

CLOZE TEST 1

Mammoths, the iconic Ice Age giants, have long fascinated scientists and the public alike, not only because of their size but also due to the mysteries surrounding their extinction. **(17)**---- most species of mammoth disappeared around 10,000 years ago, a small population survived on Wrangel Island until about 4,000 years ago, when the construction of the pyramids in Egypt already began. These resilient creatures were well-adapted to the cold as their thick layers of fat and long, shaggy hair helped them **(18)**---- harsh climates. However, despite their adaptations, mammoths eventually vanished from the Earth, and the reasons **(19)**---- their extinction remain hotly debated among experts. **(20)**---- climate change undoubtedly played a significant role in reducing their habitat, recent studies also highlight the impact of human hunting and habitat disruption. The synthesis of genetic research and archaeological evidence **(21)**---- a more nuanced picture of mammoth extinction than previously assumed.

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A) Now that

C) Until

E) Unless

B) As if

D) Although

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A) withstand

C) jeopardize

E) migrate

B) extract

D) surrender

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A) off

C) for

E) by

B) behind

D) in

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A) While

C) Since

E) As soon as

B) Unless

D) In case

21.

A) paints

C) has been painting

E) had painted

B) would paint

D) painted

36. While juvenile crimes are predominantly driven by peer pressure and a lack of parental supervision, -----.

A) the rise in crime rates cannot be linked to changes in educational policies alone given the recent social or economic factors

B) most research suggests that offenders, whether juvenile or adult, are primarily influenced by their immediate social circles and peers rather than broader systemic issues

C) the majority of juvenile crimes cannot be prevented via strict legal penalties as there are underlying personal issues or societal pressures

D) adults who typically come from families with high levels of discipline and structure also commit such crimes and sometimes get away with them

E) underlying issues such as mental health disorders, exposure to trauma, and socioeconomic factors also play a significant role in influencing juvenile criminal behavior

37. It is commonly believed that the implementation of stricter gun control laws directly leads to a reduction in gun-related crimes; -----.

- A) on the contrary, evidence suggests that the relationship between gun control laws and crime rates is often influenced by other social and economic factors
- B) in other words, areas with the strictest gun control laws interestingly report the highest rates of gun-related crimes
- C) namely, certain regions with less stringent laws have experienced surprisingly lower crime rates than those with more restrictive regulations
- D) however, studies have shown that the effectiveness of gun control laws varies significantly depending on the specific regulations and their enforcement
- E) therefore, a reduction in certain type of crime is not always accompanied by an increase in another types of violent crimes

38. Because many educational programs are holistic and are designed with a one-size-fits-all approach to accommodate diverse student needs, -----.

- A) they leave no room for individualism and are far from being adaptable or customized to fit the specific needs of each student
- B) this focus on individualism means that students with different abilities are generally treated equally in all learning environments
- C) some other methods often give priority to the unique learning styles and challenges of individual students, leading to varying degrees of effectiveness
- D) there are educators who believe that a uniform approach to teaching cannot ensure that all students receive the same quality of education
- E) educational policies should be developed to address the average needs of the majority, leaving out those with special requirements

39. Even though Mustafa Kemal Atatürk did not personally oversee every aspect of the reforms, ----.

- A) his early years in military and political training shaped his approach to leadership to a great extent
- B) his leadership was characterized by significant economic challenges and military conflicts in the world
- C) his influence was not limited to Türkiye alone and did extend to regional and global geopolitics
- D) many of his policies faced resistance from traditionalists during their implementation as was the case during reform trials in the Ottoman Empire
- E) numerous historical accounts and documents credit him with the foundational reforms that modernized Türkiye

40. Just as the Great Pyramid of Giza is often considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and continues to inspire new architects, ----.

- A) numerous archaeological studies and historical records indicate that it was built using advanced engineering techniques far beyond its time
- B) the Parthenon in Athens stands as a testament to classical harmony and proportion, shaping Western architectural ideals for centuries
- C) the pyramid's precise alignment with celestial bodies has led to theories about its possible astronomical significance
- D) other ancient pyramids, such as those found in Mesoamerica, demonstrate that pyramid construction was not unique to Egypt
- E) the pyramid was originally constructed as a monumental tomb for a pharaoh and not for any religious or ceremonial

41. Kelaynak (Northern Bald Ibis), once abundant in the wild, is often celebrated for its striking appearance and historical significance in various cultures, ----.

- A) so its unique vocalizations play a crucial role in mating rituals
- B) because the bird's migratory patterns have been well-documented
- C) unless the species is known to have adapted well to urban environments
- D) yet the species is endangered and requires immediate protection measures
- E) since certain birds like Kelaynak are often considered a symbol of prosperity

42. We tend to overlook the critical endangered status of Kelaynak (Northern Bald Ibis), the bird celebrated for its striking appearance, ----.

- A) so that conservation efforts will be able to ensure its survival
- B) because of its unique vocalizations, behavior and social structure
- C) as a result of its symbolic importance in various cultures
- D) with the aim of progress in protecting the Kelaynak's natural habitats
- E) as though its popularity alone could guarantee its protection