9. This early in the book, we can see how innocent and loyal Gene is as a young man.

10. As the story continues, Gene’s troubles, such as his jealousy of Phineas’s ability to talk himself out of anything, extends to the more personal issue of the fatal accident. 11. When Gene and Phineas are caught skipping dinner, the teacher reprimands them for their actions. 12. Even though Phineas’s beautiful eloquence gets them out of trouble, we are left with the sense that the only reason for this rebellion is because of Gene’s deep denial of conformity.

13. Gene’s personal evolution from naïve teen to an enlistee in the army are a lot like what adolescents sometimes experience now. 14. The most dramatic time of Gene’s years in Devon School is when jumping out of the tree causes his best friend’s first accident. 15. Though it may have been a blind impulse, Gene must now live through the guilt that threatens Gene’s life. 16. However, the full blow of this action doesn’t hit his friend until the trial, where Phineas encounters his fatal mishap. 17. After Phineas dies, Gene comes to a shocking revelation about his inner demons.

18. Not all readers will have encountered the same kind of trauma. 19. For the ones who have, they, like Gene, may be able to look at life in a new light. 20. For Gene, understanding the true cruelty and justice of nature.

21. He is able to look back and discover that a person’s true worst enemy doesn’t have a physical form; it takes its place as emotions of jealousy and pride.
10. Which change should be made to correct sentence 10?

A change *continues* to *continued*

B change *troubles,* to *troubles*

C change *extends* to *extend*

D change *issue* to *issue:

11. Which change should be made to correct sentence 13?

A change *Gene’s* to *Genes’*

B change *evolution* to *evolutions*

C change *enlisted* to *enlisting*

D change *are* to *is*

12. Which of the following is a fragment?

A (4) The story unfolds with Gene and Phineas attending the summer session at Devon School.

B (6) Whenever Phineas asks for something, Gene readily gives in—case in point, the tree.

C (14) The most dramatic time of Gene’s years in Devon School is when jumping out of the tree causes his best friend’s first accident.

D (20) For Gene, understanding the true cruelty and justice of nature.

13. Which would *best* replace “unfolds” in sentence 3?

A states in

B progresses toward

C comes from

D twists around

14. How could sentence 5 *best* be rewritten to improve clarity and conciseness?

A Unlike his friend Phineas, Gene begins the story as introverted and uncomfortable with himself.

B In the beginning Gene is introverted and awkward; unlike his friend Phineas.

C Gene, in the beginning unlike his friend Phineas, is introverted; even an outcast with himself.

D Gene is, at this point, unlike his friend Phineas; introverted and uncertain of his own identity.
Down with Viruses: Use a CompZone Computer

(1) In my family, we’re computer rebels. (2) If you walk into my families study, you’ll see gleaming, artistic-looking CompZone computers on each person’s desk, not the ugly box of some other PC. (3) My older brother has a CompZone laptop to use in his college classes. (4) Last week, when the latest computer virus snarled the Internet, crashing other people’s hard drives, and making major company executives tear their hair out, my family kept right on computing. (5) Everybody should switch to CompZone computers.

(6) For one thing, CompZone computers look better. (7) This might seem like a superficial qualification for a better computer, but it’s good to have a computer that looks cool. (8) You can see how everyone loves the uPod, with its sleek shape and white or minty colors; CompZone computers have the same artistic flair. (9) While they are more expensive, they come standard with better features than you’ll find on a PC off the shelf. (10) Plus, their prices are dropping, and they are now more affordable than ever. (11) The designers who work for CompZone spend long hours trying to make their products stand out, and it shows.

(12) What’s even better, the quality of what’s inside matches what is outside. (13) People who’s PCs run other software have to install anti-virus software, spyware, and security patches every few days or their computers crash and die. (14) This is because some other software is too complex and contains too many loopholes for hackers. (15) CompZone software is simple and easy to use. (16) None of our CompZone computers have ever been infected by a virus or hacked by someone.

(17) Some people say that CompZone computers don’t get viruses or hacked because too few people use them. (18) But I am a true computer nerd, and I can say that this is not the case. (19) CompZone computers don’t get hacked because it is too hard to do. (20) Although CompZone releases its own security upgrades every now and then, in general, CompZone programs are more stable and secure. (21) Once, some Swedish friends hosted a “Crack a CompZone” computer contest in which they challenged the world to alter the web page they had put up using basic CompZone software and a CompZone server. (22) They offered thousand’s of dollars in prize
money, but in two months not one person was able to hack into the web site. (23) The CompZone
consistently outperforms its PC competition in security. (24) CompZone computers are a useful,
attractive, and reliable addition to any household.

15. Which change should be made to correct sentence 2?
   A change walk to walked
   B change families to family’s
   C change computers to Computers
   D change person’s to persons’

16. Which change should be made to correct sentence 13?
   A change who’s to whose
   B change have to had
   C change patches to Patches
   D change their to his or her

17. Which change should be made to correct sentence 22?
   A change thousand’s to thousands
   B change prize money to prize-money
   C change was to were
   D change able to unable

18. How should sentences 14 and 15 best be combined to improve clarity?
   A Being too complex and containing too many loopholes, hackers easily crash other software, but
      CompZone software’s simplicity makes it easy to use.
   B The complexity and available loopholes make these measures necessary to keep hackers out of
      other software; CompZone software—simple and easy to use.
   C Unlike software that is complex and full of loopholes, CompZone software is safe from hackers
      because it is simple and easy to use.
   D This is because hackers find other software too complex and containing too many loopholes,
      but CompZone software is simple and user-friendly.
19. What is the writer indicating in sentence 1 by the term *rebels*?

A The writer's family is fighting against the political authority of the country.

B The writer's family differs from the majority of society in the computers they use.

C The writer's family is dissatisfied with large computer corporations.

D The writer’s family supports people who work to improve computer security.

20. Which would make the *best* concluding sentence for the selection?

A CompZone computers will always be the best-selling type of computer.

B Perhaps someday a computer genius will hack into a CompZone computer, but that day is far off.

C Computers have become an essential part of our everyday lives, especially CompZone computers.

D I will never use a computer other than a CompZone computer.
The Turtle
by Robert Wallace

21. In what way are the narrator and turtle similar?
   A They are both stuck in dangerous places and are trying to get out.
   B They are both tough on the outside but have a soft and sensitive side.
   C They are both respectful of nature and living among diverse creatures.
   D They are both slowly moving along paths toward their destinations.

22. What do ponds symbolize in the selection?
   A peace and safety
   B death and destruction
   C hope and faith
   D speed and danger

23. How does Joe's dialogue characterize him?
   A He seems hostile.
   B He seems isolated.
   C He seems tough.
   D He seems insensitive.

24. Which action best indicates the narrator’s desire to protect Geri’s feelings?
   A She takes her children to the carnival.
   B She goes to the pond alone.
   C She keeps the frog’s death a secret.
   D She climbs the electrified fence.

25. In paragraphs 23 and 24, what does Geri’s personification of animals indicate about her character?
   A She is passionate about rescuing all living creatures.
   B She knows animals have feelings.
   C She attempts to identify with other living creatures.
   D She desires to learn about all kinds of animals.

26. In the middle of paragraph 30, what does the simile, “Like a child . . .” emphasize about the narrator?
   A her curiosity and adventurousness
   B her courage and inexperience
   C her nervousness and fear
   D her innocence and purity
27. Based on the context of the story, what is the most likely explanation for the narrator’s feeling refreshed in paragraph 35?

A. Saving the turtle made her feel invigorated.
B. Climbing over the electric fence made her feel daring.
C. Cracking the turtle’s shell made her feel remorseful.
D. Going to the carnival made her feel excited.
In New Jersey Once  
by Maria Mazziotti Gillan  
A City Remembered  
by Vernon Scannell

28. Which of the following best states the theme of “In New Jersey Once”?
   A. Nature matures like people.  
   B. Human progress can destroy natural beauty.  
   C. People should value environmental changes.  
   D. People regret the changes in nature.

29. In the poem “In New Jersey Once,” what is the purpose of lines 9–11?
   A. to emphasize the far-reaching effects of the changes  
   B. to suggest that our solar system is affected by development  
   C. to force the reader to think about the future of the planet  
   D. to illustrate the speaker’s confusion about the reasons for change

30. Which of the following lines best summarizes the meaning of “A City Remembered”?
   A. “Unlovely city, to which few tourists come / With squinting cameras and alien hats;”  
   B. “I think of you, surprised to find my blood / Warmed by a wry desire, a kind of love.”  
   C. “Love . . . delighted me / And when it sputtered out, hung charred and somber, / The city flavoured my delicious misery.”  
   D. “And so I guess that any landscape’s beauty / Is fathered by associative joys / Held in a shared, historic memory,”

31. In “A City Remembered,” what does the simile in lines 26–28 suggest?
   A. the importance of following one’s dreams  
   B. the importance of caring for one’s environment  
   C. that the speaker’s present emotions do not reflect past experiences  
   D. that the speaker is fond of a place that helped him years ago
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32. Which of the following best describes the tone at the end of “A City Remembered”?

A  affectionate
B  bitter
C  disillusioned
D  hopeful

33. What strategy do both poets use to convey their messages?

A  They compare their memories of a place with ideal images.
B  They personify places to emphasize the inevitability of change.
C  They contrast current realities with thoughts of the past.
D  They use images of industry to foreshadow loss of compassion.
Culture Comes to Pearl Street

by Cheryl Hiers

34. How is the main idea of the selection reflected in its title?
   A The title tells the reader that Pearl Street is a typical neighborhood.
   B The title implies that Pearl Street was not diverse until the Singhs moved there.
   C The title shows that the narrator is against integration of neighborhoods.
   D The title symbolizes the struggle for wealth and power between families.

35. What is the significance of the author’s tone?
   A It causes the reader to doubt the narrator’s truthfulness.
   B It makes the reader afraid for the new family.
   C It suggests that the moving day was a positive experience.
   D It implies that the residents of Pearl Street felt joyful.

36. Based on the selection, which statement best summarizes the narrator’s opinion?
   A The narrator is indifferent to the arrival of the Singhs in her neighborhood.
   B The narrator believes that cultural diversity will have a positive impact on the neighborhood.
   C The narrator hopes that the arrival of strangers will reduce tension among neighbors.
   D The narrator believes that change will cause problems in her neighborhood.

37. What does the description of the setting foreshadow?
   A the contrast of ordinary and exotic
   B the irony of Nanda’s defeat of Bullet and Mac
   C the allusion to The Thousand and One Nights
   D the conflict among the characters
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38. What effect does the author create by including Nanda in the selection?

A  Nanda’s speed symbolizes the Singhs’ cultural differences.
B  Nanda’s obedience proves that greyhounds make great pets.
C  Nanda’s friendliness helps to unite the residents of Pearl Street.
D  Nanda’s joy serves as a foil for the Singhs’ fear.

39. What does the narrator imply when she refers to Dr. Singh as “a chauffeur of the exotic”?

A  Dr. Singh looked different from his family.
B  Dr. Singh was an ordinary cab driver.
C  Dr. Singh was a driver in his previous home.
D  Dr. Singh brought strange, new things to the street.

40. In the last paragraph, the narrator writes, “Not in all the world could we think of a better one.” To what is she referring?

A  a neighborhood to live in
B  a name for Nanda
C  a word for greyhound
D  a name for Dr. Singh

41. At the end of the selection, what does the dialogue suggest?

A  that there will be a good relationship between Dr. Singh and the neighborhood children
B  uncertainty about how Nanda will fit into the neighborhood
C  that Dr. Singh does not prefer to use the English language
D  concerns about diverse cultures and their treatment of animals
A Growing Coral Crisis  
by Thomas Hayden

42. What is the main idea of this selection?

A Human activities cause global warming and should be regulated.

B High temperatures cause coral bleaching, which can discourage growth.

C Scuba divers should visit reefs while they still have time.

D Global warming and fishing strategies threaten coral reefs.

44. How can warmer waters eventually lead to corals’ deaths?

A Heat causes algae to produce more oxygen, which poisons the coral.

B Heat causes algae to turn white, which bleaches the coral.

C Heat prevents corals from being able to reproduce.

D Heat burns corals and keeps them from growing.

43. What position does the author appear to take on the subject of global warming?

A He is indifferent to the political debate about it.

B He is against spending money to fight it.

C He believes it is a significant scientific problem.

D He thinks that it will stop without human intervention.

45. Based on the selection, what would be the most significant consequence of coral reef extinction?

A fewer interesting places to scuba dive

B more free-floating algae in the ocean

C destruction of habitat for reef fish

D increased global water temperatures
A Growing Coral Crisis
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46. What is the effect of the statistics and research findings provided in the selection?
   A They focus the reader’s interest on the real problems facing coral.
   B They illustrate the depth of the author’s knowledge about coral.
   C They explain important facts about the biology of coral.
   D They provide supporting details for the rising concern about coral.

47. In paragraph 2, what is the purpose of the description of fishing techniques used in Indonesia and the Philippines?
   A to demonstrate the author’s knowledge of unusual fishing methods
   B to show how reefs are being destroyed
   C to explain the use of cyanide and dynamite
   D to blame other countries for the destruction of the reef

48. In paragraph 5, what does “a maelstrom of ambiguity” mean?
   A abrupt weather change
   B inaccurate hypotheses
   C clear data results
   D widespread confusion
A Moment of Genius, Years of Obscurity
by Debbi Gardiner

49. What is the main purpose of this selection?
A to criticize Americans’ lack of interest in early aviation
B to examine the early years of international flight history
C to explain poor communication between New Zealand and the United States
D to promote a historical record of New Zealand’s first flight

50. What makes the selection’s title appropriate?
A It emphasizes that Pearse was very creative and beloved.
B It establishes that international news is not very interesting to Americans.
C It emphasizes that Pearse’s accomplishment has been largely ignored.
D It establishes that the selection will be about an important historical event.
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51. In paragraph 7, what does reciprocal mean?

A accurate  
B lasting  
C mutual  
D reported

52. What is the main reason Pearse’s accomplishments remain essentially unknown?

A Local New Zealand farmers are still suspicious of his efforts.  
B Publicity for the Wright brothers has overshadowed his success.  
C New Zealand is a country that values tradition.  
D Historical accounts of Pearse’s story have not been produced.

53. Why does the author alternate between first and third person?

A It allows the author to give more information about aviation.  
B It shows the author has a sense of pride in her country.  
C It emphasizes the author’s sense of family pride and anger at the media.  
D It helps the author provide objective information as well as her personal opinion.

54. Which statement best summarizes the author’s opinion about America and its citizens?

A Americans should be more conscious of world events.  
B Americans should visit New Zealand so they can better appreciate it.  
C The media in America is solely to blame for Pearse’s obscurity.  
D America is a wonderful place for writers.
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55. In paragraph 8, what do words such as *misfortune, ostracized, and disheartened* emphasize in the selection?

A. the feelings of New Zealanders for Pearse  
B. the experiences of Pearse throughout his lifetime  
C. the relationship between Americans and New Zealanders  
D. the feelings of the author toward Americans

56. With which statement would the author *most likely* agree?

A. Newspapers do not provide enough stories that interest readers.  
B. Journalists are not interested in international news.  
C. Newspaper editors change history by selecting the stories they publish.  
D. Journalists should investigate and fairly report all news.

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