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- I. Read the following passage and then choose the letter that best answers each of the questions below.

There was one other important lesson that I learned on the farm. It was a warm Saturday morning in autumn. The fall colors were bright on the trees. My brother Ted and I had ridden our bicycles out to the farm to spend the day. We would help if we could. Suddenly, the sky grew dark, and the wind began to blow. It was obvious to us all that there was going to be a thunderstorm. Uncle John was leading his horses into their stalls in the barn. Ted and I took up the sticks.

We ran to the meadow and started to move the small herd of cows toward the barn. The cows went willingly into the safety of the large building. All the cows - except for a yearling, that is - went peacefully into the barn. This young animal was stubbornly refusing to go in. Uncle John and Dan, his adult son, were both pulling on the rope around the calf's neck, and the animal's hooves were firmly planted in the earth ten feet from the door of the barn. Nothing, it seemed, would get that animal into the barn.

- 1- The animals need to be moved because of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. the time of year c. the need for food  
 b. the change of weather d. the bright colors
- 2- The horses are brought into the barn by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. the boys c. Uncle John and Dan  
 b. uncle John d. their hooves
- 3- The boys hurry to the meadow in order to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. bring the sticks c. get the cows out  
b. find a safe place  d. get the cows in
- 4- The yearling went into the barn \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. easily  c. unwillingly  
b. quickly d. firmly
- 5- The calf put its feet \_\_\_\_\_ when it refused to move.  
 a. into the ground c. against the door  
b. into the barn d. toward the barn

- 6- On Saturday morning in autumn, the storyteller \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) learned his first important lesson
  - b) learned how to ride a bicycle
  - c) learned another lesson
  - d) learned how to climb trees
- 7- Ted and the storyteller were \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) brothers
  - b) friends
  - c) roommates
  - d) schoolmates
- 8- The sky grew dark, and the wind began to blow. That was a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) a war storm
  - b) a snow storm
  - c) a thunderstorm
  - d) a dark storm
- 9- The horses stay in \_\_\_\_\_ in the barn.
- a) the stalls
  - b) the truck
  - c) the roads
  - d) the small kitchens
- 10- Dan is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Uncle John's brother
  - b) Ted's sister
  - c) the storyteller's brother
  - d) Uncle John's son

**II. Read the following passage and then choose the letter that best answers each of the questions below.**

I had never really lived on a farm, but my mother's Uncle John had a farm. So I spent time there, like all the other children in the family. The farm was just a few miles from town, so we could ride our bicycles there. Aunt Wanda, my cousins, and the hired help all liked children. So we felt welcome there. Some very interesting things happened on that farm. I learned a lot about life and a lot about people there.

I learned about having a job and motivation. As we grew older, we were asked if we wanted to work on the farm. One job that we all liked was picking beans. Uncle John planted several acres of green beans every spring, and in the middle of July, the beans were ready to begin picking. He drove his yellow truck to town every morning and picked up his bean-pickers. He made two stops, one at the park and one closer to our house. At seven in the morning, we children would be ready. We had our buckets and paper sacks with our lunches. We wore light-colored long-sleeved shirts. We had big straw hats, too, to protect our heads from the sun. We were off to earn money for special things that we wanted.

Picking beans was not hard work. Each person took one row, knelt on a folded burlap sack, and pushed back the leaves. We were supposed to pluck the long green beans and

put them in our pails. When a bucket was full, we emptied the beans into big clean burlap sacks. We called these bags gunnysacks. A gunnysack could hold about 70 pounds of beans. Most days, we children each picked one bag full. We got paid for this work. Uncle John weighed the sacks at the end of the day. He deducted two pounds for the weight of the sack. Aunt Wanda figured out how much we had earned and paid us three cents a pound.

11- How many pounds of beans can a gunnysack hold?

- a) Seventeen
- b) Seventy-seven
- c) Seventy
- d) Seven

12- The children protected themselves from the sun \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) by only wearing light-colored long-sleeved shirts and straw hats.
- b) by only wearing light-colored long-sleeved shirts.
- c) by wearing straw hats.
- d) by drinking a lot water.

13- The pickers received \_\_\_\_\_ for each pound of beans that they picked.

- a) thirty cents a pound
- b) thirteen cents a pound
- c) three cents a pound and a gunnysack
- d) three cents a pound

14- The storyteller comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) a farm
- b) a big city
- c) a town
- d) village

15- The children went to pick beans \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) in their yellow trucks
- b) on their bicycles
- c) on foot
- d) in a bus

16- The children felt happy when they were on the farm because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) they ate fresh food
- b) Aunt Wanda and the hired help were very busy
- c) the farm was a few miles from town
- d) very interesting things happened there

17- What did the storyteller learn about on the farm?

- a) He learned about life and people.
- b) He learned a lot about hired people.
- c) He learned about his mother's Uncle John.
- d) He learned about motivation.

18- One of the jobs that all children liked on the farm was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) eating beans
- b) planting beans
- c) picking beans
- d) riding bicycles

19- When did Uncle John plant beans?

- a) In the middle of July.
- b) Every summer.
- c) Every spring.
- d) Every winter.

20- When were the beans ready for picking?

- a) In the middle of every month.
- b) In the middle of the summer.
- c) In the middle of the spring.
- d) In the middle of July.

21- Bean-pickers were picked up from town every morning by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Uncle John's friend
- b) the children
- c) Aunt Wanda
- d) Uncle John

22- When would the children be ready for work?

- a) At a late time in the morning
- b) At six in the morning
- c) At seven in the evening.
- d) At seven in the morning

23- The children bought special things that they wanted by using \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the gift from Uncle John
- b) the money they earned
- c) the money they found on the farm
- d) the money they got from the hired help

24- The bean-pickers picked only \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the leaves
- b) the burlap
- c) the long green leaves
- d) the long green beans

25- Who was responsible for paying the money to the bean-pickers?

- a) Aunt Wanda
- b) Uncle John
- c) The storyteller
- d) Nobody

III- Read the following passage and then answer the questions below.

Growing up in the middle of a huge forest in Ontario meant Ella McCarthy was in touch with nature. She learned the names of the wildflowers in the woods and meadows. She learned the names of the trees. In the early spring, Ella picked little dandelion leaves for salad. From the stream, her mother brought home watercress. These greens were made into delicious salads. By the end of May, Ella and her father looked for berries on the Juneberry tree. They picked the plump berries and took them home for a fine sauce. Next the pin cherries were ripe for picking. They picked these tiny bright red fruits from a tree in a meadow near the town. No one else wanted the pin cherries, except some birds, so Ella and her father picked them for cherry juice. These cherries were sour but full of vitamins, her father said. The McCarthys drank the juice to prevent colds.

In the summer, Ella went with her father to pick wild strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries. They took the berries home in baskets, sat at the kitchen table, and cleaned them. Bits of leaves and stems went into a pile, and the cleaned berries went into an iron pot with sugar. Ella's mother cooked the berries and made jam for the winter. She poured the jam into clean pint jars. She poured some hot wax into the jam jars to protect the fruit from spoiling. These small jars waited on the basement shelves.

In the fall, Ella and her father went to the wild apple trees in the woods. They collected the fruit and carried home bushel baskets full of apples. They peeled the apples for canning. Ella's mother prepared the glass jars, and when the apples were cooked, apples for winter pies and applesauce went into the jars. The gleaming quart jars of apples went to the shelves in the basement too, for winter meals. They preserved the fruit for later use.

- 26- What do you get when you cook berries with sugar?
- a) A jar
  - b) Gloves
  - c) Jam
  - d) Stems
- 27- What is the name of a salad green that grows near streams?
- a) Wildflowers
  - b) Blackberries
  - c) Watercress
  - d) Dandelion
- 28- Which one of these titles is the appropriate for this story?
- a) A Perfect Job
  - b) Lessons from the Farm
  - c) Living with Nature
  - d) Angels for One Another

- 29- Ella McCarthy was living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) a city in California
  - b) a modern city
  - c) Ontario
  - d) New York city
- 30- By the end of May, the McCarthys picked \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) cherries
  - b) Juneberries
  - c) wild strawberries
  - d) blueberries
- 31- They picked \_\_\_\_\_ from a tree in a meadow near the town.
- a) plump berries
  - b) pin cherries
  - c) Juneberry
  - d) flowers
- 32- Like the McCarthys, some birds \_\_\_\_\_ pin cherries.
- a) don't like
  - b) like
  - c) pick
  - d) don't see
- 33- The pin cherries are good because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) are full of juice
  - b) are picked fresh
  - c) prevent colds
  - d) prevent winter
- 34- Raspberries are \_\_\_\_\_ fruits.
- a) winter
  - b) spring
  - c) summer
  - d) Ella's special
- 35- The McCarthys cooked the berries with sugar to be eaten \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) in summer
  - b) in winter
  - c) in the kitchen
  - d) when they are hungry
- 36- They added hot wax into the jam jars to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) spoil the fruit
  - b) color the fruit
  - c) protect the jars
  - d) protect the fruit

- 37- Ella and her father collected apples in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) the fall
  - b) the summer
  - c) the winter
  - d) the morning
- 38- Ella and her father carried the apples in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) jars
  - b) baskets
  - c) cans
  - d) bottles
- 39- Who peeled the apples for canning?
- a) Ella's mother
  - b) Ella
  - c) Ella's father
  - d) Ella and her father
- 40- Quart jars of apples are gleaming because \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) They are sweet
  - b) They are in the basement
  - c) They are very clean
  - d) They are full of jam

**IV. Which meaning is closest to the underlined word or words? Circle a, b, c, or d.**

- 41- I do not believe that this story in the newspaper is true.
- a) doubt
  - b) understand
  - c) assure you
  - d) twist
- 42- My grandfather has an ache all over his body \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) bend
  - b) loop
  - c) circle
  - d) pain
- 43- Turkeys made a lot of noise.
- a) din
  - b) dark
  - c) dairy
  - d) day
- 44- The jeans I bought were made of a thick coarse cloth.
- a) hullabaloo
  - b) burlap
  - c) grass
  - d) paper
- 45- They are sitting in the waiting room.
- a) public system
  - b) lounge
  - c) aisle seat
  - d) clinic
- 46- The dates were ready for picking.
- a) green
  - b) sour
  - c) ripe
  - d) sweet
- 47- This book is nothing special; it is a normal dictionary.
- a) regular
  - b) unusual
  - c) mysterious
  - d) fine



