

I. READING



Mount Vesuvius, a volcano located between the ancient Italian cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, has received much attention because of its frequent and destructive eruptions. The most famous of these eruptions occurred in A. D. 79. The volcano had been inactive for centuries. There was little warning of the coming eruption, although one account unearthed by archaeologists says that a hard rain and a strong wind had disturbed the celestial calm during the preceding night. At the break of the day the next morning, the volcano poured a huge river of molten rock down upon Herculaneum, completely burying the city and filling in the harbor with coagulated lava.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the mountain, cinders, stone and ash rained down on Pompeii. Sparks from the burning ash ignited the combustible rooftops quickly. Large portions of the city were destroyed in the conflagration. Fire, however, was not the only cause of destruction. Poisonous sulphuric gases saturated the air. These heavy gases were not buoyant in the atmosphere and therefore sank toward the earth and suffocated a lot of people.

Over the years, excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum have revealed a great deal about the behavior of the volcano. By analyzing data, much as a zoologist dissects a specimen animal, scientist have concluded that the eruption changed large portions of the area's geography. For instance, it turned the Sarno River from its course and raised the level of the beach along the Bay of Naples. Meteorologists studying these events have also concluded that Vesuvius caused a huge tidal wave that affected the world's climate.

In addition to making these investigations, archaeologists have been able to study the skeletons of victims by using distilled water to wash away the volcanic ash. By strengthening the brittle bones with acrylic paint, scientists have been able to examine the skeletons and draw conclusions about the diet and habits of the residents. Finally, the excavations at both Pompeii and Herculaneum have yielded many examples of classical art, such as jewelry made of bronze, which is an alloy of copper and tin. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its tragic consequences have provided us with a wealth of data about the effects that volcanoes can have on the surrounding area. Today volcanologists can locate and predict eruptions, saving lives and preventing the destruction of cities and cultures.

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1. The city of Herculaneum

- A) knew well the eruption was likely to happen.
- B) was buried under solid lava.
- C) was badly affected by the eruption.
- D) seems to have suffered from eruptions quite often.

2. The eruption in A. D. 79

- A) started at dawn.
- B) did not have a huge impact on Pompeii.
- C) produced poisonous gases.
- D) led to few deaths.

3. The volcano's eruptions

- A) altered the geography of the area.
- B) made a river change its course.
- C) affected the Bay of Naples as well.
- D) have had influence on climate change.

4. have concluded that the volcanic eruption caused a tidal wave.

- A) Scientists who study oceans
- B) Scientists who study atmospheric conditions
- C) Scientists who study ash
- D) Scientists who study animal behaviour

5. Archeologists

- A) have used sea water to wash away volcanic ash.
- B) learnt about the lives of the local people.
- C) found some artefacts.
- D) are not able to foresee an eruption.

6. Which statement(s) is/are true?

- A) There was no sign of the eruption to occur.
- B) The volcano had been much active before the eruption.
- C) Only part of Herculaneum was buried.
- D) Little has been learnt about the volcano.

II. COMMUNICATION AND VOCABULARY

7. A: Do you happen to know where the bank is?

B:

- A) I have no clue.
- B) It happens in Oxford Street.
- C) It is closed.
- D) Beats me.

8. A: Which tea do you prefer - black or green?

B:

- A) I don't prefer.
- B) It doesn't make any difference to me.
- C) That's a rip-off.
- D) Green is my favourite colour.

9. A: When can you start?

B:

- A) Right away.
- B) At once.
- C) Well, not until James is back.
- D) Once in a blue moon.

10. A: What does he look like?

B:

- A) Large and rectangular.
- B) Friendly and talkative.
- C) Stocky and bald.
- D) He's into art.

11. My best friend his own business making clothes.

- A) runs B) deals
- C) directs D) controls

12. Anthony was in a poor family.

- A) brought about B) brought up
- C) raised D) risen

13. The local authorities should (wyburzyć) this tenement house.

- A) knock down B) lay down
- C) pull down D) tear down

14. White-collar workers

- A) work in offices
- B) often wear shirts at work
- C) are also called 'blue-collars'
- D) are usually well-educated

15. Someone behaving in a way that does not show respect, especially towards someone who is older or more important is

- A) greedy B) boastful
- C) respectful D) frank

16. I will have to the exam after the summer.

- A) resit B) retake
- C) revise D) repeat

III. GRAMMAR

17. Before he (1) there, James (2) a six-hour walk.

- A) (1) will get; (2) will have
- B) (1) get there; (2) will have had
- C) (1) will get; (2) will have had
- D) (1) gets; (2) will have had

18. If you have (1) time, let's go to have (2) dinner together.

- A) (1) a few; (2) - B) (1) few; (2) the
- C) (1) a little; (2) a D) (1) little; (2) the

19. Remind him about the meeting he's forgotten

- A) in case B) unless
- C) provided that D) except

20. I saw (1) Bob (2) Mark at the party last weekend.

- A) (1) neither; (2) nor B) (1) either; (2) or
- C) (1) either; (2) nor D) (1) both; (2) and

21. The document handed in a week ago!

- A) should be B) ought to have been
- C) ought to be D) should have been

22. We while we were on holiday.

- A) were burgled our house
- B) had our house burgled
- C) had burgled our house
- D) got burgled our house

23. The *Titanic*, unsinkable, sank on her maiden voyage.

- A) that was thought to be
- B) that was said to be
- C) which was thought to be
- D) which was said to be

24. I helped her (1) the right solution (2) the problem.

- A) (1) find; (2) to B) (1) to find; (2) to
- C) (1) find; (2) for D) (1) finding; (2) for

25. My best friend Kate denied the vase

- A) that she had stolen
- B) the accusation that she'd stolen
- C) stealing the vase
- D) having stolen the vase

26. She her bag over the chair and down.

- A) hanged, sitted B) hanged, sat
- C) hung, sitted D) hung, sat

IV. ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD

27. Which of these are English cities?

- A) Liverpool, Glasgow
- B) Brighton, Southampton
- C) Bath, London
- D) Leeds, Dover

28. Who is Boris Johnson?

- A) leader of Conservative Party
- B) member of the royal family
- C) American vice-president
- D) British Prime Minister

29. Henry VIII

- A) ruled in England in the XVIth century.
- B) beheaded two of his wives.
- C) was a Tudor monarch.
- D) was head of the Church of England.

30. Match the actors with the films

1. <i>Forrest Gump</i>	A. Tom Cruise
2. <i>Mr. & Mrs. Smith</i>	B. Anthony Hopkins
3. <i>Top Gun</i>	C. Brad Pitt
4. <i>The Silence of the Lambs</i>	D. Tom Hanks

- A) 1 - D; 2 - C; 3 - A; 4 - B
- B) 1 - C; 2 - B; 3 - D; 4 - A
- C) 1 - B; 2 - D; 3 - C; 4 - A
- D) 1 - A; 2 - C; 3 - B; 4 - D

