

1-16: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the space.

1. The incidence of narcissistic personality disorder is nearly three times ---- high for people in their 20s ---- for the generation that's now 65 or older, according to the National Institutes of Health.

- A) more / than B) as / as
C) whether / or D) such / that
E) so / that

2. Millennials may have an exaggerated self-image and hold so many participation trophies growing up that a recent study showed that 40% believe they should be promoted every two years ---- performance.

- A) in terms of B) in spite of
C) with regard to D) in case of
E) regardless of

3. Each country's millennials are different, but ---- globalization, social media, the exporting of Western culture and the speed of change, millennials worldwide are more similar to one another than to older generations within their nations.

- A) in order to B) because of
C) in contrast to D) despite
E) in addition to

4. The Industrial Revolution made individuals far more powerful—they could move to a city, start a business, read and form organizations, ---- the information revolution has further empowered individuals by handing them the technology to compete against huge organizations.

- A) in case B) whereas
C) unless D) so that
E) because

5. In the 1970s, people wanted to improve kids' chances of success by ---- self-esteem, yet it turns out that self-esteem is great for getting a job but not so great for keeping a job or a relationship.

- A) instilling B) hampering
C) hesitating D) inviting
E) avoiding

6. ---- cell phones allow kids to socialize with their peers at every hour -they send and receive an average of 88 texts a day-, they are living under the constant influence of their friends.

- A) Once B) Now that
C) If D) Unless
E) Although

7. The media give substance to, and thus ----, narcissistic dreams of fame and glory, encourage common people to identify themselves with the stars and to hate the 'herd,' and make it more and more difficult for them ---- the banality of everyday existence.

- A) intensifying / accept
B) intensify / to accept
C) intensified / accepted
D) to intensify / accepting
E) having intensified / to be accepted

8. The Internet has democratized opportunity for many young people, ---- them access and information that once ---- mostly to the wealthy.

- A) given / belonging
B) give / to belong
C) having given / having belonged
D) giving / belonged
E) to give / to have belonged

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9. The US government will shut down at the end of the term if lawmakers do not reach an agreement to either ---- the deadline or fund the government for the coming fiscal year.

- A) extend
B) hinder
C) overwhelm
D) execute
E) meet

10. Companies should replace single-use containers with those that can be used over and over again ---- feeding them into the complicated recycling process.

- A) in terms of
B) in addition to
C) with a view to
D) for the sake of
E) instead of

11. Although the federal government recommends that Americans sleep seven or more hours per night for optimal health and functioning, new research is challenging the ---- that sleep is a one-size-fits-all phenomenon.

- A) expectation
B) anticipation
C) assumption
D) acquisition
E) inclination

12. People can manipulate their circadian rhythm through all kinds of external factors, like setting an alarm clock or ---- themselves to light.

- A) exposing
B) preventing
C) devoting
D) forcing
E) encouraging

13. While the particulars of reuse programs vary from brand to brand, two questions apply across the board. One, will customers buy into the system? And two, is the program actually environmentally friendly? The answer to the second question depends heavily on the answer to the first.

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B) The differences in the particulars of reuse programs among brands are minor.
C) The question of whether the program is environmentally friendly has priority over whether customers will appreciate the system.
D) It is not whether the program is environmentally friendly but whether customers will appreciate the system that matters more.
E) Whether customers appreciate the system or not, the program has to be environmentally friendly.

14. Using the same containers, in the same form, over and over again ideally eases the demand for virgin materials, reduces the energy needed to spit out thousands of new plastic bottles or cardboard boxes, and prevents heaps of trash from ending up in landfills or oceans.

The underlined word in the passage "eases" is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) creates
B) threatens
C) reduces
D) exploit
E) initiates

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The underlined word in the passage “virgin” is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) poisonous
- B) authentic
- C) uneconomical
- D) versatile
- E) unprocessed

Inference

16. When you toss a plastic bottle into your recycling bin, there's no guarantee it actually gets recycled, and in fact, odds are, it doesn't.

- A) As long as thrown into a recycling bin, the odds of a plastic bottle to be recycled is high.
- B) The chances of a plastic bottle to be recycled if thrown into a recycling bin is higher than when it is not.
- C) A plastic bottle will certainly be recycled when thrown into a recycling bin.
- D) It is not as likely for a plastic bottle to be recycled as assumed even if thrown into a recycling bin.
- E) It is less likely for a plastic bottle to be recycled if thrown into a recycling bin.

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17-21: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the spaces in the passage.

When it comes to **answering** the question of why millennials-those born between 1980 and 2000- **(1)** ---- their jobs so easily, we often ignore the survival question. Surviving is about safety, security, and food on the table, and thus, for them, finding a job offering all these. **(2)** ----, we all want to know that our work will consistently pay us an agreed amount so that we can have security at night while we sleep. Pay is our first concern with a new job **(3)** ---- university because we seek survival. Once pay is generally taken care of, we begin to analyse whether we are living a thriving life or not. As survival money means a lot to millennials **(4)** ---- a thriving life, they always look for new jobs with a nice paycheck out there. We have got food and shelter, we start to **save** for a vacation by the sea, a house in the suburbs, and a faster, sleeker car **(5)** ---- our friends. We also begin to look at how beautifully we can design our shelter or the flavour and appearance of our food or the design of the restaurant where we purchased our beautiful dinner.

1.

- A) give up
- B) look for
- C) set up
- D) take up
- E) call for

2.

- A) Indeed
- B) In contrast
- C) Otherwise
- D) Hence
- E) Meanwhile

3.

- A) about
- B) with
- C) from
- D) out of
- E) over

4.

- A) similar to
- B) in spite of
- C) with regard to
- D) in case of
- E) in pursuit of

5.

- A) impressing
- B) to impress
- C) having impressed
- D) to be impressed
- E) impressed

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22-26: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the spaces in the passage.

According to the World Economic Forum, just 14% of plastic packaging is collected **(6)** ---- recycling globally. And **(7)** ---- complexities in the recycling process, huge amounts of single-use plastic as well as glass and cardboard that consumers try to recycle ultimately end up getting burned or tossed into landfills anyway. If recyclable materials are contaminated by food waste, or if consumers misunderstand what can be recycled and where—to cite two common examples—their garbage may not end up **(8)** ---- after all. A 2017 study in Science Advances estimated that, of all the plastic waste generated globally up to 2015, just 9% had been recycled, while 12% was incinerated and the rest ended up in landfills or **(9)** ---- around the natural environment. Some plastic waste is burned to create fuel or energy, this process **(10)** ---- , is itself energy-intensive and emits carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

6.

- A) to
B) around
C) for
D) below
E) by

7.

- A) because of
B) thanks to
C) except for
D) in place of
E) rather than

8.

- A) repurposed
B) having repurposed
C) to be repurposed
D) being repurposed
E) repurposing

9.

- A) nourished
B) processed
C) spoiled
D) scattered
E) gathered

10.

- A) in other words
B) however
C) in contrast
D) similarly
E) subsequently

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