

QCM

Document: "Our Way of Life is Poisoning Us" By Mark O'Connell

Answer all questions on the ANSWER SHEET provided. No negative points.

Comprehension. Choose the best answer. Only one correct answer unless otherwise indicated. In the case of multiple correct answers, all answers selected must be correct in order to gain the point.

Attention: la question no. 1 est une vérification et ne compte pas dans votre note.

1. En tant que candidat, j'ai bien coché les cases de mon numéro d'identification, et je l'ai également écrit dans les cases au-dessus afin de pouvoir être corrigé en cas d'erreur de scan.
J'ai bien compris que si mon identifiant n'était pas à 5 chiffres, mais à 3 ou 4, alors je devais le préfixer avec des "0" comme indiqué dans les instructions.
 - a. OUI
 - b. NON
2. In paragraph 2, the author expresses
 - a. his certainty that the end of life as we know it is near.
 - b. doubt that there is plastic in the body of many humans.
 - c. the fear that humankind is being forced to live with the waste it has produced.
 - d. his conviction that god is taking revenge on humankind.
3. In paragraph 3, what worries the author the most?
 - a. Plastic that is one fifth of an inch long.
 - b. Plastic that can fit on a teaspoon.
 - c. The membranes between cells.
 - d. Plastics that are much smaller than a fifth of an inch long.
4. Which of the following sentences does the author affirm as true in paragraphs 4 to 6?
(More than one answer is possible.)
 - a. Humans care more about the welfare of fish than about other humans.
 - b. There is a chance that microplastics are as harmful for people as they are for marine life.
 - c. The harm done by the huge quantity of plastic that goes into the oceans every year could have negative impact on human fertility.
 - d. The authors of the study (paragraph 5) do not consider that plasticosis impacts humans.
5. In paragraph 6, the word "**unsettling**" is closest in meaning to
 - a. uncanny
 - b. pervasive
 - c. debilitating
 - d. disturbing

6. It is understood in paragraph 8 that the author
- advises parents to give their children water to drink only in paper cups.
 - thinks PVC pipes are a solution to the microplastics problem.
 - refers to PVC pipes to demonstrate that they could be part of the problem.
 - None of the above.
7. What is the main point of paragraph 12?
- To expose the omnipresence of plastic on the earth.
 - To prove that we eventually consume all the plastic we use.
 - To show that polymers are the most common type of particles.
 - None of the above.
8. What does the image of the credit card, mentioned in paragraph 13, suggest to the author?
- That money, especially “plastic money”, is the cause of the problem.
 - That purchasing on credit is the main cause of the problem.
 - That the media is contributing to the public’s anxiety.
 - None of the above.
9. What, as mentioned in paragraph 14, is the primary threat that author Mark O’Connell wants to protect his children from?
- Microplastics in eating utensils.
 - Snuggling their toys.
 - Instilling fear in them (his children).
 - Communicating his awareness to them.
10. In paragraph 14, you find the phrase “the [threat] I am most keen to offset.”
What is another way of saying this?
- I want very much to offset
 - I must not offset
 - I may have to offset
 - I will never be able to offset
11. Which sentence explains the “**trade-off**” referred to in paragraph 16?
- Living longer is good regardless of one’s state of health.
 - If the modern world exposes one to danger, it should be rejected.
 - Although chemicals allow humans to live longer, they do not live as healthily.
 - Chemical treatment of disease represents progress even if it changes one’s hormonal profile.
12. In paragraph 17, the author suggests that plasticosis seems to have some symbolic implications.
Which one of these sentences describes this?
- We consume as much trash figuratively, online, as we do physically when we eat.
 - TikTok has become a symbol for people’s corrupted soul.
 - The trash people generate when they shop is a sign of the forthcoming apocalypse.
 - AI has become a symbol for trash.

13. (More than one answer is possible.) It is understood in paragraph 19 that
- a. the author knows how he contracted IBD.
 - b. the author's IBD is not lethal.
 - c. the author's IBD requires him to get treatment in a hospital only twice a year.
 - d. the author's IBD may not be caused by microplastics.
14. What does the 2021 study referred to in paragraph 20 indicate? (More than one answer is possible.)
- a. There is a definite correlation between IBD and plasticosis.
 - b. Laboratory animals are insensitive to microplastic ingestion.
 - c. People with IBD have higher levels of plasticosis in their stools than people not diagnosed with it.
 - d. There is a correlation between people with IBD and higher levels of microplastics in stool samples.
15. The first sentence in paragraph 22 makes it clear that the author thinks
- a. we need to know as much about microplastics as we do about cellphone radiation.
 - b. microplastics is so ambiguous that we will never know its real impact on humans.
 - c. specialists do not currently know enough about microplastics to issue a public warning.
 - d. when we know more about microplastics, we will be able to talk about cellphone radiation.

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General grammar

You are writing to a friend about your experience in learning English. Put the verbs in parentheses into the most suitable tense. Note that in some cases there is a second verb or other word to integrate. **See Multiple Choice answers below. Write the one correct answer on Answer Sheet provided.**

I _____16_____ (learn) English for seven years now but last year I _____17_____ (not / work) hard enough for English. That's why my marks _____18_____ (not / be) really that good then. As I _____19_____ (pass / want) my English exam successfully next year, I _____20_____ (study) harder this term.

During my last summer holidays, my parents _____21_____ (send) me on a language course to London.

It _____22_____ (be) great and I think I _____23_____ (learn) a lot. Before I _____24_____ (go) to London,

I _____25_____ (not / enjoy) learning English. Now I _____26_____ (have) much more fun learning than I used to!

Choose the one correct answer.

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| 16. | a. have been learning | b. learned | c. had learn | d. am learning |
| 17. | a. didn't worked | b. am not working | c. didn't work | d. do not work |
| 18. | a. have not been | b. were not | c. didn't be | d. was not |
| 19. | a. will want pass | b. will want to pass | c. want to pass | d. wanted to pass |
| 20. | a. am studying | b. study | c. will be study | d. will have study |
| 21. | a. spent | b. sent | c. was sending | d. had sent |
| 22. | a. were | b. was | c. has been | d. had been |
| 23. | a. learned | b. have learned | c. was learning | d. have been learning. |
| 24. | a. was going | b. am going | c. have gone | d. went |
| 25. | a. was not enjoy | b. had not enjoy | c. didn't enjoy to | d. did not enjoy |
| 26. | a. have | b. having | c. am having | d. am have |