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Sample Questions on Reading Comprehension for SLAT

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Read the following passage and answer the following questions

A. What distinguishes humans from animals? For some it is language. For others, it is an altruistic willingness to help other members of the species. However, this kind of altruism seems to exist in the animal world as well. Researchers working with Christophe Borsch at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig observed that West African Chimpanzees adopt orphaned young even though they are not related to them. Several Animals lavished care on a juvenile for several Years. Surprisingly, half of these adoptive parents are male. This behavior is thought to be encouraged by the pressure of leopards, with whom the West African Chimpanzees share their habitat. The constant threat from the big cats seems to have encouraged cohesion and solidarity within the group.

Accordingly, the scientists observed more chimpanzee adoptions in West Africa's Tai National Park than in East Africa. Wild Chimpanzees appear to be more prepared to help than those living in captivity. In zoos, chimpanzees cooperate with other members of the group to only a very limited extent. 'Our observations show that altruism in wild chimpanzees is much more widespread than studies of chimpanzees in zoos would suggest', concludes Christophe Borsch'.

1. About the recently discovered altruistic zeal in chimpanzees, all of the following can be inferred except:

a) Chimpanzees found in Tai National Park in West Africa are observed to be more altruistic than those found in East Africa.
b) Chimpanzees found in West Africa are more altruistic than those found anywhere else.
c) Chimpanzees adopt orphans that are unrelated to them.
d) Chimpanzees living in the wild are more altruistic than those in cages.

2. Which of the following is not a reason for the altruistic behavior observed in West African Chimpanzees?

a) The presence of a natural altruistic willingness to help others.
b) The presence of a natural environment that simulates such a behaviour.
c) The presence of a natural sense of competition in animals.
d) The presence of a constant threat from leopards in their environment.

3. While discovering the adoptive streak in animals, what surprised the author?

a) Even female chimpanzees adopt juveniles of other species.
b) Even chimpanzees adopt orphan juveniles of big cats.
c) Even male chimpanzees adopt juveniles of other species.
d) Even big cats adopt orphan juveniles of chimpanzees

4. Which of the following is the closest in meaning to the word 'Corpulent'?

a) Lean
b) Gaunt
c) Emaciated
d) Obese

5. Which of the following is the closest in meaning to the word 'August'?

a) Common
b) Happy
c) Petty
d) Dignified

6. The child to _____ my chocolate had an accident a few days later.

a) To whom i give
b) To who i give

c) To whom i gave

d) To which i gave

7. Which part of the sentence has an error?

a) We discussed about the problem so thoroughly

b) On the eve of the examination

c) That I found it very easy to work it out

d) No error.

8. Which part of the sentence has an error?

a) If I had known

b) this yesterday,

c) I will have helped him.

d) No error.

9. Which of the following is the antonym of Exodus?

a) Influx

b) Replenish

c) Restore

d) Return

10. Which of the following is the antonym of Quiescent?

a) Abeyance

b) Active

c) Inert

d) Latent

Answers

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. d
5. d
6. c
7. a
8. c
9. a
10. b