

I. Read the Extract A and Extract B and then answer the questions from 1 to 8:

Extract A: The Robot That Could Help

Extract B: The Bright Idea

Multiple-Choice Questions:

1. What motivates Emma to create the HelperBot in Extract A?

Answer: C. She is inspired by her grandmother's difficulties and wants to help elderly people.

Explanation: Emma is motivated by her grandmother's struggles after a stroke and wants to create a robot to help elderly people live more independently.

2. How does Marcus's idea for a repair kit develop in Extract B?

Answer: B. He wants to fix his blender and then realizes others have the same problem.

Explanation: Marcus's idea develops when he tries to fix his blender and then considers creating a repair kit for others who face the same challenges.

3. What is a key challenge Emma faces while building HelperBot?

Answer: B. The robot keeps malfunctioning, and she has to reprogram it.

Explanation: Emma faces the challenge of the robot malfunctioning and needing to be reprogrammed and adjusted before it works properly.

4. What is Marcus's goal for the "Fix-It-All" kit in Extract B?

Answer: B. To make it affordable and easy for anyone to fix their own items.

Explanation: Marcus's goal is to create an easy-to-use and affordable kit that anyone can use to fix items around the house.

5. How does Emma feel after presenting HelperBot at the science fair?

Answer: B. Proud because she created something that could help people.

Explanation: Emma feels proud of her creation because it could help elderly people, even though she didn't win first place at the science fair.

6. How does Marcus's family react to his "Fix-It-All" kit?

Answer: B. They are impressed and find it helpful.

Explanation: Marcus's family is amazed by the kit and appreciates how helpful and easy it is to use.

7. What is Emma's main challenge while building HelperBot in Extract A?

Answer: B. The robot's sensors are malfunctioning.

Explanation: Emma faces challenges with her robot's sensors, which prevent it from working correctly until she fixes them.

8. What motivates Marcus to continue developing the "Fix-It-All" kit?

Answer: B. He wants to help people reduce waste and repair things easily.

Explanation: Marcus is motivated by his desire to help people fix their broken items easily and reduce waste, rather than by fame or money.

Summary of Answer Explanations:

Extract A demonstrates Emma's perseverance in building a robot that helps elderly people, overcoming technical challenges to create something meaningful.

Extract B shows Marcus's innovative thinking as he develops a simple solution to reduce waste by helping people repair their items with an easy-to-use kit.

II. Read the following Poem and answer the questions from 9 to 14:

In the Mirror's Reflection

9. What does the mirror represent in the poem?

Correct Answer: D) The struggle with self-identity

Explanation: The mirror symbolizes the speaker's attempt to understand their true self and the uncertainty they feel about their identity.

10. How does the speaker feel when they look in the mirror?

Correct Answer: B) Curious and uncertain

Explanation: The speaker is questioning who they are, indicating uncertainty about their identity.

11. What do the "eyes" symbolize in the poem?

Correct Answer: B) The window to the soul and inner thoughts

Explanation: The eyes are often symbolic of a deeper look into one's inner feelings, thoughts, and emotions.

12. What does the speaker mean by "a heart with a story I can't contain"?

Correct Answer: B) The speaker feels overwhelmed by emotions

Explanation: The line suggests that the speaker has complex feelings they cannot fully express or understand.

13. What is implied by the phrase "Am I just a shadow or someone"?

Correct Answer: A) *The speaker is questioning their own existence*

Explanation: The speaker is uncertain about who they are, feeling like they might not be fully themselves or unsure of their identity.

14. What is the main theme of the poem?

Correct Answer: B) *The uncertainty and complexity of self-identity*

Explanation: The poem explores the speaker's internal struggle to understand who they are and the doubts they face regarding their identity.

III. Read the text below, which consists of six paragraphs (questions 15 – 20). For questions 15 – 20, choose the option (A – G) which best summarises each paragraph. There is one extra option which you do not need to use.

The Rise of Skateboarding

Answers & Explanations

15 - B. This led to the invention of what was first called "sidewalk surfing."

Explanation: The sentence before mentions surfers trying to practice on land. This connects directly to how they invented a new way of riding, which was initially called "sidewalk surfing."

16 - F. Many of these competitions were held in empty swimming pools, which skaters used as ramps for tricks.

Explanation: The paragraph discusses the growth of professional competitions in the 1970s. One of the defining aspects of this era was the use of empty swimming pools for skating tricks, making this sentence the best fit.

17 - E. Some cities banned skateboarding in public places, making it difficult for skaters to find places to practice.

Explanation: The paragraph talks about how city officials saw skateboarders as troublemakers. This leads naturally to laws that banned skateboarding in public areas.

18 - A. This led to an increase in skaters building their own ramps and halfpipes in backyards.

Explanation: Since skateboarding was restricted in public spaces, skaters found creative ways to continue the sport by building ramps and halfpipes at home.

19 - C. Today, millions of people around the world skate for fun, competition, or even transportation.

Explanation: This paragraph highlights how skateboarding is

now widely accepted. This sentence summarizes its global popularity.

20 - G. Some skaters prefer classic longboards for a smoother ride, while others use modern trick-focused boards.

Explanation: The final paragraph discusses different styles of skateboarding today, so this sentence fits perfectly as it describes the different types of skateboards used.

IV. Read the four extracts below and answer the questions 21 – 30, choose the option (A, B, C or D) which you think best answers the question.

Answers and Explanations

- A** – Extract A discusses how social media and video calls helped someone overcome loneliness.
- B** – Extract B examines both positive and negative effects of digital communication.
- C** – Extract C is about a personal experience of taking a break from social media.
- D** – Extract D explores the historical evolution of communication methods.
- C** – Extract C highlights how excessive technology use can lead to disconnection.
- D** – Extract D questions whether instant communication has strengthened or weakened our relationships.
- B** – Extract B mentions psychological studies on digital communication.
- D** – Extract D focuses on how modern communication is faster and more convenient.
- B** – Extract B portrays technology as a double-edged sword that can help or harm relationships.
- A** – Extract A describes how social media can be used to form and maintain friendships.