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READING COMPREHENSION



I. Read the text about Charlie Chaplin's early life and decide whether the statements below are true (T) or false (F). (6 p)

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S EARLY LIFE

He was believed to have been born on April 16, 1889. There is some doubt whether April 16 is actually his birthday, and it is possible he was not born in 1889. There is also uncertainty about his birthplace: London or Fontainebleau, France. There is no doubt, however, as to his parentage: he was born to Charles Chaplin, Sr. and Hannah Harriette Hill (aka Lily Harley on stage), both Music Hall entertainers. His parents separated soon after his birth, leaving him in the care of his increasingly unstable mother.

In 1896, Chaplin's mother was unable to find work; Charlie and his older half-brother Sydney Chaplin had to be left in the workhouse at Lambeth, moving after several weeks to Hanwell School for Orphans and Destitute Children. His father died an alcoholic when Charlie was 12, and his mother suffered a mental breakdown, and was eventually admitted temporarily to the Cane Hill Asylum at Coulsdon (near Croydon). She died in 1928 in the United States, two years after coming to the States to live with Chaplin, by then a commercial success.

Charlie first took to the stage when, aged five, he performed in Music Hall in 1894, standing in for his mother. As a child, he was confined to a bed for weeks due to a serious illness, and, at night, his mother would sit at the window and act out what was going on outside. In 1900, aged 11, his brother helped him get the role of a comic cat in the pantomime Cinderella at the London Hippodrome. In 1903 he appeared in 'Jim, A Romance of Cockayne', followed by his first regular job, as the newspaper boy Billy in Sherlock Holmes, a part he played into 1906. This was followed by Casey's 'Court Circus' variety show, and, the following year, he became a clown in Fred Karno's 'Fun Factory' slapstick comedy company.

According to immigration records, he arrived in the United States with the Karno troupe on October 2, 1912. In the Karno Company was Arthur Stanley Jefferson, who would later become known as Stan Laurel. Chaplin and Laurel shared a room in a boarding house. Stan Laurel returned to England but Chaplin remained in the United States. Chaplin's act was seen by film producer Mack Sennett, who hired him for his studio, the Keystone Film Company.

1. Chaplin might have been born some years earlier than is currently believed. _____
2. Chaplin's mother died before his son was successful. _____
3. Chaplin first performed on the stage after he arrived in the United States. _____
4. His first serious job was delivering newspapers. _____
5. His first partner on the stage was the actor, Stan Laurel. _____
6. He was discovered while working for a British organisation in the United States. _____

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II. Read about a newly-wed couple, Richard and Victoria. Decide whether the statements below are true (T) or false (F). (10 p)

JUST MARRIED

Considering their wedding cost over \$20,000 and took a year and a half to organise, you would be surprised to hear that Richard and Victoria Hammond now intend to forget it. Well, almost.

'It was a wonderful wedding, an unbelievable day,' says Victoria. 'But we have so much we want to do together now, we are both looking to the future.' Her husband, banker and amateur race driver Richard, agrees. 'Both our minds are now fixed firmly on the future. I'll never forget our wedding ceremony or the reception we had at a cliff-side hotel afterwards, but there's so much we want, so many hopes. Our marriage is so much more important than the wedding.'

'At the moment, we are still living with our parents,' explains Victoria, 'so our first wish is to find our own place. We intend to start looking for a new house with all the modern conveniences in the suburbs in the new year.' Both Victoria and husband Richard have a lot of siblings. Do they intend to add to the extended Hammond family? 'We plan on having two or three children ourselves,' Richard tells me. 'Victoria is just wonderful with children and I can get 3 years paternity leave from my work, which is just perfect.'

The young couple has just returned from a two-week honeymoon spent in an authentic Scottish castle. Both the newly-weds are big travel lovers and Richard hopes this will continue. 'I would like to go travelling as much as possible together. Travelling with someone else is such a sharing experience. I think it's sad to experience all the wonderful places in the world and have no-one else there.' Victoria also has another great travel ambition that she might have to do alone. 'I have always been fascinated by safari and my real wish is to go on safari. Richard has no interest in wildlife though.'

And what about the marriage itself? In a world with such a high divorce rate, how do Richard and Victoria hope to avoid all the problems that beset so many other couples? Richard explains thoughtfully that 'our ambition is to always talk to each other. If you stop communicating, what chance do you have?' His wife goes along with that completely. 'I hope that we can speak about things, but also not expect everything to be easy. I think many people expect the wedding to be the end of getting to know each other. I think it's the start.'

1. Victoria and Richard have been married for about a year and a half. _____
2. They got married in a dramatic location. _____
3. The wedding was expensive. _____
4. Their first ambition is to find a house to live in. _____
5. Victoria wants an old fashioned house. _____
6. They both have many brothers and sisters. _____
7. Richard can temporarily leave his job to look after his children. _____
8. Richard and Victoria have identical tastes regarding vacations. _____
9. Richard hopes to make talking an important part of their marriage. _____
10. Victoria thinks she now knows Richard sufficiently well. _____

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**III. Read the following text and look at the questions that follow it.
Choose the best answer (4 p)**

SNAKE BITES BOY

Three-year-old Teddy Lasry was napping yesterday in his cowboy outfit at his family's Fifth Ave. apartment when he shot up in bed screaming. A 3-foot-long black-and-white snake was coiled around his left arm and had just bitten his pinky.

'The baby-sitter freaked out,' said Teddy's father, David Lasry, who along with his wife, Evelyn, was at work when the reptile showed up about 4 p.m.

The horrified nanny called 911 and the building's doorman. The doorman and two cable TV workers helped pry the snake off the boy's arm and stow it in a garbage bag, Lasry said.

Police rushed Teddy to Mount Sinai Medical Center, where his parents said he spent two hours attached to a heart monitor as a precaution in case the snake was poisonous.

It wasn't. Experts at the snakebite treatment center at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx, where cops took the critter, determined it was non-venomous California king snake.

But how did it end up in Teddy's bed? A little sleuthing determined that the serpent had escaped two weeks ago from its cage in the apartment of a doctor whose family lives four floors below the Lasrys. The apologetic owner said his son's pet snake likely travelled up the radiator pipes and into his neighbour's apartment.

'It's a very docile, very harmless snake', he said. 'It's handled by our family all the time.'

Lasry, 42, a fine arts publisher, said he believed the pet was simply hungry after two weeks of cruising. Teddy's mother, Evelyn Lasry, 37, said her son seems to have gotten over his fright by thinking of himself as a hero cowboy as he rode in the back of the police cruiser to the hospital.

'I told Teddy he is a pretty snake, a nice pet snake who got out of his cage,' Evelyn Lasry said. 'But he asked, 'Why did he bite my finger, Mamma?' And I said, 'Because he saw that you are a big boy, Teddy, in your cowboy outfit and he got scared.'

1. What did the babysitter do?

- A. She ran out of the apartment.
- B. She took the snake off Teddy's arm.
- C. She called for help.
- D. She called the television company.

2. What do we learn about the snake?

- A. It was poisonous.
- B. It had escaped from a zoo.
- C. It was about a meter long.
- D. It had escaped earlier in the afternoon.

3. Which of these statements is true?

- A. Teddy was awake when the snake arrived.
- B. Teddy's father was working and his mother was at home.
- C. Teddy needed a heart machine to stay alive for two hours.
- D. The snake is used to being touched

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4. What does Teddy think now of the snake attack?

- A. He was attacked because the snake was scared of him.
- B. He was attacked because his was asleep.
- C. He was attacked because the snake was hungry.
- D. He was attacked because his parents weren't at home.



"Are you sure you wanna see what's next? Yes? That's the spirit! Well, turn the page then..."

Points: _____ / 20 p

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MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST

"Multiple choice??? In fact, you have NO choice — you HAVE TO do this!"



I. Read the sentences and choose the right answer to fill each gap.

- His car _____ stolen if he hadn't left it unlocked.
a) needn't have been c) shouldn't have been
b) mustn't have been d) mightn't have been
- When he was questioned by the police, he denied _____.
a) going there c) to go there
b) to have gone there d) being going there
- Rose is delighted _____ the flowers sent to her.
a) of c) by
b) with d) from
- She won't go _____ you call for her.
a) while c) even
b) except d) unless
- Sarah is _____ worried about the examination to eat her supper.
a) very c) too
b) so d) such
- "_____ carry it for you?" "Will you? That's very kind of you."
a) Will I c) Can I
b) Could I d) Shall I
- One of my cousins plays the flute very well, and _____.
a) so can I c) so am I
b) so play I d) so do I
- _____ if he weren't here.
a) We would all be sad c) We will be sad
b) We would feel ourselves badly d) We'd sad

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9. What _____ tomorrow?
a) do you do
b) have you to do
c) are you doing
d) can do you
10. He asked me _____.
a) who had I visited in Oxford
b) who I had visited in Oxford
c) who I have visited in Oxford
d) who did I visit in Oxford
11. "You look awfully tired." "Yes, I _____ all morning.
a) have been working
b) worked
c) was working
d) have worked
12. "It _____," he said and threw it into the dustbin.
a) can be mended
b) must be mended
c) needn't be mended
d) has to be mended
13. Since _____ here, life has changed a lot.
a) she was
b) she have been
c) she is
d) she were
14. I have very _____ money. I can't lend you any, I'm afraid.
a) little
b) few
c) a little
d) small
15. My uncle never _____ the Fire Tower. Unfortunately, he died last spring.
a) has seen
b) saw
c) could see
d) seen
16. Don't ask me. I don't know _____.
a) what is this book about
b) which this book is about
c) what about is this book
d) what this book is about
17. My brother-in-law is a lazy guy. He doesn't work very _____.
a) hardly
b) hard
c) strictly
d) many
18. Where _____ my new jeans?
a) is
b) is lying
c) are
d) did you bought
19. Who _____?
a) has been this picture painted by
b) did paint this picture
c) was this picture painted by
d) painted this picture by
20. Between 1989 and 1991 they _____ in the country. Then they moved to the town.
a) have lived
b) used to live
c) has lived
d) lived

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21. _____ difficult here.
a) Life is
b) A life is
c) The life is
d) Lives are
22. While they were having dinner I _____.
a) listened to the radio
b) had listened to the radio
c) was listened to the radio
d) was listening to the radio
23. Mary is wearing her _____ dress.
a) new blue silk
b) blue silk new
c) silk new blue
d) new silk blue
24. _____ physics, I enjoy my school subjects.
a) Except
b) Apart
c) Except for
d) Beside
25. "What's your mother-in-law like?" " _____ "
a) She likes music.
b) She's very well.
c) She's very nice.
d) She'd like to come here.
26. You _____ touch the wire. It's dangerous.
a) don't have to
b) haven't got to
c) mustn't
d) needn't
27. Do you know who _____ "Hamlet"?
a) has written
b) had written
c) was writing
d) wrote
28. Long ago people used to believe that _____ was flat.
a) earth
b) an earth
c) Earth
d) the earth
29. How long _____ here?
a) do you stand
b) have you been standing
c) are you standing
d) have you been stood
30. Skiing _____ be a dangerous sport.
a) has to
b) should
c) need
d) can
31. Nobody told us if we _____ to play here or not.
a) could
b) were allowed
c) might
d) permitted
32. _____ Mont Blanc is found in _____ Alps.
a) -, the
b) -, -
c) The, the
d) The , -

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33. Your boss's gone to a meeting, _____?
a) is he
b) has got he
c) hasn't he
d) 's he
34. He agreed to meet us _____ last Monday.
a) –
b) at
c) on
d) within
35. What about _____ tonight?
a) to eat out
b) eat out
c) eating out
d) have dinner at a restaurant
36. Is he _____ you?
a) a bit elder than
b) by far the tallest than
c) much more taller than
d) much shorter than
37. "How long have you had this car?" "_____ my eighteenth birthday."
a) From
b) Since
c) For
d) After
38. The story she told me was quite _____ from the one she told her parents.
a) different
b) varied
c) other
d) opposite
39. You _____ try these plums; they're delicious.
a) can
b) will
c) must
d) need
40. That dog drives me crazy, barking _____.
a) often
b) always
c) all the time
d) usually
41. Give me _____.
a) many time
b) any time
c) a time
d) time
42. Both Jack and Tom _____ at home.
a) aren't
b) were
c) is
d) wasn't
43. Are you talking _____?
a) on me
b) about me
c) me
d) for me
44. The gate needs _____.
a) painting
b) to paint
c) some paint
d) paint

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45. I'll give him the message as soon as _____.
a) I see him
b) I am going to see him
c) I'll see him
d) I will have seen him
46. I've got a _____ razor and it's still good.
a) ten years old
b) ten-years-old
c) ten year oldish
d) ten-year-old
47. The new secretary is _____ I expected.
a) so clever as
b) as clever as
c) clever as
d) the most cleverer than
48. Listen! _____ that sound?
a) Can you hear
b) May you hear
c) Are you hearing
d) Are you able to hear
49. _____, is that the right way to Kensington?
a) Sorry
b) Excuse
c) Pardon me
d) Excuse me
50. Could you _____?
a) have my bike repaired
b) get my bike repair
c) make my bike repair
d) do my bike repair



"Hold on, man...let me call for an ambulance..."

Points: _____ / 50 p

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VOCABU-LARRY



"Hi. Welcome to the vocabulary section. I'm Larry and I'm going to be your guide all through this part."

I. Rearrange the letters of the codes under the definitions below to get the original words. (10 p)

1. ballpoint pen

ROBI: _____

2. a closely fitting piece of clothing usually worn when doing exercise or dancing

TODLEAR: _____

3. when people decide to completely ignore somebody or something, to show that they dislike them

TOBCOTY _____

4. when angry people kill a person without a trial

CHYLN: _____

5. long trousers with very wide legs

NAPONTALO: _____

6. vacuum cleaner

REHOVO _____

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7. a game played by two or four people with rackets, on a court with a net

ANDINTOMB _____

8. tissue paper used as a handkerchief

LEXENKE _____

9. the spirit or soul

SCEPHY _____

10. long rubber boots

LONGWINLET _____

II. Complete the following sentences with the words in bottom frame IN THE CORRECT FORMS. You may have to use some words more than once. (10 p)

**share
extreme
fancy**

**figure
annual
attract**

**personnel
marvel
outnumber**

1. We _____ the washing-up at home.
2. The _____ has been visited by large crowds of people this year.
3. We couldn't do the job because we didn't have the right _____ for it.
4. When I was younger, I quite _____ Jane; I thought she was beautiful.
5. I didn't really find her _____, but other men did.
6. I've never won so much money! I'm so happy! This is _____!
7. Our fans _____ theirs; we were 1500 and they were only 100.
8. A lot of tourists come to Paris _____.
9. I was very bad at _____ at school.
10. This job seems _____ dangerous to me.

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III. Match the definitions with the words below. Write the letter of the correct word in the box in front of the definition. There is ONE WORD AND ONE DEFINITION YOU WILL NOT NEED. (10 p)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> profit | a. remain |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> eat grass in the field | b. slave |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> walk in a military manner | c. predict |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> be unable to breathe | d. chase |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> stay on | e. graze |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> do a lot of tiring work | f. produce |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> say something will happen | g. benefit |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> put something on the market | h. reflect |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> run after somebody | i. supply |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> make a big noise | j. choke |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> manufacture something | k. release |
| | l. march |

Points: _____ / 30 p



"This is the end of your pains, my friend 😊 I have to say goodbye now as... the next thing is the well-deserved dinner at the hostel. Enjoy your meal!"

TOTAL: / 100 p