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1. Which is the BEST way to organize the sentences in the paragraph?

¹Painting a room can be easy if you follow these steps. ²Using a roller or paint brush, apply the paint to the wall. ³Move all the furniture to the center of the room. ⁴Cover the floor and furniture with protective cloth. ⁵Pour paint into a paint tray. ⁶Remove pictures and decorations from the wall.

- A. 1, 4, 3, 6, 2, 5
- B. 1, 6, 2, 3, 5, 4
- C. 1, 3, 6, 4, 5, 2
- D. 1, 2, 4, 6, 3, 5

2. John wants to find out which football team won the Rose Bowl in 1992. What resource would help him find this information?

- A. a dictionary
- B. The Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature
- C. The World Almanac
- D. an atlas

3. In a U.S. atlas, where is the BEST place to find information about the state of Georgia?

- A. on the first page
- B. after the state of Texas
- C. before the state of Hawaii
- D. on the last page

4.

Each spring our school schedules a field day. Every class has a special event. Kindergarten and first-grade students run relay races. I was in a hurry and had to race to class. Second and third graders compete in sack races and tug-of-war. The upper grades challenge each other in volleyball. All students enjoy the day of fun.

Which sentence does not belong with the other sentences in the passage?

- A. Every class has a special event.
- B. I was in a hurry and had to race to class.
- C. Second and third graders compete in sack races and tug-of-war.
- D. The upper grades challenge each other in volleyball.

5. Use the thesaurus entry below to answer this question.

intensity *n.* depth, strength, energy, power, vigor.
ant. weakness, shallowness, coolness.

Which word means nearly the same as *intensity*?

- A. coolness
 - B. shallowness
 - C. weakness
 - D. depth
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6.

Amy and Roger wanted to go to the beach. After much begging, Mom and Dad decided to take them. Amy, Roger, Mom, and Dad built sand castles and swam all day long. Last night we had chicken for dinner. It was the last day of summer vacation. The family enjoyed their day at the beach.

Which of the following BEST describes the underlined sentence as it is used in the passage?

- A. a topic sentence
 - B. a run-on sentence
 - C. a closing sentence
 - D. a supporting sentence
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7. What question can Pedro answer using a thesaurus?

- A. What is the capital of Maine?
 - B. What word means the same as funny?
 - C. What do bears do when they hibernate?
 - D. Does it ever snow in Spain?
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8. Which reference source would **best** help you find the information needed to answer the question below?

What country won the most gold medals in the 1972 Summer Olympic Games?

- A. a periodical
 - B. an almanac
 - C. a card catalog
 - D. an atlas
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9.

Their new house was smaller than their old one. However, Jana did not really mind sharing her room with Marie. Jana had her own room in the old house, but here she had to share one with her younger sister. What Jana did mind was leaving behind all her friends in the old neighborhood, which was too far away to visit more than a few times a year. All of her friends had promised to write, but she knew that would not be enough. She would not be able to visit them very often. Now she was expected to make new friends as if the old ones had never existed. The day they moved Jana refused to speak to her parents, though she knew that was not fair to them.

Which BEST describes the function of the transition word underlined above?

- A. it shows a contrast
 - B. it makes an addition
 - C. it provides emphasis
 - D. it summarizes the main point
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10.

de•ter•mine [di túrmin] *verb* 1. to find out or ascertain something, usually after investigation 2. to decide or settle something conclusively 3. to influence or give form to something 4. to fix the limits or form of something

Based on the dictionary entry above, which of the following BEST describes what is found within the brackets?

- A. the pronunciation of determine
 - B. the part of speech for determine
 - C. the definition of the word determine
 - D. the word determine divided into syllables
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11. In which encyclopedia volume would you find information on Great Britain?

- A. Al—Be
 - B. Ca—Co
 - C. Du—Gr
 - D. Hi—Sp
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12.

Early Saturday morning, the Lesters went to the new coffeehouse that had recently opened in the neighborhood. Mr. Lester ordered coffee and muffins for himself and his wife. Mrs. Lester used to work in a coffeehouse. The children had cinnamon buns and hot chocolate. After enjoying their treats, the Lesters decided it was time to go home and left.

Which sentence does NOT belong in this paragraph?

- A. Mr. Lester ordered coffee and muffins for himself and his wife.
 - B. Mrs. Lester used to work in a coffeehouse.
 - C. The children had cinnamon buns and hot chocolate.
 - D. After enjoying their treats, the Lesters decided it was time to go home and left.
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13.

Mrs. Allison takes excellent care of her garden. Before the weather even warms up she is outside raking up leaves and planting flower bulbs. In the spring, Mrs. Allison spends hours each day digging, planting, and watering, and she is always hoping for rain. Summer is a good time to stay inside, but Mrs. Allison gets up early every morning to work in her garden. She is always hoping for rain. By the end of the summer, Mrs. Allison and the flowers are ready for some cooler weather. There is always something to do in the garden, though.

Which phrase or sentence in the paragraph repeats information?

- A. By the end of the summer,
 - B. She is always hoping for rain.
 - C. Mrs. Allison takes excellent care of her garden.
 - D. There is always something to do in the garden, though.
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14. The part of a book that contains references to other sources is called the

- A. atlas.
 - B. index.
 - C. glossary.
 - D. bibliography.
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15.

Amy and Roger wanted to go to the beach. After much begging, Mom and Dad decided to take them. Amy, Roger, Mom, and Dad built sandcastles and swam all day long. It was the last day of summer vacation.

Which would make the best closing sentence for the paragraph?

- A. It is fun to swim at the beach.
 - B. The family enjoyed their day at the beach.
 - C. Amy and Roger do not always get what they want.
 - D. The beach is not the best place for a family vacation.
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16.

Every morning I get ready for school in one hour. The key to getting ready for school in one hour is preparation. First of all, I pack my book bag for school before I go to bed. Next, I lay out the clothes that I am going to wear to school the next day. Then, in the morning when I wake up, I follow the same routine each day. I brush my teeth, wash my face, shower, get dressed, and comb my hair. I have a daily breakfast menu that I follow, so I look on the menu and then eat an instant breakfast before I go to school. Finally, I am ready for school. It is hard to believe that I do it all in just an hour!

Which sentence could be used as a supporting sentence in the passage above?

- A. I like riding the bus to school each day.
 - B. Cooking a full breakfast would take too much time.
 - C. I like to wear my favorite denim overalls in the fall.
 - D. My mom is always awake when I get up in the morning.
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17.

Like many other people, Jack's favorite books were the Harry Potter books. He had read them all so many times he felt like he knew them by heart. When the fourth book came out he ordered it ahead of time so he could pick it up on the first day. Jack was one of the first people at the bookstore that day. Though his older brother teased him, Jack went straight home and read all day.

Which BEST describes the topic of the paragraph above?

- A. Jack wants to buy as many fantasy books as possible.
 - B. Jack is completely different from the rest of his family.
 - C. Jack spends all of his free time playing outside with his brother.
 - D. Jack wants to read all of the Harry Potter books because he is a big fan.
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18. What is plagiarism?

- A. putting text into your own words
 - B. condensing information into a briefer form
 - C. copying another writer's work without giving credit
 - D. scanning text in order to find mistakes in punctuation and grammar
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19.

I want to bake a chocolate cake. _____, I need to gather all the ingredients.

Which transition word would BEST complete the sentence?

- A. Last
 - B. First
 - C. Next
 - D. Afterwards
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20. Which sentence should be added to the beginning of the paragraph?

To make shadow shapes, ask a friend to point a flashlight at a blank wall. Hold your hand about a yard in front of the flashlight. To make a goose, make a fist leaving a small hole in the center of your fingers. Stretch out two of your middle fingers to form the goose's beak. If you move your fingers up and down, the goose's beak will open and close.

- A. Making the shape of a rabbit is more complicated.
 - B. The small hole in your fist forms the eye of the goose.
 - C. Other shadow shapes may require you to use both hands.
 - D. Making shadow shapes is easy and can be done almost anywhere.
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21.

What a bright smile you have!

Which type of sentence is this?

- A. imperative
 - B. declarative
 - C. exclamatory
 - D. interrogative
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22.

Selena went shopping with her mom at the grocery store. First, they picked out some vegetables and fruits. After that, they stopped at the frozen dinners section. Her mom bought some milk, bread, and eggs. They checked out and went home to put the groceries away.

Which are transition words and phrases in the paragraph above?

- A. out, away
 - B. first, away
 - C. first, after that
 - D. stopped, checked
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23. Which set of dictionary guide words would be used to find the word *honor*?

- A. *home run*–*honest*
 - B. *honeymoon*–*hop*
 - C. *hoof*–*horror*
 - D. *hostage*–*huckleberry*
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24. You caught a snake that you think is a garter snake, but you want to know for sure. Which is the BEST way to find out?

- A. watch a nature show on TV
 - B. look in a book about reptiles
 - C. read a magazine about animals
 - D. look in the dictionary under garter
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25.

Every summer Sharon's family spent two weeks at the beach, renting a house right on the water. In addition, they knew several other families that went to the beach at the same time, so Sharon and her brothers had friends to play with. They spent most days playing in the sand and water, building sandcastles and tunnels, and swimming in the ocean. However, when it rained they stayed home and played games or cards. Afterwards, they often took long walks on the beach. During these walks Sharon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother. Spending two weeks at the beach was Sharon's favorite part of the summer.

Which is NOT a transitional word or phrase used in the passage above?

- A. in addition
- B. however
- C. afterwards
- D. in contrast

Answer Key

1. C) 1, 3, 6, 4, 5, 2
2. C) The World Almanac
3. C) before the state of Hawaii
4. B) I was in a hurry and had to race to class.
5. D) depth
6. D) a supporting sentence
7. B) What word means the same as funny?
8. B) an almanac
9. A) it shows a contrast
10. A) the pronunciation of determine
11. C) Du—Gr
12. B) Mrs. Lester used to work in a coffeehouse.
13. B) She is always hoping for rain.
14. D) bibliography.
15. B) The family enjoyed their day at the beach.
16. B) Cooking a full breakfast would take too much time.
17. D) Jack wants to read all of the Harry Potter books because he is a big fan.
18. C) copying another writer's work without giving credit
19. B) First
20. D) Making shadow shapes is easy and can be done almost anywhere.
21. C) exclamatory
22. C) first, after that

23. B) *honeymoon-hop*

24. B) look in a book about reptiles

25. D) in contrast