

Reading for the Real World 2 - Unit 6

Name _____

I. Vocabulary: Choose the best word to fill in the blank.

1. Different cultures have differing _____ of beauty.
 - a. proofs
 - b. verdicts
 - c. conceptions
 - d. doubts

2. So that there will be no confusion, vacation policies are _____ stated in every employee contract.
 - a. thereby
 - b. explicitly
 - c. readily
 - d. predominantly

3. Marcus is a _____ who studies social behavior.
 - a. scenario
 - b. jury
 - c. psychologist
 - d. defendant

4. The government _____ that every child must go to school.
 - a. dictates
 - b. renders
 - c. convicts
 - d. locates

5. It is difficult for anyone to _____ memories of their lives before age 3 or 4.
 - a. combine
 - b. deteriorate
 - c. retrieve
 - d. accuse

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 - 10

Neuroscientists and psychologists now know that the human mind does not act like a video camera, recording and replaying everything faithfully. Rather, human ____ (6) ____ is a complex process vulnerable to distortion at every stage. The ____ (7) ____ of memory can be divided into three basic steps.

The first step is perception and processing. This is when an event is ____ (8) ____, and then “bits” of information are stored in the neural networks responsible for memory. Since the human mind can’t possibly process and ____ (9) ____ every piece of information it receives, it filters out most of the information in accordance with the viewer’s attention and focus. In the second step, the brain sorts and retains the memories so that they can be ____ (10) ____ later. The third step involves a search of our memory “files” to locate information.

6. a. witness
b. vision
c. memory
d. brain

9. a. expect
b. educate
c. retain
d. distort

7. a. process
b. research
c. factor
d. event

10. a. included
b. retrieved
c. revealed
d. combined

8. a. determined
b. perceived
c. involved
d. contributed

III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, fill in the chart with the information below.

<p>The mind cannot store all information.</p> <p>11. The brain searches for and retrieves information.</p> <p>12. People perceive an event.</p> <p>13. Information is stored.</p>	<p>14. The brain sorts and keeps important information.</p> <p>15. Information is filtered according to the person’s focus.</p>
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The Process of Memory		
Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
<p>a. _____</p> <p><i>The mind cannot store all the information.</i></p> <p>b. _____</p> <p>c. _____</p>	<p>d. _____</p>	<p>e. _____</p>

IV. Word Study: Match the word to its definition.

- a. A description of what could possibly happen
- b. Quickly and easily
- c. To officially state
- d. Openly and clearly
- e. Occurring between two times or events

- 16. render ____
- 17. intervening ____
- 18. scenario ____
- 19. readily ____
- 20. explicitly ____

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

proposition conception readily predominantly thereby

- 21. Nick is a kind person who always _____ helps anyone in need.
- 22. The _____ we are debating is the following: "All citizens have an obligation to vote."
- 23. Ashley missed the midterm exam, _____ destroying her chances for a good grade.
- 24. The province has a few large cities, but it is _____ rural.
- 25. In this book, the author explains her _____ of art and why it is important.

1	2	3	4	5
c	b	c	a	c
6	7	8	9	10
c	a	b	c	b
11	12	13	14	15
e	a	c	d	b
16	17	18	19	20
c	e	a	b	d
21	22	23	24	25
readily	proposition	thereby	predominantly	conception