



Test Unit 3 - 2 ° ESO

Block: Reading B

Read the text below and answer the questions according ONLY to it. Answer sheet is given separately. Use a PENCIL in you answer sheet. Remember that every wrong answer will be marked as $-\frac{1}{8}$ of a right answer.

The Amazing Amazon

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world. It is 7,000,000 square kilometres and stretches across Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Suriname, Ecuador, Bolivia and French Guinea. Over half of the planet's rainforest is in the Amazon. It performs an important function. The plants take in carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. In this way they clean the atmosphere because carbon dioxide is a harmful greenhouse gas.

The medical community is particularly interested in the plants of the Amazon. This is because for thousands of years the people living there used plants to treat illnesses. Different plants can be used to cure different things. For instance, there are plants that can reduce a temperature and those that can help ease headaches, toothaches and muscle pains. The Amazon people who have knowledge of these plants are called 'medicine men'. When they get old they pass on their knowledge to apprentices; younger men who will eventually become medicine men too.

Scientists have identified plants in the Amazon that can treat diseases, including malaria. One researcher, Drauzio Varella, from Brazil, is looking for a cure for cancer in the Amazon. The work is difficult because there are so many plant species to work through. He and his team test each one to find out if they have medicinal properties. This takes a long time and is very detailed work. Another difficulty that scientists encounter is the deforestation of the rainforests. Not only are the plants and trees impacted by this, but the animals lose their habitats and have nowhere to live. As a result, many animals die. If people continue to destroy the rainforest, we will certainly lose our chance to discover valuable new medicines. Moreover, as the Amazon people use plants in their everyday life, this makes them very dependent on their natural environment. Destruction of the rainforest threatens their way of life.

1. The Amazon Rainforest is very...			
a. big	b. small	c. popular	d. healthy
2. It is found in a total of _____ countries.			
a. six	b. seven	c. eight	d. important
3. What proportion of the Earth's rainforest is in the Amazon?			
a. Over 20%	b. Over 30%	c. Over 50%	d. Over 75%
4. Does it have an important function in our planet?			
a. Yes, it does.	b. Yes, it do.	c. Yes, it is.	d. No, it doesn't.
5. What does it produce?			
a. Oxygen	b. Carbone Dioxide	c. Greenhouse Gas	d. Pollution
6. _____ are traditionally used to treat health problems.			
a. Doctors	b. Scientificals	c. Plants	d. Fossil Fuels
7. For how long have plants been used for that?			
a. For thousands of years	b. For two thousands of years	c. For a thousand of years	d. For hundreds of years
8. There are plants that can _____ a temperature.			
a. increase	b. decrease	c. cure	d. ease
9. What are 'medicine men'?			
a. The doctors	b. The researchers	c. The teachers	d. The Amazon people
10. They _____ a lot about the Amazon.			
a. know	b. knows	c. knowledge	d. known
11. Who is Drauzio Varella?			
a. A medicine man	b. A medicine men	c. A doctor	d. A researcher
12. What is he searching for?			
a. He is searching for a cure for cancer.	b. He is searching for a cure for malaria.	c. He is searching for many plant species.	d. He wanted to meet the medicine men.
13. The number of types of plants in the Amazon make searching for cures very _____ for scientists.			
a. difficult	b. easy	c. interesting	d. simple
14. Does Drauzio work alone?			
a. Yes, he does.	b. Yes, it does.	c. No, he don't.	d. No, he doesn't.

15. What other difficulties do they face?

- a. Deforestation b. Climate Change c. Animals in danger d. Rain

16. Many animals will die _____ we stop deforestation.

- a. if b. unless c. but d. also

17. Your _____ is at the top of your back.

- a. neck b. head c. ankle d. wrist

18. The _____ connects the foot to the leg.

- a. muscle b. chest c. ankle d. wrist

19. On a hand, there is a _____.

- a. finger b. thumb c. toe d. heart

20. The _____ is a very strong muscle in the left side of your chest.

- a. head b. brain c. heart d. shoulder

21. You sometimes use it to think.

- a. muscles b. brain c. heart d. thumb

22. Global _____ is changing our weather.

- a. fuel b. warming c. change d. climate

23. One day, water will _____ in many places.

- a. produce b. waste c. save d. run out

24. We need more _____ ways to make electricity.

- a. Eco-friendly b. organic c. fossil fuels d. pollution

25. The opposite of strong is....

- a. increase b. weak c. unfit d. ill

KEY

1	A		11	D		21	B
2	B		12	A		22	B
3	C		13	A		23	D
4	A		14	D		24	A
5	A		15	A		25	B
6	C		16	B		26	
7	A		17	A		27	
8	C		18	C		28	
9	D		19	B		29	
10	A		20	C		30	