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For questions 1-5, please refer to the following text.

Coca-Cola Co. KO -8.44% reported slightly stronger-than-expected revenue for its latest quarter, boosted by demand for tea, coffee, water and sports drinks, but the beverage company expects sales will slow down this year.

Tea and coffee sales volume rose 3% in the quarter, driven by the growth of Fuze Tea in Europe and a new line of ready-to-drink coffee in Japan. Water, enhanced water and sports drinks increased 1%. Soda declined 1%, while juice, dairy and plant-based beverages declined 2%.

In the quarter, North America soda sales volume took a 1% hit from price increases, despite higher demand for Coca-Cola Zero Sugar and Sprite. The company has been focusing on higher margins over volume gains.

Soda sales have been sliding for much of the past decade as consumers have turned to bottled water and flavored seltzer.

Overall, Coca-Cola's net revenue declined 6% to \$7.1 billion for the quarter, as a result of foreign-currency headwinds and the refranchising of company-owned bottling operations. Analysts polled by Refinitiv had expected sales of \$7.03 billion.

Source: [The Wall Street Journal](#)

1. What Asian drink was responsible for the rise in tea and coffee sales in the quarter?

A) Coca Cola Zero Sugar
B) Fuze Tea

C) Ready-to-drink coffee

D) Starbucks

2. Soda sales have decreased over the past decade as consumers have become more health conscious.

A) True

B) False

C) Uncertain

3. What does “margins” most nearly mean as used in paragraph 2?

A) border

B) leeway

C) limit

D) Surplus

4. *Analysts polled by Refinitiv had expected sales of \$7.03 billion.*

What is the best way to write the underlined portion?

A) Had expected

B) Have expected

C) Expected

D) Were expecting

5. From the passage, we can infer that...

A) Coca Cola needs to rebrand if they are going to keep up with modern times.

B) Coca Cola had a good last quarter but is proceeding with caution considering its unstable condition.

C) Coca Cola's sales are increasing steadily, and the company is trying to build on its momentum.

D) Coca Cola is not as successful as it once was because people have started to turn to other beverages.

6. In the following sentence, the underlined word most nearly means what?

Joy seemed to emanate from the young bride's flushed face.

A) radiate

B) emulate

C) emerge

D) flow

7. Choose the answer that shows how best to join these two sentences.

If I had known it was going to rain, I would have brought my umbrella. I should have checked the forecast.

A) If I had known it was going to rain, I would have brought my umbrella and I should have checked the forecast.

B) If I had known it was going to rain, I would have brought my umbrella, I should have checked the forecast.

C) If I had known it was going to rain, I would have brought my umbrella; evidently, I should have checked the forecast.

D) If I had known it was going to rain, I would have brought my umbrella I should have checked the forecast.

8. Assuming the premises are true, what can we say about the conclusion?

Some residents of Oklahoma walk backwards.

Some residents of Oklahoma eat only with a spoon.

There are some residents of Oklahoma who walk backwards and eat only with a spoon.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Uncertain

9. As used in the sentence below, abdicate is the opposite of which of the following words?

I was shocked that my supervisor would abdicate her responsibilities, leaving me to pick up the slack.

- A) Renounce
- B) Abide by
- C) Pursue
- D) Retain

10. How would you edit the underlined portion in the sentence below?

You smile just like your mother.

- A) like her.
- B) as your mother does.
- C) as her.
- D) No change

11. Assuming the premises are true, what can we say about the conclusion?

*Jaimie only eats fish on Tuesdays.
Today is Tuesday.*

Jaimie is eating a hamburger.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Uncertain

12. What does the underlined word mean in this context?

The town functioned independently of the state managing all public facilities according to the municipality's own constitution.

- A) Not belonging to a political party
- B) Not supported by public funds
- C) self-reliant and determined
- D) Free from outside control

13. What is the best way to re-write this sentence?

Gazing wistfully out the window, the snowman had caught Jenny's eye.

- A) Gazing wistfully out the window, Jenny happened to see the snowman.
- B) Gazing wistfully out the window, Jenny's eye had glanced at the snowman.
- C) The snowman had caught Jenny's eye while she was gazing wistfully out the window.
- D) Jenny looked at the snowman, which was out the window.

Questions 14 & 15 are based on the following text.

BRUSSELS—The European Union-China summit here Tuesday was meant to bolster cooperation, especially against controversial policies of President Trump. Instead, it is highlighting differences, led by growing trade tensions.

Two years ago, the EU and China seized their summit to hail strengthening ties as a bulwark against Mr. Trump's "America First" policies. Brussels hoped that with Beijing at its side the EU could uphold international rules on issues from climate change to trade.

Tuesday's summit, however, is likely to end up with Europeans questioning their nascent partnership with Beijing and pressing it on unfulfilled promises—demanding China tackle industrial subsidies and end forced technology transfers.

"It's time for the Chinese to walk the talk," an EU official said. "We are not just an advertising billboard for the Chinese."

Ahead of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang's arrival in Brussels for meetings with European Council President Donald Tusk and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, European officials threatened until the last minute to kill a painstakingly drafted joint statement.

They pushed Beijing to accept a deadline to conclude an investment agreement amid increasing frustration with China's refusal to dial down its state capitalism, which Europeans see as harmful.

While the recent shift in the EU signals a tougher stance against China, Europeans are still reluctant to take steps that would undermine the international order underpinned by the World Trade Organization. EU officials said they want to coax Beijing into action, rather than slapping it with huge tariffs as Mr. Trump did to force China into negotiations.

Source: [The Wall Street Journal](#)

14. According to the passage, the EU officials made what assumption going into negotiations?

A) China is finally ready to compromise on efforts to stem climate change.

B) China's struggle with the trade war is pressing enough on the economy that the nation's leaders would be willing to cooperate with the Europeans on other matters of international affairs.

C) The EU representatives need to harass Chinese officials in order to convince the government to make concessions.

D) China has no interest in working with the EU.

15. Which of the following statements, if true, would weaken the EU's stance?

A) Together, the EU and China would be able to put an end to the trade war.

B) President Trump's aggressive strategies are hurting is chance at securing fair international trade.

C) Historically, softer negotiation techniques have been highly effective with the Chinese.

D) The changes in international trade and environmental regulations would hurt China's global position more than the trade war with America.

Answers:

1. C
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. C
9. C
10. B
11. C
12. D
13. A
14. B
15. D