Antibiotics Reading: Answers

1) What is the overall main idea of this article?
   a) Antibiotics can be dangerous if given to children
   b) Doctors prescribe too many antibiotics and that is causing the spread of more diseases
   c) The overuse of antibiotics is making them less effective; therefore, doctors should prescribe fewer antibiotics.
   d) Since antibiotics are being used and prescribed more frequently, doctors are to blame for the rise in antibiotic resistance.

2) What are antibiotics used for?
   a) treat bacterial infections
   b) create resistance
   c) cure viral diseases
   d) none of the above

3) According to the text, what is the main problem with overusing antibiotics?
   a) People are becoming more and more reliant on antibiotics
   b) It is causing diseases to spread
   c) Bacteria are becoming resistant to the antibiotics
   d) They are being over-prescribed

4) What is the mistaken belief about antibiotics?
   a) they cause diseases
   b) they cure almost all diseases
   c) they are used too much
   d) they are not always effective

5) What is the main idea of the 3rd paragraph?
   a) Day care workers want children to take antibiotics in order to reduce the chances of spreading infection to other children; therefore, they urge parents to give their children antibiotics
   b) Parents need to give their children antibiotics in order to send them to day centers.
   c) Though antibiotics may not always be necessary, day care workers often insist that parents give their children antibiotics when the children are sick.
   d) People mistakenly believe that antibiotics work.

6) Antibiotics effectively cure viral diseases.
   a) true
   b) false

7) Physicians prescribe antibiotics because _____.
   a) they earn more money
   b) patients persistently ask for the medication
   c) they know that constant antibiotic use is beneficial
8) Parents are under pressure from others to give their child antibiotics.
   a) true
   b) false

9) Why is the antibiotic resistance to streptococcal infections particular a concern?
   a) because streptococcal infections are fatal
   b) because the strep bacteria is responsible for several diseases
   c) because streptococcal infections lead to Salmonella
   d) because there is not available vaccination against the strep bacteria

10) Being infected by a variation of the Enterococcus bacteria may result in a fatal illness.
    a) true
    b) false

11) Vancomycin can sometimes be used to replace virginiamycin.
    a) true
    b) false

12) According to the article, a reduction in the amount of antibiotic resistance has recently been seen.
    a) true
    b) false

13) According to the text, how are medical researchers hoping to slow antibiotic resistance?
    a) by spreading awareness about the proper use of antibiotics
    b) by advising doctors to prescribe fewer antibiotics
    c) both a and b
    d) neither a nor b

14) The word render in line 4 means ___.
    a) make
    b) result
    c) prevent
    d) encourage

15) The word reliance in line 7 means _____.
    a) use
    b) dependence
    c) hope
    d) need

16) They in line 14 refers to _____.
    a) people
    b) doctors
c) medication

d) antibiotics

17) The word *erroneously* in line 14 means _______.
   a) quickly
   b) slowly
   c) **incorrectly**
   d) accurately

18) The phrase *giving in to* means _______.
   a) allowing
   b) passing
   c) fighting
   d) forcing

19) *This problem* in line 48 refers to _______.
   a) overcrowding in nursery schools
   b) **excessive prescription of antibiotics**
   c) medical visits
   d) parents being forceful with doctors

20) The word *appropriate* in line 49 means _______.
   a) **suitable**
   b) reduced
   c) collected
   d) avoiding