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- (A) 15. I've wanted to read *The Diary of a Young Girl* for months, _____ today I finally borrowed the book from the library.
(A) and (B) since (C) so (D) until

(19-21)

If you cannot live without your car, Zurich might be the last city you would like to visit. In Zurich, people are welcome, but cars are not! Over the past 20 years, this city has used smart ways 19. One is to keep the same total number of parking spaces. For example, if 50 new parking spaces are built in one part of the city, then 50 old spaces in other parts are taken away for other uses. So the total number does not change. Some are unhappy that there are never enough spaces. That is just what the city has in mind: If people find parking more difficult, they will drive less.

20, the total number of cars in the city is counted. Over 3,500 little computers are put under Zurich roads to check the number of cars that enter the city. If the number is higher than the city can deal with, the traffic lights on the roads that enter the city will be kept red. So drivers who are traveling into Zurich have to stop and wait until there are fewer cars in the city. Now, you may wonder 21. The answer is simple: The city wants to make more space for its people.



- (D) 20. (A) This way
(B) However
(C) For example
(D) Also
- (A) 14. Anyone who reads Loren's business plan will quickly see some serious problems in it, or _____ feel something is not right.
(A) at least (B) even (C) in fact (D) still

- (B) 13. The beach party tonight _____ the end of our summer vacation. Tomorrow we are all going back home and getting ready for school.
- (A) changes (B) marks (C) passes (D) saves



Ryan Kim 7/15/2013

Guesses about Carolyn Cole have been flying around since last week, and now things have taken a new turn.

Last week Carolyn Cole won the Inscriber Prize, the country's biggest book prize, with her book *Paper Soldier*. Cole herself did not show up for the prize. It was not only the first time in history that a first-time writer won the prize, but also the first time that the winner did not appear.

Now here comes another "first time" for the Inscriber: Cole is not real. "She" is in fact Thomas Goode. Goode is known for his picture books. His best-known book, *Blue Moon*, won him two national book prizes and sold over one million copies.

Goode had tried to write "serious" books before. His first try was *Parent*, which came out in 2006. Sadly, Goode's big name did not help, and there was little interest in *Parent*. Goode's friend told NBN that he wanted to write a book under a different name. Goode thought that people might treat his book seriously if they did not know it was from a picture book writer.

For the moment, there has been no word from Goode yet.

- (C) 38. From the news story, which fact is seen as a new turn?
- (A) Carolyn Cole is a first-time writer.
 - (B) Carolyn Cole won the Inscriber Prize.
 - (C) Carolyn Cole is not the winner's real name.
 - (D) Carolyn Cole did not appear for the Inscriber Prize.

- (D) 39. Which is most likely true about the Inscriber Prize?
- (A) It was started by NBN News.
 - (B) It is a new prize for picture books.
 - (C) It is a prize only for first-time writers.
 - (D) It is treated seriously by writers in the country.

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- (A) 41. What do we know about Thomas Goode's books?
- (A) The sales of *Parent* were bad.
 - (B) *Paper Soldier* is his best-selling book.
 - (C) His first picture book came out in 2006.
 - (D) *Blue Moon* was written under a different name.

(35-37)

Jim Webb Oct. 16, 1987

Over the years, the number of whales has dropped sharply. From 1946 to 1986, about 340,000 whales were killed. People worry that children in the future can only see whales in pictures. They believe all kinds of whaling (whale hunting) should be stopped before it's too late.

Some people are trying to stop whaling all over the world. But they fail to notice one fact: Whaling was going on for a long time before the number of whales went down and became a problem.

Whaling started as early as 1,500 years ago. This was how tribespeople fed their families. They hunted whales for meat because almost nothing could grow on their land. They also made whale fat into oil and used it to make candles or oil lamps. Over the years, whaling became their way of living, and even part of who they are.

Tribe whaling is not the thing we should worry about. Of all the whales that were killed over the past forty years, only 10% were hunted by tribespeople. The other 90% died at the hands of the money-making whaling business. When we try to stop all kinds of whaling, we should think what we are asking tribespeople to give up and whether this is the best answer to the problem of whaling.



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- (C) 36. Which idea may the writer agree with?
- (A) We should stop all kinds of whale hunting.
 - (B) We should not worry about the number of whales.
 - (C) Tribespeople's way of living is as important as animal lives.
 - (D) Working with the whaling business can make tribespeople's lives better.

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- (A) 19. (A) to make traffic lighter
(B) to invite people to visit
(C) to make itself a famous city
(D) to build more parking spaces

(29-31)

When we get wet, we need a towel to get ourselves dry. When a dog gets wet, all it needs is to shake its body. A study in 2010 showed that a wet dog can throw off half the water on its body by shaking for less than a second. In fact, this common act of dogs works better than a washing machine.



The study found that animal shaking begins with the head and ends with the tail. During a shake, the animal's head, body and skin all move. Smaller animals must shake faster than bigger animals to get water off. For example, in one second, a rat can shake 18 times, a dog 6 times, and a bear 4 times. Bigger animals can get their bodies dry with fewer shakes.

For animals, shaking is not just about getting themselves dry. It is also about saving their lives. Being wet makes animals heavier, and that makes it harder to run. In the animal world, how fast an animal can run often decides whether it will live or not. Maybe that's why the "wet-dog shake" has become a common habit of many animals.

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30. What can we learn from the reading?

- (A) The animal's tail can help it run more quickly and easily.
- (B) Some animals shake more than they need to get water off.
- (C) The idea of washing machines came from the shaking of dogs.
- (D) Larger animals get themselves drier at each shake than smaller animals.

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| 30 | D |

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