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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. The stressed word in the following compound adjective thin- skinned is:
a) thin b) skinned c) none d) both
2. They failed to _____ just how important the decision was.
a) recognize b) assume c) dispose d) simplify
3. The vulnerability of some older people cannot be overstated, they have little _____ in their lives.
a) stable b) stability c) stably d) stabilize
4. I'm just not that _____ cooking, it's too much effort.
a) into b) by c) with d) about
5. My brother, his wife and there _____ are all coming over for dinner this evening.
a) moulded b) offspring c) oversimplification d) nurture
6. People may do badly in _____ tests.
a) destiny b) dark horse c) keep yourself to yourself d) psychometric
7. Since the days when we _____ in caves, the brain has prioritised survival.
a) have lived b) had lived c) are living d) were living
8. _____ have you been ill?
a) how many b) how long c) how much d) how far
9. This time tomorrow, I _____ over the Atlantic.
a) will have flown c) will be flying
b) am flying d) would fly
10. The sentence which shows a completed action which happened before a certain point in the past 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've built up a lot of muscle
d) I had been there before.

11. _____ I finish the marathon, I _____ 42 kilometres.

- a)** When / will have run **c)** Before / am running
b) When/ was running **d)** After / had run

12. _____ my delight, he agreed to come to the picnic.

- a) Much to** **b) Much in** **c) Many to** **d) Many in**

Question Two: (20 points)

Read the following text carefully, and then in answer all the questions that follow. *Your answers should be based on the text.*

Have you heard that the Inuit have hundreds of different words for snow? The theory goes that because snow is so much more present in their lives, and often of vital importance, they actually perceive it differently, and recognise more subtle distinctions between different types of snow and ice than those of us living in warmer climes. In fact, this theory is something of a myth, not least because there isn't a single Inuit language, but a variety of dialects.

There is certainly plenty of evidence that different languages appear to see the world through different filters. For example, speakers of Guugu Yimithirr, a language used in North Queensland, Australia, would always refer to someone's position using the words for the directions: north, south, east and west. As a result, speakers of Guugu Yimithirr will naturally be far better than most of us at instantly knowing which direction they are facing. European languages also differ in the way they see the world. For example, the word for bridge has a masculine gender in Spanish and a feminine gender in German.

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 has mention two examples to show that language affect worldview. Write them down
2. What are the factors that picking up a language alongside the culture depend on?
3. Write down the sentence which shows the advantage that speakers of Guuge Yimithirr have over the rest of the world.
4. The text states many reasons behind the theory. Write them down.
5. What does the underlined pronoun refer to?
6. The language you speak affects your perspective. 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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