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1.) Nile crocodiles, with their rough brown skin, look just like floating parts of a tree ----

A. though the river was moving fast

B. if they have found something to eat

C. since there were trees by the river

- D. until they open their mouths
- E. that they are looking for food

2.) It is difficult to be precise about how big the Internet is ----

- A. until research had shown the spread of its useB. because it isn't managed by one
- person or organization C. if there were any doubts at all about
- its impact D. so that millions of people throughout
- the world had used it
- E. though a survey was to be carried out

last year

3.) Many of his novels are concerned with controversial subjects -----.

- A. until the problems resulting from the war were finally solvedB. that smoking is only one of them
- C. as he was awarded the top prize

D. which will have surprised no one

E. which makes them extremely popular

4.) Successful tragedies, ----, do not leave the spectator depressed.

A. in case the chief characters were famous and nobleB. though they involve suffering and sadness

C. because drama is an ancient literary form

D. since it must be recognized

E. even if we adopted these terms

5.) ----, it is at first indistinguishable from a minor planet

A. As comets are among the largest members of the solar system
B. Since comets appear in the sky without any warning
C. Before Halley's comet appeared again in 1986
D. Because, in Roman times, a comet was blamed for the loss of a battle
E. When a comet coming from deep space approaches the Sun ?

6.) Although orchids may seem to be mostly appreciated for the way they look and smell, ----.

A) the richness and variety of Asian orchids is astounding

B) they are common in every part of the globe except for the extreme South and North poles

C) under favourable climatic conditions, they will flower every year

D) they have always been among the most popular flowers in Asian countries

E) in certain regions of Central America and the Indian Ocean, they have generally been used for food

7.) ---- that the stage production of a play, no matter how realistic, always involves some degree of artificiality.

A) Most actors and actresses wonder

B) Many people are urged

- C) The students have questioned
- D) Various questions have been asked
- E) It must be recognized

8.) ----, but he always avoided Italy on principle.

A) Eugene Delacroix, the famous French painter, was born in 1798

B) In his early life, the French painter Delacroix seemed to be interested in diplomacy

C) Delacroix, the nineteenth-century French

D) The work of the French painter Delacroix strongly influenced the Impressionist painters

E) Delacroix was one of the most prolific of painters

9.) Because the action of a play is presented through acting, ----.

A) each of these circumstances has important consequences for the nature of drama

B) description is another important element of drama

C) a work of fiction may tell us what a character looks like in one paragraph

D) its impact is direct, immediate, and heightened by the actors' skills

E) this experience has usually been interpreted by actors who are highly skilled in communicating strong emotions

10.) Despite the admittedly mysterious

circumstances, ---- how the galaxies were formed.

A) it so happens

B) we know quite well in broad outline

C) the results are surprising

painter, travelled a good deal

D) a number of new experiments have been carried out

E) it has been recently suggested

11.) In view of scientific evidence, it has been suggested ----.

A) while the size and shape of storms change quickly and often

B) whether life began under certain environmental conditions

C) since the upper half of the atmosphere has unusual weather conditions

D) so far as the atmosphere guards us from rays which could be harmful

E) that Earth is approximately 4.6 billion years old

12.) Some 200 tribal languages were in use in Australia ----.

A) when British settlers arrived there in the eighteenth century

B) although immigrant languages spoken are Italian, Turkish, Greek, Chinese, Arabic and German

C) but multilingualism has been encouraged since the 1970s

D) even if they live in remote parts of the World

E) that communication between tribes had been impossible

13.) Towards the end of the seventeenth century, ---- progress came to an end in the Ottoman Empire.

A) which were built by masters such as the architect Sinan

B) which had a steady arrival of skilled craftsmen from the new territories of the empire

C) even though there will be few other changes

D) as the Ottomans began to lose their

technological advantage over Europe

E) since the Istanbul state had continued spreading Westwards

14.) Italy has climbed into the top ten world economies since World War II, ----.

A) although Italian had become a literary language as early as the fourteenth century

B) since it did not become a unified nation-state until 1861

C) unless it has a single cultural identity

D) yet at its heart it keeps many of the customs and traditions of its agricultural heritage

E) if the arts have enjoyed a long and glorious history

15.) Travelling around Germany by train is not the cheapest form of transport, ----.

A) so that many interesting places throughout the country may be within easy reach

B) which means that a journey from Hamburg to Munich takes just under six hours

C) even though journeys are generally no cheaper than travelling by train

D) if the fastest and most comfortable way to travel around the country is by bus

E) but it is undoubtedly one of the most efficient

16.) Although it has been nearly a century since the Titanic sank in the Atlantic Ocean, ----.

A) a number of stories still continue to be told about the disaster

B) one of the most interesting aspects about the tragic history of the luxurious ship is the mixed passengers on board

C) volumes of books and a number of films had already been produced

D) she was labelled "unsinkable" before her disastrous voyage in April of 1912

E) the ship initially earned fame as the largest luxury ship on the open seas

17.) Since all countries need to trade, ----.

A) isolation from other societies may bring some advantages

B) France and Germany have highly interdependent economies

C) too much economic dependence causes a country to be affected by events in other countries

D) today, Bhutan is one example of economic nearindependence

E) no country has complete economic independence from other countries

18.) If it were easy to slow down the rate of carbon dioxide build-up in the atmosphere, ----. A) we should have developed several strategies

B) carbon capture would have been just half the job

C) the problem of global warming would never have become serious

D) 380 molecules per million in our lungs are carbon dioxide

E) there is no reason why carbon dioxide should be released into the air

19.) Whenever I hear him speak, ----.

A) I am impressed by his ability to convince

B) it reminded me of my father

C) there was a great deal of truth in what he said

D) we remember similar experiences

E) his opponent objected to the interruption

20.) ----, but can this prohibition be enforced?

A) It would have been easy to prohibit nuclear weapons

B) Nuclear weapons have been prohibited

C) With the prohibition of nuclear weapons, the problem was finally solved

D) The prohibition of nuclear weapons is no solution

E) Nuclear weapons should have been prohibited

21.) Women tend to choose fields of study like education, English, psychology, biology and art history ----.

A) if women had lower salaries, less laboratory space and fewer resources

B) although women comprise 43 per cent of the workforce, but only 23 per cent of scientists and engineers

C) since many experts who study male/female differences provide strong support for this idea

D) while men are much more interested in physics, mathematics, computer science and engineeringE) because there are so few women in the fields of

mathematics and physical sciences

22.) Pluto was classified as a planet until 2006, ----.

A) because it was named for the Roman god of the underworld

B) although the "New Horizons" spacecraft made a voyage there and beyond in 2006

C) when the International Astronomical Union (IAU) changed its status to that of dwarf planet

D) as it is very difficult for astronomers to collect reliable information about it

E) while Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are "classical" planets

23.) My sister has a tendecy to buy things she sees on television commercials, ----.

A) even though she does not need them and often can't pay for them

B) since there was not anything wrong with her old car

C) in case she has been over-influenced by them

D) as many things had already been sold out

E) because she was rarely really interested in them

24.) English is important in Hong Kong for written and printed communication, ----.

A) whereas it was an English colony in East Asia until 1997

B) but it is not widely used as a spoken mediumC) which became one of Asia's major commercial,

financial and industrial centres D) just as, of 40 daily newspapers, only two are in English

E) so Hong Kong English includes words and phrases from Chinese

25.) The atmosphere partially blocks or absorbs certain wavelengths of radiation coming from the Sun ----.

A) although scientists have made a thorough study of them

B) because there is no way to see these wavelengths

C) before they can reach Earth

D) since astronomers have conflicting views about solar radiation

E) so long as these wavelengths have been

specified by scientists

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