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Reading Comprehension: Greek Myths

Read the following texts and answer the questions.

Text 1.

Myths are traditional stories usually related to the early history of a group of people or a culture. Myths explained natural or social phenomenon. Most involve supernatural beings and events.

Myths are NOT true. They are make-believe and imaginary stories. They may be related to religious beliefs and rituals, used to explain things like fire, the changing seasons, lightning and thunder, or parts of animals, like how an elephant got its trunk. They are also used to teach humans how to behave and live with each other. The characters in myths include gods, goddesses, monsters, and many heroes.

Myths have been created by the Native Americans, Egyptians, Romans, Indians, and other cultures and religions. However, ancient Greek mythology is most often thought of when the subject is related to myths. Their stories about the ancient Greek gods are still popular and told throughout the world today.

Many of the Greeks believed in the myths which helped them to understand (during that time-period), the environment, the passing of time, and about the world. They were interested in their origin just like people of today, and for Ancient Greece, the myths were used for advice, information, a way to maintain contact with ancestors, and for educational purposes. Of course, there were also people who did not believe in them and thought of them as fairy tales.

Mostly during their civilization, the Greeks worshipped the gods and goddesses in relation to their religious beliefs. Greek mythology includes all the stories and tales about the gods and goddesses. The gods and goddess would appear in different stories, but their personalities and powers would not change.

Each of the gods had one or more magical powers, and they used their powers for good, trickery, and for adventure. Since stories were not written down, many of the ancient Greek storytellers recited a story differently.

Many of the gods and goddesses of Greek mythology are related to each other. For example, **Hercules** is the son of **Zeus**, and Zeus' wife is his own sister, the

goddess **Hera** (goddess of women, marriage, and childbirth. **Poseidon** (god of the ocean, earthquakes and horses) is Zeus' and Hades' brother. **Apollo** (could see the future, heal people, and bring illness) has a twin sister named Artemis. Each of the gods and goddesses had a special place as patrons in Ancient Greece as well, such as Zeus being the god of the sky and lightning. In addition, there are symbols associated with each of the gods and goddesses, as well as individual myths and stories.

Other Greek gods and goddesses include: **Cronus**, the God of time and he was believed to be the creator of the world. **Atlas**, often shown holding the Earth because due to a loss he had to hold the heavens on his shoulders. **Helios** was the God of the Sun who drove the chariot of the sun across the sky each day. **Aphrodite**, the goddess of love and beauty and could cause others to fall in love with the wearer of a special belt.

There were many others, and besides the gods and goddesses of Greek Mythology, there were many monsters and creatures as characters in the myths. One such creature was **Medusa**, a monster called a Gorgon. She had a woman's face but had snakes in place of hair. Anyone who peered into her eyes would be turned to stone.

Questions

1. All the following were reasons for the development of ancient myths. EXCEPT:
 - a. For religious beliefs and rituals
 - b. Explain the changing seasons
 - c. Teach humans how to behave and lives
 - d. For time travel in the past or future.

2. Greeks most often worshipped the gods and goddesses during which of the following?
 - a. Religious rituals
 - b. Special celebrations like birthdays
 - c. At times of war

d. At times of peace

3. Which of the following is the god or goddess of the ocean, earthquakes and horses

- a. Hera
- b. Cronus
- c. Poseidon
- d. Helios

4. Which of the following is the god or goddess of the sky and lightning?

- a. Medusa
- b. Zeus
- c. Apolo
- d. Hades

5. Which of the following is the god or goddess of love and beauty?

- a. Aphrodite
- b. Zeus
- c. Hercules
- d. Helios

6. Which of the following is Atlas shown holding because of a loss he had in a battle?

- a. The moon
- b. The sky
- c. The ocean
- d. The earth

Grammar: Articles A/ AN and THE

For each of the following sentences, fill in the blank with either “a”, “an”, “the”, or “no article”.

1. _____ Chinese is a difficult language to learn.
2. _____ general's army attacked the city at night.
3. I like to play _____ basketball.
4. My parents gave me _____ basketball for my birthday.

5. She is _____ prettiest girl in the school.
6. I have _____ idea! Let's go bowling.
7. I have borrowed _____ money from her before.
8. My first apartment was on _____ Orange Street.
9. _____ dress she is wearing is blue. 10. He is _____ real gentleman.
10. _____ Seoul is the capital of South Korea.
11. Most people who live in _____ small town are happy.
12. I have been playing _____ tennis for three years.
13. We had _____ really good time at the park.
14. I am _____ only person here who speaks German.
15. Look at _____ time! We're going to be late!
16. I have borrowed _____ money from her before.
17. Most people who live in _____ Italy are Catholic.
18. I have _____ horse. 10. I've never been to _____ mountains.

5. Choose the correct article:

19. How much money do you want? Give me _____ 10 dollars.
a) No article b) the
20. I gave him _____ money that I found.
a) No article b) the
21. She is _____ only person here that speaks Japanese.
a) No article b) the
22. I live in _____ London.
a) No article b) the
23. This kind of _____ weather makes me happy.
a) No article b) a
24. He bought _____ new car.
a) No article b) a
25. What does he do? He sells _____ cars.

a) No article b) the

26. I live on _____ Washington Street.

a) No article b) the

27. I drank _____ glass of milk.

a) No article b) a

28. Two of my classmates come from _____ Vietnam.

a) No article b) the

29. This city is _____ really good place to live.

a) a b) No article

30. He's _____ really friendly. a) a b) No article

31. I have a dog, and my neighbors have _____ dogs as well.

a) the b) No article

32. Did you hear about _____ dogs that saved the little girl's life?

a) the b) No article

33. Would you like _____ glass of juice?

a) a b) No article

34. I don't want to follow _____ instructions that he gave me.

a) No article b) the

35. I generally don't follow _____ orders very well.

a) No article b) the

36. My ex-girlfriend used to live in _____ Boston.

a) the b) No article

37. Can you get me _____ chocolate bar from the fridge?

a) No article b) a

38. We don't allow this kind of _____ behavior!

a) No article b) a

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