Silkworms live for only two or three days after laying eggs. About 36,000 to 50,000 eggs are laid, and these are carefully stored at the silkworm farm until they are ready to hatch. The eggs hatch into caterpillars, which feed on mulberry leaves. Soon, the caterpillars are ready to spin their cocoons. Not all caterpillars can spin silk cocoons. Only the caterpillars of silkworm moth known as ‘Bombyx mori’ can do such spinning.

This caterpillar has special glands secrete liquid silk through its lower lip. The liquid produced later hardens to form fine strands. The caterpillar makes it cocoons using these strands. The threads on the outside of the cocoons are rough, while those inside are soft and smooth.

Some fully-spun cocoons are heated. This kills the pupa inside. The cocoons are then put into hot water to loosen the fine threads. Finally, these threads are reeled off the cocoons.

The length of unbroken thread produced by a single cocoon measures about one and a half kilometers. Being twisted together several of these threads make single woven materials.

1. What is the purpose of the text ?
(A) to persuade readers to buy silk
(B) to put into different categories
(C) to entertain readers with the knowledge
(D) to present some points of view about silk
(E) to describe how silk comes into existence

2. How are the threads on the outside of the cocoons?
(A) Fine (D) Strong
(B) Soft (E) Smooth
(C) Rough

3. What are mulberry leaves for?
(A) Feeding caterpillars
(B) Spinning caterpillars
(C) Storing threads
(D) Hatching eggs
(E) Laying eggs
23 Students and their teacher, Gail Grant, were kidnapped while on an execution to the Great Barrier Reef. The children and their teacher were from Gordon Valley State High School. They are being held for a ransom of 5.7 million dollars. They are said to have gone missing at about 8.45 a.m. yesterday, after boarding for a cruise to the reef. Police are baffled as to who the kidnapper is. The headmaster of the school, Mr. Atol Smith, received a ransom note after returning to his office. The note was made from newspapers and magazines. Mr. Smith was almost in tears." "I don't know what I'm going to do." Were his words? "

Mr. Smith is now arranging an appeal to try and raise as much money as possible to give the kidnapper. Shocked parents sit in sorrow tonight, waiting for more news of their children.

4. Who were kidnapped?
   (A) Students
   (B) Students and their teacher
   (C) Gail Grant
   (D) The headmaster of the school
   (E) Mr. Atol Smith

5. What did kidnapper do after kidnapping them?
   (A) The kidnapper killed them
   (B) The kidnapper released them
   (C) The kidnapper kidnapped their headmaster
   (D) The kidnapper was shocked
   (E) The kidnapper asked a ransom

6. Which information is NOT TRUE according to the text?
   (A) The students and their teacher have gone missing about a quarter past eight.
   (B) Mr. Atol Smith is the headmaster of Gordon Valley State High School
   (C) The parents were shocked and still waiting for more news
   (D) The teacher kidnapped is Gail Grant
   (E) They have been found until news published
One might expect such a well-equipped and positioned hotel to be miles away from the city centre but, at the Shangri-la Bangkok the business district and main shopping areas are mere minutes away.

For more than 200 years, Bangkok’s grandeur has been reflected in the waters of the Chao Phraya. Today the Shangri-la Bangkok towers besides this majestic river, offers its guest the golden promise of the East.

7. This text mainly focuses on...........
   (A) Bangkok’s grandeur
   (B) Shangri-la Bangkok
   (C) Bangkok’s River Kings
   (D) The water of the Chao Praya
   (E) The majestic river in Bangkok

8. Which statement is TRUE ?
   (A) Shangri-la Bangkok is set exclusively
   (B) Shangri-la Bangkok is far from business area
   (C) The large swimming pool overlooks the mountains area
   (D) The convention and the meeting facilities can occupy more than 2000 people
   (E) The tower beside the majestic rivers offers its guest the silver promise of the East

9. The communicative purpose of this text?........
   (A) to describe Chao Praya
   (B) to retell events for entertainment
   (C) to tell the luxury of Shangri-la Bangkok
   (D) to present at least two points of view about an issue
   (E) to inform readers, listeners, or viewers about events of the day

10. In the second paragraph the writer describes...........
    (A) the location of Shangri-la
    (B) the golden promise of the East
    (C) the reflection of Bangkok’s grandeur
    (D) the distance of Shangri-la to business district
    (E) the parts, the qualities and the characteristic of Shangri-la

11. There is a breathtaking view of all exotic hustle and bustle of the fabled River of Kings. (paragraph 4). The underlined word means.............
    (A) flow (D) movement
    (B) current (E) water-course
    (C) steam

This text is for questions no. 12 – no. 15.

Nobody likes paying taxes. Even those who knows that taxation is necessary and just are reluctant to pay taxes. It is not pleasant to see part of your monthly income taken away from you in income tax. Ignorant people think this is an injustice and make a grievance of it; so it is just as well that we should know why we are taxed, so that we can see fairness of the system.

Every country must have a government of some sort, or life would be impossible. The primary duties of a government are to protect the life and property of the citizens, to maintain law and order and settle dispute between citizens in a just and orderly way through the law-courts, to defend the countries from foreign foes, and to maintain the roads and highways. Besides many governments maintain and direct education, provide hospital for the sick, and attend the sanitation. All these great public duties need money; and army and navy have to be kept up, the police force and the judges have to be paid,
schools have to be provided and teachers supported; expert health-offices and sanitary engineers have to be employed. Now where is all the money needed for the public service to come from? The question is answered by another. For those benefits are all these service maintenance? The answer is, for the benefits of the public. It is the people as a whole, rich and poor, that benefit the security of life and property, by the sound administration of justice, by the maintenance of roads, by the public hospital, public, school, and good sanitation. Therefore it is only right that the public the individual citizens of the country should contribute the money needed; for the money they give come back to them in the shape of these public benefits which all enjoy.

So long, therefore, as we have a good and efficient government, so long as our money is being used in the right way, and so long as the burden of taxation is distributed fairly, as different classes can bear it, we have no right to grumble as having to pay our share of the taxes.

12. Which of these titles is the most suitable for the text above?
(A) Objection to taxes
(B) Why citizens are taxed
(C) The burden of taxation
(D) Taxation is necessity
(E) Income taxes

13. The topic of paragraph 2 is………
(A) the reason of taxation
(B) the right of citizens
(C) the expenses of public duties
(D) the duties of a government
(E) the types of public services

14. Why do the people have to pay income tax?
(A) they have to pay taxes for the things they need
(B) they have to pay whether they are rich or poor
(C) the tax is needed to carry out the government’s public duties
(D) they have to pay tax for the things they buy or sell
(E) they have to pay tax for the government benefit

15. According to the following statements are true, EXCEPT……
(A) everyone knows that taxation is necessary
(B) the public must bear their shares of public expense
(C) it is the government’s duty to provide hospitals for the sick
(D) the same amount of income tax is imposed on the rich and the poor
(E) the taxpayers enjoy public services provided by the government