

Air pollution is the addition of harmful substances to the atmosphere resulting in damage to the environment, human health, and quality of life. One of the many forms of pollution, air pollution occurs inside homes, schools, and offices; in cities; across continents; and even globally. Air pollution causes breathing problems and promotes cancer; it harms plants, animals, and the ecosystems in which they live. Some air pollutants return to Earth in the form of acid rain and snow, which decay statues and buildings, damage crops and forests, and make lakes and streams unsuitable for fish and other plant and animal life. Air pollution results from a variety of causes, not all of which are within human control. Dust storms in desert areas and smoke from forest and grass fires contribute to chemical and particulate pollution of the air.

1. **It is understood from the passage that human beings ----.**
  - A) don't do anything to control air pollution
  - B) aren't able to control air pollution completely
  - C) are the only ones to blame for air pollution
  - D) can easily protect themselves from the effects of air pollution
  - E) aren't affected by acid rain and snow at all
  
2. **According to the passage, which of the following is true about the air pollution?**
  - A) It is something that can be prevented by human beings
  - B) It is reported to be the main reason for cancer
  - C) It harms not only people, but also other living things
  - D) It causes certain breathing problems which are impossible to treat
  - E) It never occurs in areas where the quality of life is very high
  
3. **What can we understand from the passage about acid rain and snow?**
  - A) They only harm statues and buildings
  - B) Both make soil barren so it can't be cultivated
  - C) They contribute a lot to forest fires
  - D) They pose a threat to plant and animal life
  - E) Both lead to dust storms in desert areas

The art of reading is alive and well as far as I'm concerned. I think that the focus has to be on kids - not just encouraging them to read but ensuring that that reading is stimulating, if not exciting. My 9-year-old daughter resisted all my attempts to get her interested in books until I read a simplified version of the Odyssey to her. She was surprised that it was Odysseus and not Hercules - as the Disney film claims - who blinded the giant. She was so fascinated by what has to be one of the classic adventure stories of all time that she now wants to read the full-length version. It's too bad there we have to try hard to make them read when there are cartoons on TV for 24 hours.

4. **We learn from the passage that the daughter of the writer ----.**
  - A) is a real bookworm
  - B) refused to be read any book other than a classic
  - C) wasn't expecting the hero to be Odysseus but Hercules in the story
  - D) had already read the full length version of Odyssey before his father read her
  - E) was still reluctant to read after her father read Odyssey to her
  
5. **What can be one the main points the writer thinks in the passage ?**
  - A) Her daughter will soon give up watching TV and start writing stories
  - B) Reading improves the imagination of children while TV restricts it
  - C) That her daughter wouldn't have liked the story if it wasn't a classic
  - D) Television can get in the way of encouraging children to read
  - E) Disney films are educational because they use classic tales
  
6. **It is understood from the passage that reading ----.**
  - A) should be taught to children although it is boring
  - B) is an activity which has never been exciting
  - C) is something that is still part of society
  - D) shouldn't be forced if the child is reluctant
  - E) can never go beyond the alternatives TV offers

According to research, most pupils stated that it was their mother, followed by their father and teacher who had taught them to read. Girls were more likely to state that their mother, grandparent, friend or teacher had taught them to read. Most pupils also stated that they would like to read to or discuss reading with their mothers, followed by their fathers and a friend. Girls were more likely to want to discuss books with their mothers and friends, while boys would like to discuss books and reading with their father.

1. One of the pupose of the passage is to point out that most pupils ----.

- A) were taught to read by their grandparents
- B) would prefer to read with their mothers than their fathers
- C) do not really like discussing books with people other than their friends
- D) learn to read at school
- E) were forced to read by their fathers

2. According to the passage the research suggests that girls ----.

- A) like reading books with their fathers most
- B) liked the company of neither of their parents while reading
- C) are more likely to discuss reading with their mothers
- D) like reading more than discussing books
- E) find discussing books with their grandparents more enjoyable than with their parents

3. What can be concluded from the details given in the passage about the children?

- A) They should be taught reading primarily by their parents
- B) They learn better if their mothers teach them to read
- C) They wouldn't learn to read if their parents didn't teach them
- D) They enjoy discussing books more with the parent of their own gender
- E) They like discussing books more than reading them

Studies show that some Antarctic birds travel throughout the world. Rare sightings of some of these birds far in the continental interior, even near the South Pole, suggest that these powerful birds may occasionally cross the continent. Experiments show that Antarctic birds, including the flightless penguin, have strong homing instincts and excellent navigational capability; they apparently have a highly developed sun orientation system and biological clock mechanism that functions even with the sun remaining continuously high. Adélie penguins released as far as 1,900 miles from their nests, for example, are known to have returned within a year.

4. Which of the following true about some Antarctic birds according to the passage?

- A) They have excellent homing skills despite not being able to fly
- B) They travel to other continents although their sense of navigation is poor
- C) They get lost when the sun is hidden behind the clouds
- D) They are able to travel to other lands except for the Adélie penguins
- E) They never return to their home lands and die in other parts of the pole

5. It is understood from the passage that Antarctic birds can travel because ----.

- A) they can all fly very well
- B) they always have a guide which tells them the way
- C) they never live alone or leave their flock
- D) are resistant to any kind of temperature change
- E) they have powerful instincts and a good biological clock

6. Why are the Adélie penguins shown as a good example?

- A) To offer that Antarctic birds never leave their land for another
- B) To state that penguins leave their eggs defenceless
- C) To suggest that Antarctic birds have the capacity to travel long distances
- D) To request that migration is not a necessary activity for Antarctic birds
- E) To show that the biological clock of these birds may mislead them while travelling far from the pole

Vocabulary in General

KONU KAVRAMA TESTİ - 5

1. An apartment complex design in a city of South Korea, attracts criticism for its ---- to the World Trade Centre

- A) identity
- B) creativity
- C) sincerity
- D) certainty
- E) similarity

2. Most banks in Turkey ---- transactions between 8 in the morning and 5 at night.

- A) devote
- B) engage
- C) record
- D) create
- E) complete

3. Galatasaray never wins without a/an ---- if it's snowing heavily.

- A) match
- B) battle
- C) contestant
- D) overcoat
- E) struggle

4. The Egyptian pyramids were funeral ---- built for the pharaohs and their closest relatives.

- A) gardens
- B) fountains
- C) statues
- D) paintings
- E) monuments

5. By the time the ambulance got there, the patient had ---- so much that he couldn't get up the very small steps into the hospital.

- A) worsened
- B) stabilized
- C) opened
- D) matured
- E) decayed

6. Most insurance companies who offer short ---- plans do not cover any pre-existing disease or illness treated prior to the effective date of the plan.

- A) sign
- B) duty
- C) term
- D) path
- E) text

7. It is especially important for pregnant and lactating women, infants, and children to have---- sources of vitamin B12 in their diets.

- A) desperate
- B) determined
- C) aggressive
- D) reliable
- E) cultivated

8. Most Americans are very conscious of their health and try to maintain a nutritious diet and ---- routines to stay healthy.

- A) slightly
- B) daily
- C) abnormal
- D) regular
- E) comical

9. The property was so ---- that the owners made a fortune by holding an auction sale.

- A) disgusting
- B) desirable
- C) decayed
- D) damaged
- E) separated

10. Computer graphic programs are typically used for drawing ----, allowing the user to create designs for houses or cars.

- A) applications
- B) resignations
- C) invitations
- D) reservations
- E) operations

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11. The exporter may wish to eliminate the risk of an exchange loss by selling the foreign ---- to a bank.

- A) device
- B) principle
- C) resource
- D) currency
- E) politics

12. Iran ---- trying to make an atomic bomb and says its nuclear activities are purely peaceful.

- A) denies
- B) fantasizes
- C) ensues
- D) creates
- E) ameliorates

13. Most experienced people would agree that it is generally not wise to hitch a ride especially when one is ----.

- A) refined
- B) shaven
- C) alone
- D) safe
- E) prepared

14. In Japan, there are trains in use right now that never ---- the ground.

- A) kiss
- B) draw
- C) pace
- D) use
- E) touch

15. An editor in Nepal was arrested overnight in November 1990 for publishing ---- remarks against the queen.

- A) delightful
- B) considerate
- C) pessimistic
- D) insulting
- E) convincing

16. After a ---- week of work routine, Sunday is a day to pause and focus on faith and family.

- A) holy
- B) sacrificial
- C) tepid
- D) busy
- E) crooked

17. ----, her normally strict parents were pleased that Ekin had joined a rock band that would be performing late at night.

- A) Liberally
- B) Excitingly
- C) Surprisingly
- D) Defiantly
- E) Predictably

18. Sometimes when we read the newspapers and watch TV, we get the ---- impression that British people have no respect for family and values.

- A) false
- B) comical
- C) targeted
- D) beautiful
- E) fortunate

19. Greenpeace said the train consisted of three wagons with an amount of radiation ---- to that released at the nuclear disasters at Chernobyl.

- A) dull
- B) irrelevant
- C) unfortunate
- D) comparable
- E) unequal

20. To encourage the smoker to quit, life insurance premiums may be ---- for those who have quit smoking.

- A) united
- B) covered
- C) decreased
- D) contained
- E) reduced

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Dialogue

KONU KAVRAMA TESTİ - 1

**1. Mrs. Parks :**

- Will you guys be having another drink?

**Partick Clancy:**

- No, I have to get home to my wife. I promised her I'd be home and I can't call her because my cell phone's dead.

**Mrs. Parks :**

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**Patrick Clancy:**

- No I won't, but there's always tomorrow and it's a half day so we can meet here at 1:30.

- A) What time are you going to be here tomorrow?
- B) Are you going home to your wife?
- C) Here, call her on my cell phone and tell her to join us.
- D) Call her on your cell phone and tell her to come and join us.
- E) What time is your wife expecting you?

**2. Pete :**

- How come you can't come out this weekend?

**Steve :**

- I really can't afford another weekend like last weekend.

**Pete :**

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**Steve :**

- I am, but I need to get my car fixed up before the holiday.

- A) Do you think that you'll be able to come out though?
- B) Yes, it was a rather expensive one, wasn't it?
- C) Well, come out, but just don't spend as much money.
- D) I think that I probably spent too much money, too.
- E) I thought you were earning good money at the moment.

**3. Customer:**

- Excuse me, do you do tomato soup here?

**Waiter :**

- Yes we do. We do it with cream or with just basil.

**Customer :**

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**Waiter :**

- Okay, one tomato soup with no cream coming up.

- A) Oh, that's good. I'm on a diet, so I'll have it without cream.
- B) Is the basil fresh or dried and what about the cream?
- C) Do you have any other types of soup? I don't like both tomato soup.
- D) I think that I'd better stick with a salad. That's healthy.
- E) Where do the tomatoes come from? Is it homemade?

**4. Sonny :**

-- This is called the 'Enter-trainer.' It's meant to force people to exercise.

**Oliver :**

- Ah, so if you don't exercise, your TV turns off; doesn't it?

**Sonny :**

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**Oliver :**

- I see, so if you don't eventually pick up the pace, then the TV is shut off automatically.

- A) I haven't exercised in several years myself, actually.
- B) Well, not exactly; it actually lowers the volume of the TV first.
- C) No, this device has nothing to do with television.
- D) I think it costs around 100 dollars, at most.
- E) No, it doesn't; you can hook it up to a Nintendo game boy.

5. Norman :

- Oh, did you just see that?

Mrs. Bates :

- What? Has there been an accident on the highway?

Norman :

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Mrs. Bates :

- Did you? That's dangerous; maybe we'd better turn this car around and find a motel.

A) I don't think we will; just be careful.

B) I'm usually very careful when I drive; why do you ask?

C) No, there hasn't; I saw a bolt of lightning!

D) Yes, but I need to wear my glasses at all times.

E) No, of course not; don't be so afraid!

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7 Dave:

- I always thought she was one of the prettiest actresses ever.

Rick :

- Yeah, and she didn't age poorly!

Dave :

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Rick :

- Unlike hordes of others.

A) On the contrary, now she looks like a prune!

B) On the contrary, she's more beautiful at 60 than she was at 45!

C) How could she with that pay check?

D) Perhaps it was due to her special diet.

E) I think she found new inspiration as her health declined.

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6. Tina :

- I've heard that there's a new Woody Allen film out.

Dana :

- Shall we go and see it together?

Tina :

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Dana :

- I'd have to agree with you on that one.

A) I really don't think that I'll have the time.

B) What day shall we go and see it?

C) Sure thing, I think Woody Allen is a great film-maker.

D) If it's showing locally, why not?

E) Where else do you think it's playing?

8. Arthur :

- Are you going to that meeting at the town hall tonight?

Charles :

- Maybe. What is it about?

Arthur :

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Charles :

- Yes, I will go then. It sounds important.

A) What did you think of the last one?

B) I don't think that I can make it.

C) It was really boring last time, wasn't it?

D) I've got absolutely no idea this time.

E) Some local MPs are going to be debating local issues.

1. You have to take the day off school to go into hospital to have some important tests. You don't want to miss any of the notes because you have some important exams coming up in the next month, so you phone up a friend and say:

- A) Would you like to come with me to the hospital?
- B) What did you do with all my notes? Will you please tell me?
- C) Have you started revising for the exam yet? You know it is tomorrow.
- D) Do you need any help with your schoolwork? I can help you if you want.
- E) Can you collect any important notes for me tomorrow please?

2. You are an engineer. You work for a company. Although you try very hard to please your boss, he still does not appreciate your work. You are very sad because of this, but not hopeless, you turn to your colleague and say:

- A) It's really disgusting to work here, as whatever I do, I fail.
- B) If only I could make our boss say how content he is with my efforts!
- C) I shouldn't have ever applied for this job since it's really not very promising .
- D) What would you do if you were in my shoes?
- E) What the hell is going on with Mr Brown? Has he got private problems? I think I should resign.

3. Your friend smokes heavily. He has decided to give up smoking and has asked you for some help. Two weeks later he is sitting in a café and someone offers him a cigarette. Trying to help him. You say:

- A) No thanks. I don't smoke. I have just given up.
- B) I'm sure that one cigarette isn't going to hurt you.
- C) Think about what you're doing. You've done so well up to now.
- D) I wish that I had your willpower. I could do a lot then.
- E) You should know better than to start smoking.

4. You work for a company. You do not like the way things go there. The pay isn't good and besides, you have to study for an upcoming exam. You decide to quit your job. A co-worker tells you that you aren't the only person to resign. You want to learn more about who has decided to quit. You say:

- A) This is my last day, so I've come to say goodbye. I do not care who else is quitting.
- B) Yes, well I didn't hand in my resignation yet; will I get a promotion?
- C) You wouldn't advise me to go on working, would you?
- D) Oh, that is interesting. Who are the other people who said they were leaving?
- E) Where do you think I'm going for my holiday? Just guess.

5. One of your friends is complaining about your teacher who he thinks plays far too many games. You think that the games are useful for learning, and also think that the teacher is great. When your friend suggests complaining about him, you say honestly:

- A) I think that we should complain to his face.
- B) I'm glad that we can agree on such important issues.
- C) Yes, I honestly think we should make a complaint.
- D) Who do you think we should address the complaint to?
- E) I don't agree with you, I think he's a fine teacher.

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7. Tomorrow is a national holiday and you would like to display a flag. So, you are in the attic, looking in boxes for your family's flag. However, there are many boxes and you are getting upset, so, you call down to your mother and say:

- A) Have you thrown out that old flag yet? Mother can you hear me?
- B) Are you sure we have a flag? What colour was it?
- C) Which box did you say we keep the flag in?
- D) Can I just hang a towel out the window instead?
- E) I'm going to become homicidal if I don't find it soon. Could you send the dog up to help me look for it?

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6. You are in England and attending to a University in Oxford. You're sitting on the underground, dozing off when you hear the automated voice saying the name of a station you don't recognize. Politely, you ask the person next to you:

- A) Where the hell am I? Can anybody tell me? I am stranger here
- B) Sorry but, did we already go past the Lantan Street station?
- C) Does this look like a rash to you? It looks like a rush to me.
- D) What is the best way to get to the ferryboats from here?
- E) Is this the blue line, or did I get on the wrong metro line?

8. You have recommended your friend for the job of systems analyst at your company because you know that David has been doing the job for a long time and knows it very well. Your boss is expressing his reservations about David not having many qualifications, so in order to highlight David's strong points, you say:

- A) I know that he's not too bright, but he's a hard worker.
- B) Please don't talk about my friends like that. I do not like it.
- C) I suppose you're right, qualifications are important.
- D) But David does have a lot of experience in that field.
- E) Oh go on! Give him the job. He is a nice boy