

Visitors to America are immediately struck by the tremendous numbers of automobiles filling the highways and crowding the city streets. The automobile, which has transformed the American way of life, is the almost indispensable workhorse of the family. During the week, the father drives it to his job in the city, alone, or in a "car pool" arrangement with several of his fellow workers. When he leaves it at home, his wife uses it constantly to do errands, to haul groceries, to drive children to lessons or appointments, to shops or swimming pools. On weekends, the family drives out to the country for a picnic lunch or may take a trip of several hundred miles. On vacations, no corner of the country is beyond the family's reach.

2- All of America has felt the changes, which came with the automobile and with the network of highways that have been built to serve it. Farmers, who live far from their neighbors, are no longer isolated. Tractors of the work of the many farmlands they cannot afford to hire, trucks carry their products to market, to storage elevators or to railroads.

3-Traffic jams in cities and along the approaches to cities wider ones are needed as fast as they can be built.

1 The main topic of this passage is -----

- a The American Family
- b The American highways
- c Major American cities
- d Cars and American Life

2 The automobile has had ----- on the American society .

- a a little effect
- b hardly any effect
- c an obvious effect
- d no effect what so ever

3 The American father _____

- a always drives alone to work
- b may share his car with other colleagues
- C drives his children to lessons
- d (a) and (b)

4 The American family may spend the weekend _____ .

- a abroad
- b in downtown
- C out of town
- d in a family gathering

5 Thanks to the automobile, all American States have become _____.

- a within reach
- b more isolated
- C beyond reach
- d torn apart

6 Most American families _____ cars.

- a cannot afford
- b do not badly need
- C do not have
- d cannot do without

Vocabulary.

Choose the best meaning for the following definitions .

- 7 A production of a certain amount is :
 a summary
 b error
 c Output
 d default
- 8 A travelling company of entertainers; including trained animals :
 a advertisement
 b channel
 c circus
 d motel
- 9 A particular geographical region of indefinite boundary (usually serving some special purpose or distinguished by its people or culture or geography) :
 a hill
 b seaside
 c area
 d mountain
- 10 A structure from which an artificially produced jet of water arises:
 a fountain
 b station
 c route
 d alley
- 11 The trees and other plants in a large densely wooded area :
 a oasis
 b land
 c lake
 d Forest

- 12 A correctional institution where persons are confined while on trial or for punishment is :
 a Prison
 b Gallery
 c Theatre
 d Court
- 13 A reasoned and reasonable judgment is :
 a Psychology
 b Logic
 c Ratio
 d Consideration
- 14 The word *establish* means
 a to include as a necessary circumstance , condition
 b cause to exist
 c accept as true before there is proof
 d set up on a firm or permanent

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Vocabulary .

Choose the closest word for the underlined one in the sentence

- 15 The boy affronted the teacher by making a face at her.
 a impressed
 b offended
 c gladdened
 d delighted
- 16 Grief aggravated her illness.
 a appeased
 b tranquilized
 c extenuated
 d intensified
- 17 The new teacher stood aghast at the students' lack of discipline .
 a Acceptant
 b Tolerant
 c Lenient
 d Horrified
- 18 The sheet of paper is translucent when held close to a light bulb .
 a marked by a long period of time
 b touching , next in a sequence
 c allowing some light to shine through
 d just born
- 19 My mom asked me to leave the door ajar to let in some fresh air .
 a closed
 b Outside
 c slightly open
 d Unlocked
- 20 The unruly students had to stay after school for detention .
 a angry
 b frightened
 c incorrect
 d wild
- 21 After Miranda's dog chewed her shoe , she knew she would have to supervise him more carefully .
 a Educate
 b feed
 c surprise
 d watch
- 22 The park looks picturesque in the fall , when the leaves turn shades of red , yellow and brown .
 a Beautiful
 b Cold
 c Mysterious
 d Unwelcoming
- 23 The ferocious lion terrified the zookeeper .
 a famous
 b fierce
 c hungry
 d Sick
- 24 Mrs . Summers polled her class to find out their favorite subjects in school.
 a picked at
 b surveyed
 c told
 d wanted

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- 25 The Independence Day fireworks display in Washington, D.C., is spectacular .
- a amazing
b crowded
c new
d strange
- 26 After he finished building the deck , Mr. Lopez used the remainder of the wood to build a tree house .
- a Bottom
b number
c rest
d worst
- 27 Maria was affectionate with her new Kitten , holding it every chance she got .
- a Afraid
b loving
c serious
d unfair
- 28 The colorful landscape in the city park looked like part of a painting .
- a garbage
b scenery
c stroll
d wallpaper

Grammar.

Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentences

- 29 The scheme has been _____ consideration for a long time now, but I doubt whether it will ever be put _____ effect.
- A within / through
B under / into
C in / off
D through / in
- 30 Economic recession and rising unemployment , coupled ----- continued increases ----- retail food prices , have curtailed consumption .
- A at / about
B by / at
C off / by
D with / in