The Monkey’s Paw

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1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?
   a ____ Tom Morris knew only one of his friend’s wishes.
   b ____ Mr Morris wanted money for the monkey’s paw.
   c ____ Mr Morris’s wife died in a car accident.
   d ____ The evening Mr Morris visited the Whites, they went to bed early.
   e ____ Mrs White asked the paw to give her two more hands.
   f ____ Mrs White felt very cold when her son left for work.
   g ____ The Whites received a cheque for 30,000 pounds by post.
   h ____ Herbert was always very hungry after work.
   i ____ Mr White wished for his son to come back.
   j ____ Mrs White wanted to see the machinery where Herbert died.

2 Write the opposite of:
   a hot: ...................... f slowly: ......................
   b long: ...................... g before: ......................
   c bad: ...................... h up: ......................
   d young: ...................... i out: ......................
   e open: ...................... j rich: ......................

3 Match a number from A with a letter from B.
   A
   1 ____ This paw is magic ...
   2 ____ Mr White made the third wish ...
   3 ____ Sometimes they didn’t talk ...
   4 ____ Mrs White got very excited ...
   5 ____ Mr White got up to get a candle ...
   B
   a ... because the dark made him more afraid.
   b ... because it can give three wishes to three people.
   c ... because there was nothing to say without Herbert.
   d ... because he didn’t want to see his son again.
   e ... because there was a stranger in front of the house.

4 Fill in the gaps using: long, cold, tired, dark, true.
   a They drank whisky because it was a ................. night.
   b Mr White sat in the cold living-room for a ................. time.
   c They went back to their ................., old, house.
   d Mr White was old and ................. and the bed was warm.
   e There’s no money, Father. Your friend’s story wasn’t ................. .

5 Choose the paragraph that best summarizes the end of the story.
   A ____ Mrs White couldn’t sleep at night. She thought about her poor son in the cold cemetery. She wanted to be with him. The monkey’s paw could help her, but her husband didn’t want to make another wish. One evening she took the paw and wished to be at the cemetery with her son. Just in time her husband made a third wish.

   B ____ After Herbert’s death Mr and Mrs White weren’t as happy as before. They talked very little. Mrs White wanted to see her son again with the help of the monkey’s paw. Her husband didn’t like the idea very much but he couldn’t say no. Just in time he made a third wish.

   C ____ The Whites were very unhappy after Herbert died and they never talked. They wanted something good to happen. Mr White convinced his wife that the monkey’s paw could help them. Mr White was afraid but he made a second wish. Just in time Mrs White made a third wish.
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Setting

Choose the best answer.
1 At the beginning the White family are _____.
   a □ rich and happy  b □ rich and unhappy
   c □ poor and happy  d □ poor and unhappy
2 Mr and Mrs White have _____.
   a □ one son  b □ two sons  c □ one daughter
   d □ two daughters
3 Mrs White had her son, Herbert, when she was nearly _____.
   a □ eighteen  b □ twenty  c □ thirty
   d □ forty
4 The family live in a _____. in Castle Road.
   a □ small house  b □ big house
   c □ small flat  d □ big flat
5 Tom Morris comes to the house on a _____.
   a □ hot sunny afternoon  b □ hot sunny evening
   c □ cold rainy morning  d □ cold rainy evening
6 Tom Morris lived and worked in _____.
   a □ India  b □ Africa  c □ China
   d □ America
7 When Tom Morris comes to the house, Mr White gives him some _____.
   a □ tea  b □ whisky  c □ coffee
   d □ tea or coffee
8 Tom Morris brings _____. to the house.
   a □ a monkey  b □ two monkeys
   c □ a monkey’s paw  d □ a monkey’s head
9 Herbert works at a _____.
   a □ school  b □ factory  c □ shop
   d □ hotel
10 At work, Herbert has a ___.
    a □ big party  b □ small party
    c □ small accident  d □ very bad accident

Characters

Choose the best answer.
11 Mrs White thinks Herbert is a good _____.
   a □ writer  b □ footballer  c □ brother
   d □ son
12 Herbert plays _____. with his father.
   a □ cards  b □ chess  c □ tennis
   d □ football
13 Tom Morris is a friend of _____.
   a □ Mr White  b □ Mrs White
   c □ Mr White’s parents  d □ Herbert
14 Tom Morris was a _____. for twenty-one years.
   a □ teacher  b □ doctor  c □ soldier
   d □ taxi driver
15 Tom Morris’s wife and child are _____.
   a □ dead  b □ ill  c □ mad  d □ unhappy
16 Mrs White says she wants to have _____.
   a □ one more hand  b □ two more hands
   c □ one more leg  d □ two more legs
17 A tall, well-dressed _____. knocks at Mr and Mrs White’s door.
   a □ postman  b □ stranger  c □ friend
   d □ soldier
18 The man at the door gives Mr and Mrs White _____.
   a □ a monkey’s paw  b □ some letters
   c □ some money  d □ some bread
19 Herbert had an accident _____.
   a □ in the car park  b □ on the stairs
   c □ with a knife  d □ with some machinery
20 At the end, Mrs White wants _____. to come back.
   a □ Herbert  b □ the stranger
   c □ Tom Morris  d □ Mr White

Dialogue

Who said or wrote this?
21 ‘It’s wonderful to see you again …’
   a □ Herbert  b □ Mr White
   c □ Mrs White  d □ Tom Morris
22 ‘This monkey’s paw can do strange and wonderful things.’
   a □ Herbert  b □ Mr White
   c □ Mrs White  d □ Tom Morris
23 ‘I can’t give it to you, but, of course you can take it from me.’
   a □ Herbert  b □ Mr White
   c □ Mrs White  d □ Tom Morris
24 ‘That story about the monkey’s paw wasn’t true.’
   a □ Herbert  b □ Herbert’s friend
   c □ Mr White  d □ Tom Morris
25 ‘Did you give some money to Tom Morris for that paw?’
   a □ Herbert  b □ Herbert’s friend
   c □ Mr White  d □ Mrs White
26 ‘The monkey’s paw moved in my hand!’
   a □ Herbert  b □ Mr White
   c □ Mrs White  d □ Tom Morris
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27 ‘The men heard him – and ran to him quickly but they could do nothing.’
   a □ a policeman  b □ Mr White
   c □ the stranger  d □ Tom Morris

28 ‘Your son worked for Maw and Miggins for six years and he was a good worker.’
   a □ Mr White  b □ Mrs White
   c □ the stranger  d □ Herbert’s friend

29 ‘Think! Our boy was in the machinery for a long time.’
   a □ Mr White  b □ Mrs White
   c □ the stranger  d □ Herbert’s friend

30 ‘Wait! Wait, Herbert! I’m coming!’
   a □ Mr White  b □ Mrs White
   c □ the stranger  d □ Tom Morris

20 marks

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

31 when you continue to do something  
   a □ go off  b □ go on  c □ go up  
   d □ go out

32 a big building where workers make things
   a □ school  b □ shop  c □ factory  
   d □ station

33 the room where you sit and talk or watch television
   a □ kitchen  b □ bathroom  c □ hall  
   d □ living-room

34 when you want something that is not usually possible
   a □ find  b □ bring  c □ wish  d □ ask

35 a man who fights for his country
   a □ worker  b □ runner  c □ driver  
   d □ soldier

36 when something is very, very bad
   a □ terrible  b □ tired  c □ strange  
   d □ wonderful

37 when you give money to someone to get something
   a □ sell  b □ pay  c □ look for  d □ lose

38 the hand or foot of an animal
   a □ leg  b □ tooth  c □ paw  d □ mouth

39 the room where you cook food
   a □ dining room  b □ kitchen
   c □ cooker  d □ garden

40 when you put your hand on something
   a □ touch  b □ forget  c □ stand  d □ hear

20 marks

Plot

Choose the best answer.

41 The monkey’s paw can give three wishes to _____ people.
   a □ two  b □ three  c □ four  d □ five

42 Tom Morris thinks the monkey’s paw brings _____ with it.
   a □ good weather  b □ wonderful things
   c □ happiness  d □ unhappiness

43 Mr White puts the paw in his hand and wishes for _____.
   a □ an expensive car  b □ a new job
   c □ a lot of money  d □ some good food

44 When Mr White makes the wish, the monkey’s paw _____.
   a □ moves  b □ doesn’t move  c □ runs
   d □ speaks

45 Before Mr White goes to bed that night, he sees a _____ in the window.
   a □ dog  b □ cat  c □ monkey  d □ face

46 Mrs White thinks the stranger is bringing them some _____.
   a □ money  b □ flowers  c □ food
   d □ coffee

47 The stranger doesn’t want Mr and Mrs White to _____.
   a □ come to the factory  b □ see Herbert at the hospital
   c □ go to the cemetery  d □ talk about Tom

48 The stranger gives Mr and Mrs White _____ pounds.
   a □ thirty  b □ three hundred  c □ three thousand
   d □ thirty thousand

49 One night Mrs White remembers the two _____.
   a □ soldiers  b □ monkeys  c □ wishes
   d □ friends

50 At the end, when Mr White looks outside, he sees _____.
   a □ Herbert  b □ the postman  c □ Tom Morris  d □ nobody

20 marks

Total marks