Answer Explanations

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1. Difficulty: 1
Choice (C) is correct. The question tests the ability to identify the correct preposition in the statement, “Mother is worried about us.” The other choices are not the correct preposition that follows the verb to worry: (A) to us (B) on us, or (D) in us.

2. Difficulty: 2
Choice (D) is correct. “This man travels all over the world. He speaks many languages.” The question tests the ability to identify the correct expression verb speaking a language. It does not make sense to use says (A), passes (B), or tells (C), so only choice (D) speaks is the correct answer.

3. Difficulty: 3
Choice (A) is correct. “I still don’t know if I will go on to the trip. Everything depends on the weather.” This question tests the ability to identify the correct expression. Choice (B) desirable, choice (C) possible, and choice (D) allowed are incorrect in this sentence, so only choice (A) depends on is the correct answer.

4. Difficulty: 4
Choice (A) is correct. “Rachel’s friends arranged a surprise party for her birthday.” This question tests the ability to identify the correct vocabulary to use with party. It does not make sense to say a feeling party (B), an agreement party (C), or an invitation party (D).

5. Difficulty: 5
Choice (B) is correct. “The new immigrants that arrived this week to Israel brought with them only new things.” The question tests the ability to identify the correct tense and form of the verb. It does not make sense to say that they arrived (A), will bring (C), or will arrive (D). Note that in Hebrew to arrive and to bring derive from the same root.

6. Difficulty: 5
Choice (D) is correct. “If you teach me Hebrew I will teach you English.” The question tests the ability to identify the correct tense and form of the verb to teach. It does not make sense to say if you learn (A), you will teach (B), or I will learn (C). Note that in Hebrew to teach and to learn derive from the same root.

7. Difficulty: 2
Choice (A) is correct. “All the students that registered were accepted.” The question tests the ability to identify the correct use of the verb to accept. It does not make sense to say that they received (B), will receive (C), or are receiving (D). Note that in Hebrew to accept and to receive derive from the same root.

8. Difficulty: 3
Choice (B) is correct. “In autumn the sky is in general cloudy (masculine plural).” This question tests the correct agreement of the adjective with the noun. The other choices—masculine single (A), feminine single (C), and feminine plural (D)—are incorrect in this sentence.

9. Difficulty: 3
Choice (D) is correct. “The new secondary school in Tel Aviv is famous and special.” This question tests the ability to identify the correct adjective. It does not make sense to say is becoming famous (A), was becoming famous (B), or advertises (C). Note that in Hebrew to be famous and to advertise derive from the same root.

10. Difficulty: 2
Choice (D) is correct. “There is no other school that is like it.” This question tests the ability to identify the correct preposition. It does not make sense to say like (A), him (B), or in him (C) in this sentence.

11. Difficulty: 3
Choice (B) is correct. “She was its first principal.” This question tests the ability to identify the correct adjective the first. It does not make sense to say that she was the head (A), beginning (C), or in the beginning (D).

12. Difficulty: 5
Choice (D) is correct. “She was not satisfied with the teaching way in the schools.” This question tests the ability to identify the correct use of the root to want or to be satisfied. The other three answer choices, (A) wants, (B) wanted, and (C) lectures, do not fit the expression to be satisfied, so only choice (D) satisfied is the correct answer.

13. Difficulty: 5
Choice (B) is correct. “She aspired to educate the students to live in two worlds.” This question tests the ability
to identify the correct vocabulary to express to aspire. Choices (A) judged, (C) influenced, and (D) observed do not fit the content of the sentence.

14. Difficulty: 2
Choice (B) is correct. “The students understood the need to have a bridge between the two worlds.” This question tests the ability to identify the correct vocabulary to express the verb to understand. Choices (A) raised, (C) brought, and (D) set up do not fit the content of the sentence.

15. Difficulty: 4
Choice (C) is correct. The ad advertises colorful balloons for different occasions. Therefore, choice (C) decorations for celebrations is the correct answer. Choices (A) invitations, (B) parties, and (D) family celebrations do not fit the content of the ad.

16. Difficulty: 2
Choice (A) is correct. “In order to get quick service, it is advisable to talk to Hannah by phone.” Choices (B) to print a card for Hannah, (C) to invite Hannah to the party, and (D) to send Hannah an e-mail do not fit the content of the ad.

17. Difficulty: 3
Choice (A) is correct. The question requires a completion of the statement, “Many people do not take walks because” based on the passage. Choices (B) they do not have time to walk, (C) they do not have pets, and (D) they do not have medical problems do not reflect the information in the passage, so only choice (A) they do not wish to walk is correct.

18. Difficulty: 4
Choice (A) is correct. The question asks, “When it is preferable to take a walk?” Based on the information in the passage, the correct answer is choice (A) often. Choices (B) after a meal, (C) less than a quarter of an hour, and (D) only when it is hot outside do not fit the contents of the passage.

19. Difficulty: 4
Choice (B) is correct. The question asks why it is “preferable to walk in open areas.” The correct answer is (B) walking on the road is dangerous. Choices (A) because the view in open areas is more beautiful, (C) because walking on the road is difficult, and (D) because it is possible to walk faster do not fit the contents of the passage.

20. Difficulty: 2
Choice (B) is correct. The question requires a completion of the statement, “Walking helps to” based on the information in the passage. Choices (A) to find a partner, (C) to arrive to work on time, and (D) to pass the time do not fit the contents of the passage, so only choice (B) feel good is correct.