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Question One: 30 points

For items (1- 12), choose the correct answer from A, B, C or D to complete each of the following sentences.

1. She's always been really _____. Once she makes up her mind, there's no changing it.
a) like-minded b) strong-willed c) kind-hearted d) tight-fisted

2. She sets great store _____ good table manners.
a) out b) by c) with d) about

3. Do you have to plan everything in such detail? What's wrong with being _____?
a) spontaneous b) spontaneously c) spontaneity d) uns spontaneous

4. Muneer studies hard and always has a quiet _____ in class.
a) destiny b) destiny c) destiny d) destiny

5. Be careful what you say to Habib. He's _____ so he gets quite defensive if he's criticised.
a) capable b) passionate c) resilient d) underconfident

6. I've been reading a book about habits.
- This sentence means
a) I've finished the book. c) I was still reading the book.
b) I'm still reading the book. d) I will be reading the book.

7. Have you been eating a lot of fruit _____?
a) last week b) at the moment c) this week d) currently

8. I trained for the marathon, I in a race before.
a) When / will have never run c) Before / had never run
b) As / have never run d) After/ was never running

9. Don't call me tonight. I _____ watching the next episode of Fix Up.
a) am b) was c) had been d) will be

10. The stressed word in the following compound adjective thought- provoking is:
a) first b) first c) first d) first

11. The sentence which shows a temporary situation in progress now is

- a) I've been trying to work for hours now.
- b) He'd been sitting there for hours. It was time to go.
- c) I'm learning to ski.
- d) By August, I'll have been living here for two years.

12. _____ where I went, I took him with me.

- a) No choice
- b) No matter
- c) No wonder
- d) No cause

Question Two: 20 points

Read the text carefully and then answer the following questions. Your answers should be based on the text.

The key question though, isn't really whether there are more words to describe frozen water so much as whether this implies that the languages spoken by the Inuit mould the way they conceive of the world. This concept is referred to as linguistic relativity or, more famously, the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis, after two scientists who both wrote, separately, about this idea.

To begin with, it is possible to comprehend something even if you don't have a specific word for it. If you're adding a drop of blue to a pot of red paint, you may not have a word for every colour you make, but you will obviously grasp that these colours are different from each other. Similarly, while blue and green are clearly different colours, many languages don't recognise this difference and have a word which describes both colours. They can be perceived as similar across cultures, too. For example, in Arabic 'blue-eyed' is connected to being jealous or deceitful, whereas in English, it's 'green-eyed'

That said, many people do feel they take on a new identity when using another language. A 2006 study of bilingual Mexican-Americans asked them to take a personality test in both English and Spanish. Amazingly, the results varied, depending on which language each individual was using. Undoubtedly, how much you pick up a culture alongside a language will depend on how and why you are learning it, and whether you wish to become part of the second language culture, but it's fascinating to consider that you might actually be a (slightly) different person when speaking a second language.

1. The text states some two examples of understanding something without knowing its name. Write them down.
2. Picking up a language depends on many factors. Write down two of them.
3. According to a text, what is the Key question.
4. Quote the sentence which shows that the same concept may differ in many cultures.
5. What does the underlined word refer to?
6. It is said that many languages will have disappeared by 2156. Think of this statement and in two sentences write down your point of view.

Question Three: (10 points)

Write a blog post about one of your childhood memories.

Best Of Luck
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