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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Circle the correct answer for the blank.

Note: for each sentence, only one answer is correct.

1/ You didn't mean to do it,

- a/ were you b/ did you c/ weren't you d/ didn't you

2/ When I 18, I would love to travel abroad on my own.

- a/ have b/ will have c/ will be d/ am

3/ She is a very good friend of

- a/ Joan b/ me c/ Joan's d/ my

4/ I've warned him many times notthis way

- a/ behave b/ to behave c/ behaving d/ to behaving

5/ I think I heard Peter the door.

- a/ open b/ to open c/ opened d/ has opened

6/ The concert was terrific: I wish you

- a/ to have come b/ to come c/ came d/ had come

7/ He is a liar !

- a/ so b/ how c/ what d/ such

8/ nice of you !

- a/ what b/ how c/ such d/ how much

9/ Listen, she..... !

- a/ 's crying b/ cries c/ has cried d/ cry

10/ I Mary two days ago.

- a/ see b/ have seen c/ saw d/ 'd see

11/ She's 2 o'clock.

- a/ 's reading for b/ 's reading since c/ 's been reading since d/ reads since

12/ Theytried to come.

- a/ would b/ should have to c/ should have d/ should

13/ You can choose either my offerhis.

- a/ than b/or c/ either d/ whether

14/ I hope he will get used early.

a/ to get up

b/ getting up

c/ to getting up

d/ get up

15/ They were surprised our insisting.

a/ on

b/ in

c/ from

d/ at

16/ I wish I where they are.

a/ know

b/ have known

c/ knew

d/ am knowing

17/did he call that city he went to ?

a/ Which

b/ How

c/ What

d/ Who

18/ Don't forget to switch off the light before.....

a/ to leave

b/ leave

c/ leaving

d/ have left

19/ It's a difficult choice, way you look at it.

a/ which

b/ whenever

c/ whichever

d/ ever

20/ I'd like youhome.

a/ come

b/ came

c/ to come

d/ should come

21/ He had never written a book this before.

a/ like

b/ as

c/ such

d/ so as

22/ There are trees here.

a/ fewer and fewer

b/ least and least

c/ lesser and lesser

d/ little and little

23/ I expect the play not in time.

a/ begin

b/ to begin

c/ beginning

d/ begun

24/ When.....?

a/ comes he

b/ he does come

c/ did he come

d/ came he

25/ They have a old boy.

a/ fifteen years

b/ fifteenth year

c/ fifteen-year-

d/ fifteen years'

26/ The you know about it, the better.

a/ most

b/ least

d/ lesser

d/ less

27/ Why not the children along ?

a/ taking

b/ take

c/ to take

d/ we take

28/ It's high time theytheir minds.

a/ make up

b/ will make up

c/ made up

d/ have made up

29/ I didn't know her husband was.....

a/ as officer

b/ officer

c/ an officer

d/ not officer

30/ How..... time will they need?

a/ many more

b/ much more

c/ more

d/ many much

31/ We'd better now.

a/ started

b/ start

c/ to start

d/ starting

32/ There is no reason for

a/ to cry like this

b/ her to cry like this

c/ her such crying

d/ she cries like this

33/ You had better.....

a/ stayed

b/ stay

c/ to stay

d/ staying

34/ Did you see the film ? – No, I

a/ have not

b/ didn't do

c/ did not do

d/ didn't

35/ did you say met her yesterday ?

a/ Where

b/ Whom

c/ Whose

d/ Who

36/ The boys said of them had spent anything.

a/ some

b/ any

c/ none

d/ all

37/ She said she was looking forward tosoon.

a/ visit us

b/ have visited us

c/ be allowed to visit us

d/ visiting

38/ He's still a good player he's out of practice.

a/ despite

b/ in spite of

c/ whether

d/ although

39/ Do you remember where ?

a/ his family lived

b/ lived his family

c/ did live his family

d/ did his family live

40/ They have two sons, I didn't know.

a/ what

b/ than

c/ which

d/ such as

Part 2 READING COMPREHENSION

This is the beginning of Agatha Christie's novel 'And Then There Were None'. Read it carefully and answer the questions.

In the corner of a first-class smoking carriage, Mr. Justice Wargrave, lately retired from the bench, puffed at a cigar and ran an interested eye through the political news in the Times.

He laid the paper down and glanced out of the window. They were running now through Somerset. He glanced at his watch - another two hours to go.

He went over in his mind all that had appeared in the papers about Indian Island. There had been its original purchase by an American millionaire who was crazy about yachting - and an account of the luxurious modern house he had built on this little island off the Devon coast. The unfortunate fact that the new third wife of the American millionaire was a bad sailor had led to the subsequent putting up of the house and island for sale. Various glowing advertisements of it had appeared in the papers. Then came the first bald statement that it had been bought - by a Mr. Owen. After that the rumours of the gossip writers had started. Indian Island had really been bought by Miss Gabrielle Turl, the Hollywood film star! She wanted to spend some months there free from all publicity! Busy Bee had hinted delicately that it was to be an abode for Royalty??! Mr. Merryweather had had it whispered to him that it had been bought for a honeymoon - Young Lord L... had surrendered to Cupid at last! Jones knew for a fact that it had been purchased by the Admiralty with a view to carrying out some very hush hush experiments!

Definitely, Indian Island was news!

From his pocket Mr. Justice Wargrave drew out a letter. The handwriting was practically illegible but words here and there stood out with unexpected clarity.

Dearest Lawrence... such years since I heard anything of you... must come to Indian Island... the most enchanting place... so much to talk over... old days... communion with Nature... bask in sunshine... 12:40 from Paddington... meet you at Oakbridge... and his correspondent signed herself with a flourish his ever Constance Culmington.

Mr. Justice Wargrave cast back in his mind to remember when exactly he had last seen Lady Constance Culmington. It must be seven - no, eight years ago. She had then been going to Italy to bask in the sun and be at one with Nature and the contadini. Later, he had heard, she had proceeded to Syria where she proposed to bask in yet stronger sun and live at one with Nature and the bedouin.

Constance Culmington, he reflected to himself, was exactly the sort of woman who would buy an island and surround herself with mystery! Nodding his head in gentle approval of his logic, Mr. Justice Wargrave allowed his head to nod... He slept...

II

Vera Claythorne, in a third-class carriage with five other travellers in it, leaned her head back and shut her eyes. How hot it was travelling by train today! It would be nice to get to the sea! Really a great piece of luck getting this job. When you wanted a holiday post it nearly always meant looking after a swarm of children - secretarial holiday posts were much more difficult to get. Even the agency hadn't held out much hope.

And then the letter had come.

"I have received your name from the Skilled Women's Agency together with their recommendation. I understand they know you personally. I shall be glad to pay you the salary you ask and shall expect you to take up your duties on August 8th. The train is the 12:40 from Paddington and you will be met at Oakbridge station. I enclose five pound notes for expenses.

Yours truly,

Una Nancy Owen.

And at the top was the stamped address Indian Island. Sticklehaven. Devon...

Indian Island! Why, there had been nothing else in the papers lately! All sorts of hints and interesting rumours. Though probably that was mostly untrue. But the house had certainly been built by a millionaire and was said to be absolutely the last word in luxury.

Vera Claythorne, tired by a recent strenuous term at school, thought to herself - "Being a games mistress in a third-class school isn't much of a catch... If only I could get a job at some decent school."

And then, with a cold feeling round her heart, she thought: "But I'm lucky to have even this. After all, people don't like a Coroner's Inquest, even if the Coroner did acquit me of all blame!"

He had even complimented her on her presence of mind and courage, she remembered. For an inquest it couldn't have gone better. And Mrs. Hamilton had been kindness itself to her - only Hugo - (but she wouldn't think of Hugo!)

Suddenly, in spite of the heat in the carriage she shivered and wished she wasn't going to the sea. A picture rose clearly before her mind. Cyril's head, bobbing up and down, swimming to the rock... Up and down - up and down... And herself, swimming in easy practised strokes after him - cleaving her way through the water but knowing, only too surely, that she wouldn't be in time... The sea - its deep warm blue mornings spent lying out on the sands - Hugo - Hugo who had said he loved her...

She must not think of Hugo...

1. Where and when exactly does the scene take place ? (2)
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2. Where are the two people going ? (1)
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3. Why did the American millionaire originally buy the island ? (1)
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4. Why did he sell it ? (1)
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5. Describe the house on the island. (1)
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6. What theories do the newspapers put forward concerning the purchase of the island ? (4)
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7. Who has invited Mr Justice Walgrave to the island ? Why ? (1)
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8. What is Mr Justice Walgrave's first name ? (1)
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9. Who has invited Vera to the island ? Why ? (1)
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10. What does Mrs Owen put in the envelope with Vera's letter ? (1)
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11. Where does Vera usually work? What does she do ? (1)
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12. What do you think happened to Cyril ? (2)
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13. What do you think a Coroner's Inquest is ? (1)
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14. Find words in the text which mean :
 a) top secret (adj.) b) look quickly
 c) holiday for newly-weds d) recently (2)

