

Reading for the Real World 3 - Unit 1

Name _____

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

1. There is no evidence for Martians having built the pyramids, so that theory does not seem _____.
 - a. vociferous
 - b. prominent
 - c. fabricated
 - d. plausible*

2. Paleontologists study _____ in order to learn about plants and animals that lived millions of years ago.
 - a. fossils*
 - b. criteria
 - c. hoaxes
 - d. conspirators

3. Because one famous candidate was a proven liar, he had no _____ with the voters.
 - a. prominence
 - b. absorption
 - c. credibility*
 - d. infection

4. In many cultures, the heart is _____ of love.
 - a. organic
 - b. a harbinger
 - c. symbolic*
 - d. a sepulcher

5. The archaeologists _____ the site to find evidence of ancient homes.
 - a. dampened
 - b. excavated*
 - c. absorbed
 - d. plundered

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 - 10

Lord Carnarvon _____ (6) _____ in Egypt a few months after the opening of the tomb. At first, doctors could not _____ (7) _____ the cause of his death, but they finally determined it to be pneumonia and blood poisoning caused by an _____ (8) _____ mosquito bite. The British press reported that at the exact moment of his death, back in England, Lord Carnarvon's dog _____ (9) _____ at the moon and then died. Rumors of a mummy's curse shook the British public when the mummy of Tutankhamun was unwrapped and a wound was discovered on the pharaoh's left cheek in the same spot as the insect _____ (10) _____ that had caused Lord Carnarvon's death.

6. a. died
b. withdrew
c. believed
d. disturbed

9. a. buried
b. gave
c. howled
d. discovered

7. a. come
b. wrap
c. aid
d. identify

10. a. bite
b. belief
c. hole
d. torso

8. a. valuable
b. infected
c. preserved
d. caused

III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, indicate whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).

11. ___ Lord Carnarvon died in Egypt a few months after the opening of the tomb.
12. ___ At first, doctors could identify the cause of Lord Carnarvon's death.
13. ___ The American press reported that at the exact moment of Lord Carnarvon's death.
14. ___ Rumors of a mummy's curse didn't shake the British public.
15. ___ The insect bite caused Lord Carnarvon's death.

IV. Word Study: Choose the SYNONYM (=) or ANTONYM (↔) for each word.

16. Which of the following is a synonym for *dampen*?
- a. moisten
 - b. dry off
 - c. represent
 - d. draw in
17. Which of the following is an antonym for *suicide*?
- a. contaminate
 - b. absorb
 - c. murder
 - d. excavate
18. Which of the following is an antonym for *plausible*?
- a. make up
 - b. loud
 - c. ancient
 - d. illogical
19. Which of the following is a synonym for *criteria*?
- a. vaults
 - b. standards
 - c. supports
 - d. hoaxes
20. Which of the following is a synonym for *absorb*?
- a. kill
 - b. release
 - c. embalm
 - d. draw in

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

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21. Wash that cut on your hand or it might get _____.
22. Thanks to the _____ of his wealthy grandparents, Raoul was able to spend a year working on his art.
23. Sadly, the hormones and stress of adolescence lead a lot of teenagers to commit _____.
24. The heart is a(n) _____ that people cannot live without.
25. The visit to the museum yesterday _____ Helen's interest in history.

1	2	3	4	5
d	a	c	c	b
6	7	8	9	10
c	a	a	b	a
11	12	13	14	15
T	F	F	F	T
16	17	18	19	20
a	c	d	b	d
21	22	23	24	25
infected	patronage	suicide	organ	rekindled