



Reading Comprehension — Choose the best answer based on the passage context

- 1 The word 'tenacious' in line 14 most nearly means:
- A Fragile
 - B Persistent and determined
 - C Overly aggressive
 - D Easily distracted
- 2 The primary purpose of the first paragraph is to:
- A Provide background information on the topic
 - B Argue against the author's main claim
 - C Introduce a counter-argument
 - D Summarize the conclusions of the passage
- 3 Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?
- A Lines 1–3: 'For decades, researchers...'
 - B Lines 22–25: 'Critics argue, however...'
 - C Lines 40–43: 'The data clearly shows...'
 - D Lines 55–58: 'In conclusion...'
- 4 The author's tone throughout the passage can best be described as:
- A Dismissive and condescending
 - B Analytical and measured
 - C Enthusiastic and one-sided
 - D Sarcastic and critical
- 5 As used in line 27, the word 'pervasive' most closely means:
- A Rare and unusual
 - B Spreading widely throughout
 - C Strongly opposed
 - D Carefully limited
- 6 Which statement best summarizes the central argument of the passage?
- A Technological advancements always benefit society
 - B The relationship between technology and society is complex and requires critical evaluation
 - C Society should reject modern technology to preserve tradition
 - D Researchers have failed to study technology's impact adequately
- 7 The contrast presented in lines 30–38 serves mainly to:
- A Undermine the author's thesis
 - B Highlight the complexity of the issue by presenting opposing viewpoints
 - C Provide a personal anecdote
 - D Introduce a new topic unrelated to the main argument
- 8 According to the passage, which factor most significantly influences public perception of the issue?
- A Political affiliation
 - B Media representation and framing
 - C Geographic location
 - D Level of formal education

9 The word 'ambiguous' as used in line 46 suggests that the evidence is:

- A Overwhelmingly conclusive
- B Open to more than one interpretation
- C Completely irrelevant
- D Deliberately misleading

10 Which of the following would most strengthen the author's argument in paragraph four?

- A A personal opinion from a single expert
- B A large-scale longitudinal study with consistent findings
- C An anecdote from a fictional story
- D A reference to an unrelated historical event

11 The phrase 'a double-edged sword' (line 52) is an example of:

- A Simile
- B Alliteration
- C Metaphor
- D Personification

12 The author most likely includes the data in lines 60–65 in order to:

- A Entertain the reader with surprising statistics
- B Support the claim with quantitative evidence
- C Contradict the findings cited earlier
- D Introduce a new hypothesis

13 Which word is closest in meaning to 'pragmatic' as used in line 71?

- A Idealistic
- B Practical and realistic
- C Overly cautious
- D Emotionally driven

14 The final paragraph primarily functions to:

- A Introduce a new argument
- B Restate and reinforce the passage's central claim
- C Provide additional supporting data
- D Acknowledge the limitations of the study

15 Based on the passage, the author would most likely agree that:

- A Simple solutions exist for complex societal problems
- B Nuanced thinking is essential when evaluating competing claims
- C Only experts can understand the issues discussed
- D The topic has already been sufficiently resolved

16 The word 'corroborate' in line 80 most nearly means:

- A Contradict
- B Ignore
- C Confirm or support
- D Exaggerate

17 Which sentence from the passage best illustrates the concept of 'cause and effect'?

- A Lines 5–7: 'The history of this debate stretches back...'
- B Lines 33–35: 'As a direct result of these policies, communities experienced...'
- C Lines 50–52: 'Some scholars prefer...'
- D Lines 70–72: 'The term pragmatic...'

18 The author's use of expert testimony in lines 42–48 is meant to:

- A Provide an emotional appeal to the reader
- B Lend credibility and authority to the argument
- C Replace statistical data with opinion
- D Introduce a humorous anecdote

19 The structure of the passage can best be described as:

- A Chronological narrative
- B Problem and solution
- C Claim, evidence, counter-argument, rebuttal
- D Compare and contrast only

20 Which of the following best describes what is meant by 'paradigm shift' as used in line 88?

- A A minor change in public opinion
- B A fundamental transformation in how a topic is understood or approached
- C A shift in government policy only
- D A temporary trend with no lasting impact

21 The word 'eloquent' as used in line 91 most nearly means:

- A Confusing and vague
- B Fluent and persuasive in expression
- C Brief and incomplete
- D Loud and forceful

22 According to the passage, what does the author suggest about the role of critical thinking?

- A It is only valuable in academic settings
- B It is essential for navigating complex and contested information
- C It should be left to specialists
- D It is less important than emotional intelligence

23 Which of the following is an example of an implicit assumption made by the author?

- A That readers are familiar with the historical background of the debate
- B That the topic is not worth studying further
- C That all experts agree on the findings
- D That the passage is intended for children

24 The rhetorical question posed in line 95 serves to:

- A Expect a literal answer from the reader
- B Engage the reader and prompt reflection on the issue
- C Undermine the argument made earlier
- D Introduce a new section of the passage

25 The word 'mitigate' in line 100 most closely means:

- A Worsen
- B Ignore
- C Lessen or reduce the severity of
- D Celebrate

26 The author references a historical precedent in lines 103–108 primarily to:

- A Entertain the reader with a story
- B Show that similar challenges have been successfully navigated before
- C Introduce an unrelated topic
- D Argue that nothing has changed over time

27 Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the author's central argument?

- A Additional studies confirm the author's findings

- B A comprehensive review reveals significant methodological flaws in all cited studies
- C Public interest in the topic continues to grow
- D Experts from multiple fields endorse the author's conclusions

28 The word 'juxtaposition' as used in line 112 refers to:

- A The combination of two identical ideas
- B Placing two contrasting ideas side by side to highlight differences
- C A transition between paragraphs
- D A formal definition of a term

29 Based on the passage as a whole, the author's attitude toward the subject can best be described as:

- A Indifferent
- B Hostile
- C Engaged and intellectually curious
- D Overly optimistic

30 Which choice best describes the overall development of the passage?

- A A series of unrelated anecdotes
- B A logical progression from background to evidence to reasoned conclusion
- C A personal memoir about the author's experiences
- D A list of statistics without interpretation

Vocabulary in Context — Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word

Evidence-Based Claims — True or False based on the passage

Rhetorical Purpose — Match each literary device to its definition

Extended Response — Answer in full sentences



Answer Keys

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