

**Listen to the story and choose the right answer 1 – 8.**

**Is he living or is he dead? (by M. Twain)**

A long time ago I was a young artist and came to France where I was travelling from place to place making sketches. One day I met two French artists who were also moving from place to place making sketches and I joined them. We were as happy as we were poor, or as poor as we were happy. Claude and Carl — these are the names of those boys — were always in good spirits and laughed at poverty. We lived on the money which we got from time to time for our sketches. When nobody wanted to buy our sketches we had to go hungry.

Once, in the north of France, we stopped at a village. A young artist, as poor as ourselves, lived in that village. He took us into his house, and saved us from hunger. The artist's name was Francois Millet. We lived and worked together for over two years. One day Claude said: "Boys, we've come to the end. Everybody is against us. I've been all around the village and they do not want to sell food until we pay all the money". There was a long silence. At last Millet said, "What shall we do? I can't think of anything. Can you, boys?" "Many great artists die of hunger. Only after their death, people begin to buy their pictures and pay large sums of money for them. So the thing is quite clear", Carl said, "One of us pretend to be dead. Let us draw lots". We laughed and gave Carl some medical advice, but he waited quietly, and then went on again with his plan.

**1. What is the story about?**

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| A) the artists' spirit | C) the villagers' life       |
| B) the artists' names  | D) the villagers' travelling |

**2. What did Claude and Carl laugh at?**

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| A) shortage | C) sketches |
| B) village  | D) riches   |

**3. How many painters did live in the little house?**

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| A) one | C) three |
| B) two | D) four  |

**4. How did Francois Millet help the artists?**

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| A) shared his house with them | C) hid their sketches  |
| B) saved their money          | D) became their friend |

**5. Who had an unbelievable idea?**

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| A) Claude | C) author   |
| B) Carl   | D) Francois |

**6. How did the young artists survive?**

- A) asking for money
- B) travelling everywhere
- C) selling the pictures
- D) buying the sketches

**7. What idea did Carl have?**

- A) to die of hunger
- B) to dramatize death
- C) to leave this place
- D) to drink some medicines

**8. How often did the young artists have money?**

- A) always
- B) seldom
- C) never
- D) regularly

**Read the text and choose the right answer 9 – 16.**

**Money**

Money \_\_9\_\_ what you use to buy things. You may earn money from completing household chores, getting good grades, for \_\_10\_\_ allowance, or for losing a \_\_11\_\_! Money is very \_\_12\_\_ in our world and comes in many different forms.

People \_\_13\_\_ money for hundreds of years. Before money gave specific values for things, people simply traded items. In the United States, people use the dollar as their currency or money, but \_\_14\_\_ different parts of the world people use different currencies, though some countries also use or accept dollars.

People \_\_15\_\_ money from the jobs they work and use that money to save for the future, pay for their houses, cars, food, taxes, medical needs and household items among other things. Even things such as turning \_\_16\_\_ lights on, using the air conditioning or heat, and connecting to the internet cost money.

- 9.** A) was                      B) were                      C) are                      D) is
- 10.** A) our                      B) their                      C) your                      D) you
- 11.** A) teeth                      B) tooth                      C) tooth's                      D) teeth's
- 12.** A) important                      B) more important                      C) most important                      D) importanter
- 13.** A) were using                      B) have been using                      C) are using                      D) are used
- 14.** A) in                      B) on                      C) at                      D) off
- 15.** A) earns                      B) earn                      C) earned                      D) earning
- 16.** A) a                      B) an                      C) the                      D) -

**Read the question and choose the right answer 17 – 25.**

**17. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from ....**

- A) Greece
- B) Ireland
- C) England
- D) France

- 18.** What a ... comedy! It's the best I've seen.
- A) smooth  
B) wrinkled  
C) hilarious  
D) picturesque
- 19.** The teacher ordered that the article ... immediately.
- A) will be translated  
B) should be translated  
C) will translate  
D) was translated
- 20.** Firuz is a millionaire now but he ... always ... rich.
- A) is / not  
B) was / not  
C) hasn't / been  
D) hadn't / been
- 21.** Who has two birthdays in Great Britain?
- A) the Prince Charles  
B) the Princess Anne  
C) the Queen Elizabeth  
D) the Queen's husband
- 22.** If you murmur something, you say it very ...
- A) loudly  
B) quietly  
C) exactly  
D) fluently
- 23.** The oldest university in Britain is ....
- A) Cambridge  
B) Oxford  
C) London  
D) Edinburgh
- 24.** A ... is a formal jacket which has two long pieces hanging down the back.
- A) knot  
B) tailcoat  
C) stud  
D) waistcoat
- 25.** A group of fish or other sea animals is a ...
- A) herd  
B) swarm  
C) flock  
D) school