

School Assistant – English Content

Topic: After Twenty Years

1. Read the following lines and answer the questions.

“I’ll be on my way. Hope your friend comes around all night. Going to call time on him sharp?”

Here, the pronoun “I” refers to ...

- 1) Bob 2) Jimmy Wells 3) Henry 4) The waiting man

2. The word “your friend” refers to

- 1) Boy 2) Jimmy Wells 3) The waiting man 4) Henry

3. The word “vicinity” is stressed on ...

- 1) The first syllable 2) The second syllable 3) The third syllable 4) The fourth syllable

4. Read the following lines and answer the questions below.

“You’ve been under arrest for ten minutes. “Silky” Bob. Chicago thinks you may have dropped over our way and wires us she wants to have a chat with you. Going quietly, are you? That’s sensible. Now, before we go on to the station, she’s a note I was asked to hand you. You may read it here at the window. It’s from **Patrolman Wells.**”

In the above paragraph, the pronoun “you” refers to -

- 1) Bob 2) Patrolman Wells 3) Jimmy Wells 4) A policeman on plain clothes

5. The pronoun “it” refers to ...

- 1) The note written by Bob 2) The note written by Jimmy Wells
3) The note written by Silky Bob 4) The note written to Patrolman Wells

6. The meaning of “dropped over” is -

- 1) Came 2) Escaped 3) Shifted 4) Come accidentally

7. The pronoun “we” refers to

- 1) The Patrolman Wells
- 2) Jimmy Wells and Bob
- 3) Another policeman and Bob
- 4) Policeman and Jimmy Wells

8. “I know Jimmy will meet me, he was the truest, staunchest old chap in the world.”

Here, the meaning of “staunchest” is -

- 1) Most friendly
- 2) Most disloyal
- 3) Most loyal
- 4) Most peaceful

9. O. Henry was a prolific American short story writer, a master of ...

- 1) Comic and humorous writings
- 2) Surprise endings
- 3) Comic and Tragic endings
- 4) Satirical endings

10. I’m waiting for a friend. It’s an appointment made twenty years ago. Sounds a little funny to you, doesn’t it? The above lines indicate ...

- 1) Of narrating an incident
- 2) Asking for help
- 3) Making a polite request
- 4) Asking an informal request

11. Sounds a little funny to you, doesn’t it?

The above expression refers to

- 1) Asking for information
- 2) Asking for agreement
- 3) Asking for information and agreement
- 4) Asking for clarification

12. What was the appointment that the narrator made to his friend?

- 1) Meeting his friend at **Big Joe Brady’s** restaurant
- 2) Meeting his friend in New York
- 3) Having dinner with his friend at the restaurant
- 4) Surrendering himself to the police at the restaurant

13. In the story After Twenty years, the name of the policeman is -

- 1) Jimmy West 2) Jimmy Morgan 3) Jimmy jet 4) Jimmy Wells

14. In the story After Twenty Years, the two friends met a place according to the appointment made twenty years before. They are ____.

- 1) Jonathan and Bob 2) Jean Paul and Jimmy
3) Bob and Johnson 4) Jimmy Wells and Bob

15. In the story After Twenty Years, while speaking to the policeman on the beat the man refers to _____ restaurant.

- 1) Big Boss Brady's 2) Joe's Big Brady's
3) Big Joe Brady's 4) Big Brady's Joe's

16. In the story After Twenty Years, a pretty big proposition refers to -

- 1) Chicago 2) New York 3) West 4) U.S.A

17. In the story After Twenty Years, the light from the cigar of Bob showed -

- 1) A little black scar near Bob's right eyebrow
2) A little white scar near Jimmy's right eyebrow
3) A large black scar near tall man's right eyebrow
4) A little white scar near Bob's right eyebrow

18. In the story After Twenty Years, the waiting man pulled out a handsome watch, the lids of it set with _____.

- 1) Large diamonds 2) Small emerald 3) small diamonds 4) small opals

19. "Bully, it has given me everything I asked it for...."

Here, the speaker of the words is -----.

- 1) Bob 2) Jimmy Wells 3) Jimmy Jet 4) A tall man

20. In the story After Twenty Years, whose nose changes from a Roman to a pug?

- 1) Bob's 2) Jimmy well's 3) A tall man's 4) the policeman's

21. In the story After Twenty Years, a plain clothes man refers to -

- 1) A tall man 2) Jimmy wells 3) Bob 4) O. Henry

22. The following statement is not related to O. Henry -

- 1) He was a prolific American short story writer
2) He was a master of surprise endings
3) He wrote about the life of ordinary people in London
4) He was born in 1862

23. In the story After Twenty Years, a plain clothes man did the job. What was the job?

- 1) Arresting Bob 2) Meeting Bob
3) Arresting Jimmy well's 4) Giving a note to Bob

24. The silent letter in hustling is -----.

- 1) t 2) s 3) l 4) h

Read the following passage and answer the questions. (25 – 29)

The waiting man pulled out a handsome watch, the lids of it set with small diamonds.

“Three minutes to ten,” he announced. “It was exactly ten o'clock when we parted here at the restaurant door. “Did pretty well out West, didn't you? Asked the policeman. “You bet! I hope Jimmy has done half as well. He was a kind of plodder, though, good fellow as he was. I've had to complete with some of the sharpest wits going to get my pile. A man gets in a groove in New York. It takes the West to put a razor-edge on him.”

The policeman twirled his club and took a step or two. “I'll be on my way. Hope your friend comes around all right. Going to call time on him sharp?” “I should say not!” said the other. “I'll give him half an hour at least. If Jimmy is alive on earth he will be here by that time. So long, officer.”

“Good-night, sir,” said the policeman, passing on along his beat, trying doors as he went.

25. What time had they parted each other twenty years back?

- 1) 9 2) 11 3) 10 4) 12

26. Why does Bob think that Jimmy is a plodder?

- 1) He was honest 2) He was lazy
3) He was a thief 4) He was adamant

27. Why doesn't Bob like his friend's honesty?

- 1) Honesty cannot take him too long
2) Honesty is cruel
3) Honesty will make someone become rich
4) Honesty degrades people

28. Why doesn't Jimmy reveal his identity?

- 1) He does not like criminals 2) He hates his friend
3) He does not want to keep old promises 4) He loves his friend

Read the following passage and answer the questions. (29 – 32)

When about midway of a certain block the policeman suddenly slowed his walk. In the doorway of a darkened hardware store a man leaned, with an unlighted cigar in his mouth. As the policeman walked up to him the man spoke up quickly.

“It's all right, officer,” he said, reassuringly. “I'm just waiting for a friend. It is an appointment made twenty years ago. Sounds a little funny to you, doesn't it? Well I'll explain if you'd like to make certain it's all straight. About that long ago there used to be a restaurant where this store stands. ‘Big Joe’ Brady's restaurant.” “Until five years ago,” said the policeman. “It was torn down then.” The man in the doorway struck a match and lit his cigar. The light showed a pale, square-jawed face with keen eyes, and a little white scar near his right eyebrow. His scarf pin was a large diamond, oddly set.

“Twenty years ago to-night,” said the man, “I dined here at ‘Big Joe ’Brady’s with Jimmy Wells, my best chum, and the finest chap in the world. He and I were raised here in New York, just like two brothers, together. I was eighteen and Jimmy was twenty. The next morning I was to start for the West to make my fortune. You couldn’t have dragged Jimmy out of New York; he thought it was the only place on earth.

29. What was there in that man’s mouth?

- 1) A watch
- 2) A piece of diamond
- 3) An unlighted cigar
- 4) A gold ring

30. What used to be there on the place of the hardware store twenty years back?

- 1) A police station
- 2) A grocery shop
- 3) A fire station
- 4) A restaurant

31. To which direction had Bob to go?

- 1) West
- 2) Downward
- 3) East
- 4) North

32. Why had they to part each other?

- 1) To seek their fortune
- 2) To do job
- 3) To serve people
- 4) To see the world

Read the following passage and answer the questions. (33 – 36)

The policeman on the beat moved up the avenue _____ (a). The impressiveness _____ (b) habitual and not for show, for spectators were _____ (c). The time was barely 10 o’clock at night, _____ (d) chilly gusts of wind with a taste of rain in them had well nigh developed the streets.

33. 1) Impression 2) Impressive 3) Impressively 4) Impassionate

34. 1) Is 2) Are 3) Was 4) Were

35. 1) Few 2) A few 3) Little 4) A little

36. 1) Hence 2) Then 3) Yet 4) But

Read the following passage and answer the questions. (37- 40)

There was now a fine, cold drizzle _____ (a), and the wind had risen from its uncertain puffs into a steady blow. The few foot passengers _____ (b) in that quarter hurried dismally and silently along _____ (c) coat collars turned high and pocketed hands. And in the door of the hardware store the man _____ (d) had come a thousand miles to fill an appointment.

37. 1) Splashing 2) Precipitating 3) Down pouring 4) Falling
38. 1) Stir 2) Astir 3) Turbulent 4) Fearfully
39. 1) On 2) For 3) By 4) With
40. 1) Which 2) Whom 3) Who 4) When

41. O. Henry is the pen name of -

- 1) William Sydney Porter 2) Eric Arthur Blair
3) William Blake 4) Mark Twain

Key

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