Reading for the Real World Intro – Unit 11

Name _____

I. Vocabulary: Choose the best word to fill in the blank.

1. For optimal health, you have to _____ get enough sleep each night.
    a. conversely
    b. accordingly
    c. correctly
    d. consistently

2. _____ who study job trends say that healthcare is the fastest-growing industry right now.
    a. Tutors
    b. Taxpayers
    c. Economists
    d. Lecturers

3. As _____ becomes more easily available, birth rates usually decrease.
    a. memorization
    b. deligence
    c. contraception
    d. projection

4. Practicing a skill means using _____ to slowly get better at it.
    a. repetition
    b. ranking
    c. fatigue
    d. offspring

5. When there's a good harvest, prices fall and food becomes more _____.
    a. central
    b. elite
    c. desirable
    d. affordable

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 – 10

Parents all over the world seek to give their children the best education possible so they can lead happy and successful lives. But what is the most effective way to teach the next generation?

Many people believe Singapore provides a clear _____(6)_____ for success. The city-state has achieved outstanding academic results by implementing a rigorous education system. Schools value hard work and _____(7)_____. And those that achieve top grades in national examinations are rewarded with places at _____(8)_____ universities and high-paying jobs.

Singaporean classrooms are known for being both strict and competitive. Students are typically very well-behaved and listen carefully to their teachers. Teachers act mainly as lecturers, while students are expected to take notes and answer questions _____(9)_____ when called on. Homework and additional study outside of the classroom are also a _____(10)_____ part of the education system. According to recent research, Singaporean high-school students spend an average of ten hours per week on homework. Most also spend time at after-school academies or with private tutors.

6. a. priority
   b. projection
   c. emphasis
   d. model

7. a. fatigue
   b. diligence
   c. competition
   d. retirement

8. a. potential
   b. related
   c. elite
   d. urban

9. a. conversely
   b. accordingly
   c. informally
   d. correctly

10. a. central
    b. elite
    c. ranking
    d. affordable

III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, indicate whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).

11. ___ Most people outside Singapore do not like its education system.
12. ___ Singaporean students are judged by how hard they work and not by grades or exams.
13. ___ Students in Singapore tend to behave well and listen to their teachers.
14. ___ Teachers expect students to talk about their own ideas in class.
15. ___ Students spend a lot of time studying outside of school.

IV. Word Study: Match the word to its definition.

a. allocate
b. offspring
c. projection
d. ranking
e. elite

16. ___ a list of people or things that are ordered according to their quality, size, etc.
17. ___ humans or animals born to a parent
18. ___ those people or organizations that are considered the best or most powerful
19. ___ to divide and give out for a special reason or to particular people
20. ___ an idea about what will happen in the future

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

priority	compensate	emphasis	retirement	informal

21. Now that people live longer, planning for _____ is more difficult.
22. The company will _____ you for your travel expenses.
23. It's fine to wear jeans to _____ events, but sometimes a suit is more appropriate.
24. My father always worked hard because his first _____ was taking care of his family.
25. Our soccer coach puts a lot of _____ on weight training.

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11	12	13	14	15
F	F	T	F	T
16	17	18	19	20
d	b	e	a	c
21	22	23	24	25
retirement	compensate	informal	priority	emphasis