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1. - 3. soruları aşağıdaki parçaya göre cevaplayınız.

*Beowulf* is an epic tale that continues to fire the imaginations of readers a millennium after it was written. Since it was first translated into modern English in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, *Beowulf* has become by far the best known piece of Anglo-Saxon literature. It has inspired movies, novels and even comic books; there seems to be no limit to the ways the story can be reimagined. Furthermore, it was perhaps the single greatest formative influence on J.R.R. Tolkien, which means it has played a huge part in the development of the modern fantasy genre, from *The Lord of the Rings* right through to *Game of Thrones*. The dating and origins of *Beowulf* are much discussed but still unresolved, though many theories have been put forward. We know the poem was set down in a manuscript around AD 1000, and was probably first created many years earlier – perhaps as early as the eighth century. Some aspects of it might also have existed in the oral tradition before the text reached its surviving form, but we can only speculate about that.

1. According to the passage, *Beowulf* ----.

- A) is considered as the earliest example of Anglo-Saxon literature
- B) has been a keystone in the evolution of contemporary fantastic literature
- C) has lost its popularity since it was translated into modern English
- D) has been fully consumed in any possible way by the movie industry
- E) is an epic tale originally taken from Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*

2. It is understood from the passage that ----.

- A) there is no consensus among experts as to the time it was originally composed
- B) J.R.R. Tolkien replicated the story of *Beowulf* before the series *Game of Thrones* did
- C) the tale of *Beowulf* is still the bestseller in the modern fantasy genre
- D) the epic tale demonstrates the typical features of the oral literary tradition
- E) *Beowulf* is the best representation of the Anglo-Saxon culture of the eighth century

3. The main purpose of the passage is to ----.

- A) compare the genres that have been influenced by the tale of *Beowulf*
- B) explain the theories regarding the roots of a tale of war and heroism
- C) discuss the reasons why it is still inspiring twenty-first century readers
- D) talk about why J.R.R. Tolkien was so much inspired by *Beowulf*
- E) give information about a long heroic poem that is still in demand

**4. - 6. soruları aşağıdaki parçaya göre cevaplayınız.**

The idea of a so-called precision medicine, or personalized medicine, is that doctors will use genetic tests – of both the patient and the cancer tumour – to determine the exact drugs or treatments that have the best chance of working. Although precision medicine techniques are now being trained on many diseases, their impact is being felt most strongly in cancer treatment. Researchers are building a growing list of genes and genetic mutations that show up in tumours and matching them to drugs that can stop them. The cancer genes that drugs can target now number in the dozens, and researchers are hot on the trail of hundreds more. For some cancers once considered virtual death sentences, the outlook is already much improved. About half of lung-cancer patients respond well to one of the new gene-matched therapies, and in half of those cases, the cancer doesn't come back. After decades of cancer research, the progress made in precision medicine is welcome news indeed. However, medicine is not even close to bringing cancer to its knees. For patients diagnosed with advanced cancers, only one in ten turn out to have genes currently known to make the cancer susceptible to a new drug.

**4. Which statement is true about the precision medicine technique?**

- A) Genetic tests performed on patients are more effective than the ones on the tumour in figuring out the medicine.
- B) Most of the patients that undergo the new gene-matched therapies do not develop the disease again.
- C) It is yielding far more successful results with tumours when compared to the outcomes in other diseases.
- D) Only ten percent of cancers that spread or metastasize are resistant to the personalized medicine created by genetic tests.
- E) It will, eventually, provide a list of all genes that show up in tumours and bring an end to various fatal diseases.

**5. According to the passage, scientists ----.**

- A) developed a cure for fifty percent of patients that are diagnosed with malignant cancer
- B) have already developed medication for a number of cancer types once considered incurable
- C) believe that it is still too early to declare the precision medicine technique a breakthrough
- D) experience great obstacles in registering genetic mutations in cancer tumours
- E) claim that once the genes in tumours are determined, any drugs will be effective in treatment

**6. What can be inferred from the passage about the future of personalized medicine?**

- A) It will specialize more in lung-cancer patients.
- B) It is far from being a total remedy for all cancers.
- C) Matching the drugs to all cancer genes is impossible.
- D) It will be developed by more researchers and doctors.
- E) Its impact will be felt equally strongly in other diseases.

**7. - 9. soruları aşağıdaki parçaya göre cevaplayınız.**

The campaign against undocumented labourers in the US escalated in August as federal agents with the Immigration Office raided seven Mississippi poultry facilities, arresting 680 people on suspicion of unlawful status – the most severe crackdown in a decade. Scenes of children crying after school, begging for the return of their parents while immigration officials insisted they were just doing their job, presented a harsh portrait to many Americans. The outcry was immediate, and though the 680 people were released from detention, the operation served as reminder of how important these workers are in their communities and how indispensable the undocumented workforce is to the US labour market at large. But while undocumented employees are frequently terrified of law enforcement action, the companies that profit from their labour have largely escaped scrutiny for their role in the dysfunctional immigration system. For companies that hire illegal immigrants, prosecutions are few and penalties are low, and everyone involved in the system knows it. Unfortunately, when the federal government pursues violations related to undocumented labour, it is workers not the companies who suffer.

**7. It is pointed out in the passage that the federal government ----.**

- A) diminished the pressure against undocumented employees in the last ten years
- B) realized that the undocumented workforce is a threat to the American labour market
- C) was forced to end the legal custody of the undocumented labourers upon harsh criticism
- D) carefully designed laws so as to provide equality between employers and employees
- E) worked in close collaboration with the communities in the Mississippi poultry facilities

**8. According to the passage, American companies ----.**

- A) are terrified of strict inspections carried by the federal government agents
- B) have faced a great deal of public disagreement since the crackdown in Mississippi
- C) rehire arrested immigrants as soon as they are released from detention
- D) are the ones that benefit from the undocumented workforce due to low legal costs
- E) are reluctant to employ immigrants to avoid violations related to undocumented labour

**9. What is the main purpose of the passage?**

- A) To criticise the flaws of the immigration system and its unfair treatment of immigrants
- B) To inform readers about the regulations regarding undocumented workforce worldwide
- C) To highlight the reasons why immigrants have become essential to the US labour market
- D) To warn other immigrants about the possible dangers they might face in the US
- E) To give information about the cooperation between federal agents and the Immigration Office

10. - 12. soruları aşağıdaki parçaya göre cevaplayınız.

Over the next decades, it is predicted that billions of people, particularly those in developing countries, will face shortages of water and food and greater risks to health and life as a result of climate change. Unanimous global action is needed to enable developing countries to adapt to the effects of climate change that are happening now and will worsen in the future. According to a scenario, greenhouse gas emissions could rise by 25 to 90 per cent by 2030 relative to 2000 and the Earth could warm by 3°C this century. Even with a temperature rise of 1 - 2.5°C, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts serious effects including reduced crop yields in tropical areas leading to increased risk of hunger, spread of climate sensitive diseases such as malaria, and an increased risk of extinction of 30 per cent of all plant and animal species. Developing countries are the most vulnerable to climate change impacts because they have fewer resources to adapt: socially, technologically and financially. Therefore, they need international assistance to support adaptation in the context of national planning for sustainable development and transfer of technology and funds.

10. Which of the following can be said about climate change?

- A) It will have minimal effect on developed countries in comparison to third world nations.
- B) Its impact will pose a great threat to next generations in tropic regions.
- C) It has already changed the world socially and financially within thirty years' time.
- D) It can only be tackled by a scientific research on greenhouse gases and their risks.
- E) It should be a national problem rather than an international one of high priority.

11. One can conclude from the passage that a small rise in temperatures ----.

- A) will most probably wipe out the already limited resources of the world
- B) will prevent countries from adapting to challenging new conditions
- C) might bring the death of thousands of people in tropical areas
- D) may reduce global human population due to a malaria pandemic
- E) should not be overrated as the main culprit of mass extinction

12. According to the passage, developing countries ----.

- A) should form a league to deal with the lethal effect of climate change before it is too late
- B) have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to prevent rises in temperature
- C) will mostly be tackling the risk of extinction of 30 per cent of all fauna and flora
- D) will not be more vulnerable to the changes than the developed nations in the West
- E) may not survive unless developed states plan and provide economic and technological aid

13. - 15. soruları aşağıdaki parçaya göre cevaplayınız.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the Western world, and is the cause of one in four of all deaths in America. In the past, heart disease was considered a male disease. However, since 1984, more women than men actually die from heart disease in America each year. It is just that the heart disease starts later in women. Heart disease rates are climbing rapidly all around the globe as more and more cultures adopt a Western lifestyle — smoking more, exercising less and consuming junk food. Among the many factors that have been found are high blood pressure, a possible genetic predisposition to heart disease, smoking, being overweight, and a high level of cholesterol in the blood. In addition to all of these risk factors, researchers have recently identified a new culprit: stress. People who continually undergo a great deal of stress and lack the ability to control it are at a greater risk than those with less stress. Jobs that impose high psychological demands provide the worker, such as a cook, or waiter with little control seem to breed heart disease.

13. According to the passage, which of the following is true?

- A) Males are at greater risk than women suffering heart disease.
- B) Today more people in the East die of heart attacks than those in the West.
- C) Women may not develop the symptoms of heart problems at early ages.
- D) The rate of heart disease is going up slowly in the world today.
- E) It is claimed that heart disease rates will decrease as people reject a Western lifestyle.

14. It can be understood from the passage that ----.

- A) stress has always been considered to be the primary cause of heart disease
- B) you may develop heart problems if you have someone in your family with the same disease
- C) jobs that require more responsibilities such as managerial ones breed more heart problems
- D) cholesterol level in blood is in reverse connection with the possibility of having heart disease
- E) Westerners have a much healthier lifestyle in diet and exercise than those in the East

15. The main purpose of the passage is to ----.

- A) display the causes of deaths due to heart disease in the world
- B) warn readers against the rising popularity of junk food in the West
- C) illustrate the differences between male and female deaths
- D) refute the past claims about the causes of heart disease
- E) give information about the jobs which are at greater risk in heart disease

16. - 18. soruları aşağıdaki parçaya göre cevaplayınız.

The last population of woolly mammoths appears to have died off after a catastrophic event, upon having survived in isolation in relatively stable environmental conditions for 7,000 years. By analysing changes to their diet and metabolism, researchers believe an extreme weather event that led to starvation may have been responsible for their extinction. Woolly mammoths disappeared around 4,000 years ago, having become isolated on Wrangel Island — an Arctic island that was cut off after sea levels rose at the end of the last ice age. That was how the population survived on the island longer than its mainland counterparts. Previous research suggested there were major changes to the habitats before their demise as a result of climate change. However, recent research did not find evidence of long-term changes in the habitat or climate of Wrangel Island. They suggest "icing events" may have severely harmed the population. This is where rain on snow causes an area to become covered in ice, preventing access to food. These types of events have been known to cause deaths of large numbers of animals in the Arctic such as the 20,000 musk oxen in 2003.

16. According to the passage, the Wrangel mammoth was able to live longer because ----.

- A) its relatives on the mainland had suffered from severe habitat loss
- B) rising sea levels provided a secluded area with naturally balanced conditions
- C) it had an enduring metabolism helping it to be stronger than the ones on the mainland
- D) long-term climate changes were not effective in that part of the world
- E) the icing event only affected the musk ox population and killed them

17. Which of the following may be the reason for the extinction of the woolly mammoth?

- A) The starvation as the result of a catastrophic event
- B) The long-term changes in the climate and their habitat
- C) The inability to adapt to rising temperatures and survive
- D) The necessary migration as a result of a loss in its habitat
- E) The rise of sea levels at the end of the last ice age

18. It is understood from the passage that icing catastrophes ----.

- A) are the outcomes of a great many long-term changes in the climate
- B) destroy habitats and force the animals to migrate to other regions
- C) are unavoidable natural phenomena balancing animal populations
- D) are events that require a long time to come into existence
- E) may still pose a great risk to those animals living in the Arctic Circle

19. - 21. soruları aşağıdaki parçaya göre cevaplayınız.

Scientists say they believe they are close to finding a cure for baldness. This is welcome news for millions of people worldwide who are losing their hair or who are bald. Researchers from a medical institute in California have been working on developing stem cells that can regenerate hair growth. The scientists say their technique has been successful in implanting and developing fresh growth in a way that replicates natural hair reproduction. The new protocol overcomes key technological challenges and provides a highly controlled method for generating natural-looking hair that grows through the skin using an unlimited source of human stem cells. Baldness affects approximately half of men worldwide by the age of 50 beginning in early thirties. In fact, both men and women worry about receding hairlines, bald spots, and thinning hair later in life. Hair loss profoundly affects many people's lives leading to anxiety and a loss of self-confidence, and as a result, products for hair replacement and hair transplants have developed into a multi-billion-dollar global industry.

19. What can be inferred from the passage about the new technique?

- A) More resources will be invested in it due to promising results.
- B) It requires very expensive technology and much dedication.
- C) Only wealthy individuals will be able to benefit from it.
- D) It will only be applicable on males that are in their early thirties.
- E) It will not only generate hair but also improve skin quality.

20. It is stated in the passage that ----.

- A) half of the men around the world suffer from anxiety and low self-confidence
- B) both men and women have equally contributed to the growth of the hair industry
- C) millions of people worldwide are doubtful of the latest developments in hair research
- D) researchers are still in the very early stage of regenerating natural hair reproduction
- E) regenerating methods developed earlier failed due to technological insufficiencies

21. Which of the following could be the best title for the passage?

- A) The Miracle in Stem Cell Technology
- B) Natural Hair Reproduction
- C) Self-confidence and Hair Transplant
- D) The Growing Global Hair Industry
- E) Baldness Not a Fate Anymore

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