

Reading for the Real World 3 - Unit 2

Name _____

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

1. Natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis can have a(n) _____ effect on the economy.
 - a. adverse
 - b. trivial
 - c. impact
 - b. static
2. The soldier's _____ skills were damaged when she suffered a brain injury.
 - a. artificial
 - b. stubborn
 - c. cumulative
 - d. cognitive
3. Many teenagers want _____ from their parents so that they can make their own decisions.
 - a. hydraulics
 - b. autonomy
 - c. equilibrium
 - d. articulation
4. Although temperatures in some areas have remained _____, the overall global trend is toward higher temperatures.
 - a. static
 - b. valid
 - c. flawed
 - d. mechanical
5. In some cultures, the _____ of a home in relation to the sun is considered to be very important.
 - a. retention
 - b. prototype
 - c. harness
 - d. orientation

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 - 10

People have always worried about the ____ (6) ____ of new technology. Socrates, for instance, was concerned that writing would have a(n) ____ (7) ____ effect on people’s mental ____ (8) ____, particularly memory. Today, many people worry about the “Google Effect.” In other words, they worry that the availability of Information on the Internet will similarly hinder people’s ____ (9) ____ abilities. One study found that people are more likely to forget information that they know is available on the Internet. They use this information to conclude that the Internet is harmful to people’s mental abilities.

Critics who doubt the ____ (10) ____ of this conclusion point out that this kind of forgetting has been common for years, with people forgetting information after they’ve written it down. Furthermore, IQ scores continue to increase as Internet usage increases. Finally, people are becoming skilled at remembering how and where to find information on the Internet. Therefore, these critics conclude that the Internet is not harming people’s mental abilities.

6.

a. flaw

b. impact

c. orientation

d. kinetics
7.

a. elastic

b. adverse

c. hydraulic

d. integral
8.

a. prototypes

b. faculties

c. syringes

d. digits
9.

a. cognitive

b. cumulative

c. static

d. stubborn
10.

a. autonomy

b. orientation

c. hydraulics

d. validity

III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, put the information below into the correct columns.

<div>Socrates worried that writing would hurt memory.</div> <div>11. IQ scores continue to increase.</div> <div>12. The Google Effect might decrease mental ability.</div>	<div>13. People forget information available on the Internet.</div> <div>14. Forgetting recorded information has been common for a long time.</div> <div>15. People remember how to access information on the Internet.</div>
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A. Worries about Technology	B. Critics
Socrates worried that writing would hurt memory.	

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

- a. a first model from which later forms are developed
- b. skilled
- c. complex; highly developed
- d. able to stretch and then return to its original shape
- e. logical soundness

16. elastic ____

17. validity ____

18. sophisticated ____

19. prototype ____

20. adept ____

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

mechanical artificial adverse impact cumulative

21. Small business owners are worried about the _____ of raising minimum wage on their ability to stay in business.
22. There is gas in the car, so there must be a(n) _____ problem that is stopping it from running properly.
23. The _____ effect of cutting down forests and emitting CO₂ into the atmosphere year after year is constantly rising temperatures.
24. She tries to use natural rather than _____ sweeteners in her coffee.
25. Suntanning can have a(n) _____ effect on the health and appearance of a person's skin.

1	2	3	4	5
a	d	b	a	d
6	7	8	9	10
b	b	a	a	d
11	12	13	14	15
B	A	A	B	B
16	17	18	19	20
d	e	c	a	b
21	22	23	24	25
impact	mechanical	cumulative	artificial	adverse