

You MUST write your answer in the answer sheet for all questions

Most of us have only experienced war through books or the media. However, war is a lot more than that, especially for the people who had experienced war personally. The memories of the hardship and difficulty they experienced are firmly imprinted in their minds for the rest of their lives.

It is indeed sad that leaders of certain countries quickly declare war whenever there is conflict between two countries. In the past, leaders of countries were seldom concerned with maintaining good relationships with their neighbours but were more interested in gaining more power by conquering other cities. This is why there have been two world wars in the first fifty years of the twentieth century.

War may occur because of various reasons, but more often than not, the reason of war is quickly forgotten amidst the tragedy of it. The amount of destruction that takes place during war is massive and once started, war spreads like a disease and rarely achieves anything.

Many have questioned the necessity of war, especially because of the huge number of towns and cities that are destroyed and people who are killed. The people who call for war are usually the leaders of the country. Ironically, they are also the ones who are safely and comfortably protected in their homes when war happens. The people who come forward and are prepared to sacrifice their lives are the common people, who are also the ones to suffer from the shortage of food and water that is inevitable in any war.

During the Japanese Occupation that occurred in Singapore during the Second World War, many Singaporeans experienced great hardship and countless others lost their lives. It was only until atomic bombs were dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki did the Japanese surrender. Where previous methods had failed, the bombs were successful in ending the war. What was sad, however, was the fact that so many Japanese people had to die because their leaders had been so thirsty for power. It could have been avoided if they had chosen to surrender earlier.

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C OR D)

- (1) The phrase 'Most of us have only experienced war through books or the media', the writer means that:
- (A) most people have not personally experienced war. (B) most people have personally experienced war.
(C) most people have not heard about war. (D) most people read books about wars
- 2) What does 'they' in paragraph 1 refer to ?
- A) it refers to people
B) it refers to memories
(B) it refers to hardship and difficulty
(D) it refers to minds

- (3) The phrase 'war is a lot more than that', the writer means that:
(A) reading about war is not like actual seeing (B) war should be seen and not heard
(C) war is more than reading films and seeing books. (D) none of the above
- (4) the phrase 'firmly imprinted' (paragraph 1) suggests
(A) people will not be able to forget the events that happened during the war for ever.
(B) War experience is quickly forgotten
(C) publishers usually printed their names below the title on the first page
(D) The terrible scenes of war will imprinted temporarily on people's memories
- (5) In paragraph 2, the writer is 'sad' because
(A) Leaders of certain countries declare war without reason
(B) leaders of certain countries don't think deeply about starting war
(C) leaders of certain countries should not declare war at all. (D) none of the above
- (6) In the past, leaders of countries
(A) were never concerned with maintaining good relationships with their neighbours
(B) attacked one another as they wanted to increase their power.
(C) were always concerned with maintaining good relationships with their neighbours. (D) none of the above
- (7) the word 'conquering', paragraph 2, means
(A) to take control of a country and its people by force
(B) to take control of a country and its people through peace
(C) to build a country and help its people (D) none of the above
- (8) Why were there two world wars in the first half of the twentieth century ?
(A) because leaders of countries wanted to increase their power.
(B) because leaders did not think about the effects of war
(C) because leaders wanted to establish good relationships with their neighbours (D) none of the above
- (9) the first World War happened in
(A) the first century
(C) before fifty years (B) in the twenty first century
(D) none of the above
- (10) What does the writer mean by 'the reason of war is quickly forgotten' (paragraph 3) ?
He means that once war begins,
(A) people will soon forget why the war started in the first place (B) people suffer from its effect
(C) people keep thinking about the causes of war (D) none of the above
- (11) The writer compares war to a 'disease' (paragraph 3), to mean
(A) War is a disease.
(C) war is infectious (B) war is disastrous
(D) War spreads quickly and its effects are usually fatal.
- (12) Why have people 'questioned the necessity of war' (paragraph 4)?
(A) because once war started it is difficult to stop it
(C) because war usually achieve its objectives (B) Because it deserves the sacrifice
(D) none of the above

- (13) when war happens,
 (A) people are protected in their homes
 (C) leaders suffer from consequences of war
 (B) leaders sacrifice their lives
 (D) none of the above
- (14) In paragraph 4, the word 'ironically' means:
 (A) common people who called for war are safe from the effects
 (B) leaders who called for war are safe from the effects
 (C) leaders who suffer are those who had no say in the decision.
 (D) Common people who suffer are those who had no say in the decision
- (15) Why do you think people went forward to fight despite the obvious risks of war ?
 (A) because of their poverty
 (C) because of their ignorance
 (B) because of their loyalty to their leaders/country.
 (D) could be all the above
- (16) What does the writer mean by using the word 'inevitable' (paragraph 4)? He means that
 (A) food and water will be available during war
 (C) shortage of food and water cannot be avoided during a war.
 (B) The Japanese tried to avoid war
 (D) None of the above
- (17) The Japanese surrendered because
 (A) The atomic bombs were dropped on Singapore
 (C) The Japanese occupied Singapore
 (B) The Japanese tried to avoid war
 (D) None of the above
- (18) What does 'it' in paragraph 5, line 5, refer to ?
 (A) It refers to the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
 (C) It refers to power
 (B) It refers to war
 (D) It refers to Nagasaki
- (19) Why did Japan occupy Singapore?
 (A) to destroy it
 (C) to gain more power
 (B) to kill its people
 (D) none of the above
- (20) many Japanese people died because
 (A) their leaders did not surrender earlier
 (C) Japanese people were so thirsty for power
 (B) their leaders wanted them to die
 (D) none of the above

Choose the word or phrase that will correctly complete the conversation.

- (21) Ibb is a large city, _____ ?
 (A) Aren't it
 (B) doesn't it
 (C) won't it
 (D) isn't it
- (22) You do like going to the party alone. _____ you?
 (A) Does
 (B) Do
 (C) Don't
 (D) Doesn't
- (23) The board meeting was held _____
 (A) At Tuesday
 (B) with Thursday
 (C) in Friday
 (D) on Monday

Mary _____ rather not invest her savings in the stock market.
 is to (B) must (C) could (D) would

Most basketball players are 6 _____ tall or more.
 'ots (B) foot (C) feet (D) feet

Mara _____ three thousand words for her essay.
 ave wrote (B) has wrote (C) have written (D) has write

Neither Sarah nor Tina _____ the crime yesterday.
 itness (B) witnesses (C) witnessed (D) wit

appy memories are always remembered, not _____.
 rget (B) forgets (C) forgotten (D) forgot

What year did you _____ university?
 aduate (B) graduate from (C) graduating (D) graduating from

If I were rich, I buy a huge house in Dubai.
 ill (B) did (C) would (D) shall

When Gregory arrived at the disco, Hania

ready left (B) has already left (C) had already left (D) left

My mother never been to a cricket match.
 is (B) haven't (C) hasn't (D) hadn't

'I on holiday to Poland, I wouldn't have met Donata.
 ant (B) didn't go (C) hadn't gone (D) haven't gone

light Z735 _____ yesterday. 350 passengers died in that accident.
 ashed (B) crushed (C) crush (D) crash

They didn't _____ John when he explained his decision
 ree with (B) agree to (C) agree (D) agree about