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**I. READING**

**California** is a large state in the western United States. It is the third largest state by area; only Alaska and Texas are larger. California has more people than any other US state (more than 33 million people). Its most famous cities are Los Angeles and San Francisco. The capital is Sacramento. San Diego and San Jose are also well-known and big cities.

Before 1848 California was a quiet place with population of about 24 thousand people. In January 1848, a man called James Marshal found some gold in a river, and it was the beginning of the gold rush. During the next six years 300 thousand settlers came to look for gold. The land there was very good to grow fruit and other crops. Oranges and grapes were grown in many parts of California. This was the beginning of the huge farming business that California has today. The state is now a world leader in three businesses: farming, movie-making, and high information technologies in Silicon Valley.

California has fantastic landscapes:

- the Sierra Nevada mountains in the east are very beautiful with famous Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks and picturesque Lake Tahoe;

- hundreds of miles of wonderful beaches on the coasts of the Pacific with famous Santa Barbara and Malibu;

- very high mountains and Death Valley, which is the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere, 100 metres below sea level and one of the hottest places in the world;

- the Mojave Desert in the south of the state.

The weather in California is hot and sunny, so people spend a lot of time at the beach. They go swimming, surfing and sunbathing.

Los Angeles is much more than a city. It includes Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Disneyland. It's also the busiest port in the USA. Every year LA welcomes about 24 million tourists. They can visit Universal Studios and see the sets of many famous films, old and new. Tourists also love Disneyland, the most famous theme park.

San Francisco is one of the most cosmopolitan cities. It's full of amazing sights, from a fantastic natural harbour and the Golden Gate Bridge to the Twin Peaks, the largest of the city's hills. Chinatown in San Francisco is the largest Chinese community outside Asia.

Unfortunately, California is in an earthquake zone. In the twentieth century there were some disastrous earthquakes. Californians need to be prepared for them and often store extra food, water, flashlights in case of such an emergency. Scientists predict another earthquake soon.

**1. Hollywood is .....**

- A) in Los Angeles
- Б) a city in California
- В) a place where tourists can visit Universal Studios
- Г) an area near Los Angeles

**2. People who live in California store ..... in case of an earthquake.**

- A) drinkable water
- Б) emergency
- В) torches
- Г) some food

**3. About 24,000,000 people .....**

- A) lived in California before 1848
- Б) live in LA now
- В) visit Los Angeles every year
- Г) live in California now

**4. Death Valley is .....**

- A) the lowest point on Earth
- Б) located in eastern California
- В) the lowest point in Americas
- Г) a place with very high temperatures

**5. When you are in a place called ....., you can have a swim in the Pacific Ocean.**

- A) San Francisco
- Б) Yosemite National Park
- В) Malibu
- Г) Santa Barbara

**6. .... are important products of Californian economy.**

- A) Agricultural crops
- Б) Computer programs (software)
- В) Fruit and wines
- Г) New films

**7. .... is the capital city of California.**

- A) Los Angeles
- Б) Sacramento
- В) San Diego
- Г) San Francisco

**8. Twin Peaks is the name of .....**

- A) a town in California
- Б) a restaurant in Chinatown
- В) two hills in the centre of San Francisco
- Г) two mountains in the Sierra Nevada

**9. .... is in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.**

- A) Sequoia National Park
- Б) The Mojave Desert
- В) Lake Tahoe
- Г) Silicon Valley

**10. Choose true sentences.**

- A) California is famous for gold mining.
- Б) Chinatown is a large Chinese restaurant in San Francisco.
- В) A disastrous earthquake might happen in California in the nearest future.
- Г) Disneyland is situated in San Francisco.

## II. COMMUNICATION

11. A: What would you do in my place?

Б: .....

- A) Why don't you go skiing in the Alps?  
 Б) If I were you, I'd go skiing in the Alps.  
 В) What you really need to do is to go skiing in the Alps.  
 Г) You should go skiing in the Alps.

12. A: .....

Б: No way! It's too late.

- A) Do I have to meet Paul in the park, mum?  
 Б) Can I meet Paul in the park, mum?  
 В) Do you want to meet Paul in the park, mum?  
 Г) May I meet Paul in the park, mum?

13. A: I'm having a party next Saturday. Would you like to come?

Б: .....

- A) See you then.  
 Б) That sounds great!  
 В) I'd love to.  
 Г) That's nothing but an interesting idea.

14. A: Could you pass me the butter, please?

Б: .....

- A) Sure, here you are.  
 Б) Certainly, please.  
 В) Yes, I'm just passing the butter.  
 Г) That's right.

15. A: I've lost my new golden ring.

Б: .....

- A) What's the matter?  
 Б) No problem.  
 В) I'm sorry to hear that.  
 Г) Don't worry. I'll help you look for it.

## III. VOCABULARY

16. You can see this notice .....

- A) in a cinema Please, do not disturb.  
 Б) in a hotel  
 В) on the door of the staff room at school  
 Г) in a school canteen

17. A ..... child is never rude.

- A) obedient  Б) polite  
 В) bad-tempered  Г) kind

18. There are thousands of different bird species in a tropical .....

- A) rainforest  Б) lake  
 В) desert  Г) jungle

19. Crocodiles and snakes are .....

- A) mammals  Б) amphibians  
 В) reptiles  Г) apes

20. My sister would like to learn how to play the .....

- A) clarinet  Б) squash  
 В) recorder  Г) draughts

## IV. GRAMMAR

21. Frank helped me ..... my English homework yesterday afternoon.

- A) do  Б) doing  
 В) to do  Г) to make

22. Have you got a book ..... describes famous British festivals?

- A) where  Б) what  
 В) which  Г) that

23. I need ..... sugar in my tea.

- A) some  Б) a little  
 В) a few  Г) much

24. My sister (1) ..... me a favour and (2) ..... my bed this morning.

- A) (1) did; (2) did  
 Б) (1) did; (2) made  
 В) (1) made; (2) took  
 Г) (1) made; (2) made

25. Linda's stepfather was cruel to her so she decided to run ..... with her friend.

- A) away  Б) out of  
 В) off  Г) over

26. I'm a really responsible person, .....

- A) am I?  Б) don't I?  
 В) am not I?  Г) aren't I?

27. Five hooligans ..... during yesterday's football match.

- A) arrested  
 Б) have arrested  
 В) have been arrested  
 Г) were arrested

28. It has been pissing down since the morning. We (1) ..... play tennis if the weather (2) ..... nice today.

- A) (1) would; (2) were  
 Б) (1) could; (2) was  
 В) (1) might; (2) were  
 Г) (1) will; (2) is

29. I'm the best (1) ..... languages in class and my parents are proud (2) ..... me.

- A) (1) in; (2) about  
 Б) (1) with; (2) on  
 В) (1) at; (2) of  
 Г) (1) in; (2) of

30. My father ..... for ICI company since 2000.

- A) is working  Б) has worked  
 В) works  Г) has been working