

3 – Point Questions

Read the text. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer.

The Greta Effect: Fridays for Future, the Millenials' Revolution

It started in May 2018, when a Swedish 15-year old named Greta Thunberg won a climate change essay competition organized by a local newspaper. One could say it started in 1903, when her paternal forebear was awarded the Nobel Prize for coming up with a model for the greenhouse effect. Whether we attribute Greta's unflinching commitment to environmental justice to nature or nurture, one thing's for sure. Her amazing knack for taking world leaders to task while giving us all a stark reminder of the sorry state of our world has made her a headliner.



The Greta hurricane started brewing in August 2018, when she turned truancy into an ingenious new form of civil disobedience. Greta began protesting in front of the Swedish parliament building, promising to continue until the Swedish government met the carbon emissions target signed by world leaders in Paris, in 2015. Her protest became viral on social media and snowballed, quickly garnering worldwide support as teenagers started gathering under the banner of #FridaysForFuture. The fact that adults were not stepping up was made obvious by Greta's speeches which emphasized time and again that she was forfeiting her right to education because of their complacency. Greta became Time Magazine's Person of the Year in 2019, as environmental disaster was looming ever larger. Youth activism was galvanized further by Greta's unwavering voice, with tens of thousands of young people coming together to denounce decades of inaction.

But raising environmental awareness is just one of the achievements under Greta's belt. Her transformation into a public figure has meant that every inch of her life has been held up to scrutiny, including her complex struggle with Asperger, OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder) and ODD (oppositional-defiant disorder), which she has several times referred to as blessings in disguise. Her affirmative approach to mental issues has not shielded her completely from abusive remarks. True to her record of not backing down, Greta has braced hurtful comments and has emerged even stronger, managing to become a brilliant advocate for those struggling with mental health problems.

For many disappointed millennials, Greta has breathed new life into the hope that the tide can be turned through perseverance and direct action. The jury's still out on the outcomes of this renewed campaign for saving the environment. As more and more household names join in, world leaders might have to go back to

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the drawing board and come up with a different image of what the world will look like in the future.

1. Greta Thunberg's passion for environmental advocacy could be attributed to

- A) an idea she got from reading the local press.
- B) school activities.
- C) an ancestor's scientific inclinations.
- D) her desire to be a winner.
- E) her passion for protests.

2. Greta has become famous for

- A) reminding politicians of their responsibility.
- B) causing a scandal.
- C) making everyone feel sorry about the environment.
- D) winning a competition.
- E) her brilliant studies.

3. Greta's form of activism was new because

- A) it made the environment a central issue.
- B) it rebelled against the educational system.
- C) it involved skipping classes.
- D) it involved public gatherings.
- E) it involved young people.

4. Greta's mental issues

- A) have destroyed her reputation.
- B) are something she celebrates.
- C) are mild.
- D) are due to her activism.
- E) are something she is ashamed of.

5. The results of the wave of activism inspired by Greta

- A) can not be significant.
- B) might be negative.
- C) are being ignored by leaders.
- D) will change the world.
- E) are not yet clear.

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For each group of sentences (6-10), choose the word which can be used in all three gaps.

6. It's true that the pay in the sector is higher, but working for the state guarantees peace of mind.

Don't get me wrong, but I prefer keeping my professional and life separate.

What I am just about to tell you is and you are not to reveal this information to anyone.

- A) personal B) private C) secret
D) confidential E) privileged

7. Sponge has the ability to water and is indispensable in every household.

The book describes a case of a man who was able to all the information that came his way.

He is said to know a 200-page book by heart. It's one thing to find dedicated workers and quite another to them as headhunters are constantly on the prowl.

- A) retain B) absorb C) soak
D) detain E) hinder

8. It all happened when he wanted to lift his heavy table. He a muscle and had to be treated at the hospital.

On our way home we off the road to buy a watermelon from roadside vendors.

It came as a surprise when we learned he wasn't the one who made decisions. It was his PA who strings.

- A) pushed B) shoved C) lifted
D) turned E) pulled

9. He had to do lots of hard work at the age of 15. What's more, he had nobody to turn to for help.

The plate looked amazing with a large piece of meat and some golden fries.

On January 1, 2002, the euro became legal in most EU countries.

- A) tender B) early C) lean
D) currency E) note

10. Mom, you haven't the potatoes again! They are so soft and taste disgusting. Last month's purchases seem to have our resources and we need to save up now.

When she read the article, the blood from her face. She looked so pale.

- A) peeled B) turned C) finished
D) drained E) rushed

4 – Point Questions

Read the text. For each question (11-20), choose the best answer.

THE AMAZING TURK

The dangers of artificial intelligence are on our minds constantly these days, but debates over the possibilities and perils of breathing life into machines have been (11) since the '70s. The 1770s. It was around that time that Wolfgang von Kempelen (12) his latest invention in Vienna. A chess-playing automaton dedicated to Archduchess Maria Theresa and (13) made to impress her. The machine was a mechanical man (14) in Turkish style clothes and wearing a turban, who sat in front of a wooden chessboard. It was designed to play chess against (15) human opponent brave enough to take it on and was said to be invincible. From 1770 until it was destroyed by fire in 1854 it was exhibited as an automaton, (16) it was eventually revealed to be an elaborate (17). The Turk proved to be a mechanical (18) that hid a human chess master inside. This skilled human operator won most games for 84 years, defeating many famous (19) among them Napoleon Bonaparte and Benjamin Franklin. The secret was so well kept that despite many attempts at revealing how The Turk worked no (20) explanation solved the mystery of The Turk until the late 19th century when Dr. Silas Mitchell's series of articles in *The Chess Monthly* finally exposed the inner workings of the fascinating machine.



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| 11. A) running
D) circling | B) raging
E) talking | C) storming |
| 12. A) appeared
D) entered | B) opened
E) pushed | C) debuted |
| 13. A) specially
D) purposefully | B) especially
E) mindfully | C) intentionally |
| 14. A) clad
D) packed | B) disguised
E) covered | C) wrapped |
| 15. A) some
D) all | B) such
E) whose | C) any |

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16. A) perhaps
D) though
- B) despite
E) in spite
- C) albeit
17. A) hoax
D) hoast
- B) hoist
E) chaos
- C) host
18. A) delusion
D) hallucination
- B) delirium
E) illusion
- C) make-believe
19. A) accomplices
D) contestants
- B) contenders
E) sportsmen
- C) participants
20. A) other
D) sole
- B) one
E) some
- C) single

5 – Point Questions

For each sentence (21-25), choose the right answer to define the phrase in *italics*.

21. When she said that thing about me, it really *hit home* because I knew it was true.



- A) affected me
D) astonished me
- B) pleased me
E) impressed me
- C) encouraged me

22. I managed to *pack in a lot of activities*.

- A) avoid a lot
C) delegate a lot of activities
E) be inert
- B) do a lot in a limited time
D) save lot of money

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23. I'm a bit worried about my daughter – she seems to be *going off the rails*.

- A) behaving in an unacceptable way
- B) acting her age
- C) full of beans
- D) going to drop the school
- E) failing exams

24. You were supposed to apply last month – you've *missed the boat*.

- A) made the grade
- B) missed out on the opportunity
- C) submitted something which was incomplete
- D) didn't leave in time
- E) lost your mind

25. She *flew off the handle* and accused me of lying.

- A) sparked great joy
- B) hit rock bottom
- C) staggered
- D) interrupted
- E) went berserk

For each sentence (26-30), choose the correctly-spelled word to complete each gap.

26. I am almost convinced there haven't been any since last week.

- A) developpments
- B) developement
- C) developments
- D) developements
- E) development

27. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find good in London.

- A) accommodation
- B) acommodation
- C) acomodation
- D) accomodation
- E) accomodation

28. I am afraid this is a totally conversation.



- A) inappropriate
- B) inapropriate
- C) inapropriate
- D) innapropriate
- E) inapropriate

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29. Your remarks are out of line and

A) unesessary

B) unnecessary

C) unnesessary

D) unnecesary

E) unnecessary

30. I could hardly hide my when my parents started dancing.



A) embarrassment

B) embarassment

C) embarrasment

D) emberasement

E) emberrassment

