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As a general rule, all forms of activity lead to boredom when they are performed on a routine basis. As a matter of fact, we can see this ____1____ at work in people of all ____2____. For example, on Christmas morning, children are excited about ____3____ with their new toys. But their ____4____ soon wear off and by January those ____5____ toys can be found put away in the basement. The world is full of ____6____ stamp albums and unfinished models, each standing as a monument to someone's ____7____ interest. When parents bring home a pet, their child ____8____ bathes it and brushes its fur. Within a short time, however, the ____9____ of caring the animal is handed over to the parents. Adolescent enter high school with great ____10____ but soon looking forward to ____11____. The same is true of the young adults going to the college. And then, how many ____12____, who complain about the long drives to work, ____13____ drove for hours at a time when they first ____14____ their drivers licenses? Before people retire, they usually ____15____ to do a lot of ____16____ things, which never had ____17____ while working. But ____18____ after retirement, the golfing, the fishing, the reading and all of the other pastimes become as boring as the jobs they ____19____. And, like the child in January, they go searching for new ____20____.

1. A.principle B.habit C.way D.power
2. A.parties B.races C.countries D.ages
3. A.working B.living C.playing D.going
4. A.confidence B.interest C.anxiety D.sorrow
5. A.same B.extra C.funny D.expensive
6. A.well-organized B.colorfully-printed C.newly-collected D.half-filled
7. A.broad B.passing C.different D.main
8. A.silently B.impatiently C.gladly D.worriedly
9. A.promise B.burden C.right D.game
10. A.courage B.calmness C.confusion D.excitement
11. A.graduation B.independence C.responsibility D.success
12. A.children B.students C.adults D.retirees
13. A.carefully B.eagerly C.nervously D.bravely
14. A.required B.obtained C.noticed D.discovered
15. A.need B.learn C.start D.plan
16. A.great B.strange C.difficult D.correct
17. A.time B.money C.skills D.knowledge
18. A.only B.well C.even D.soon
19. A.lost B.choose C.left D.quit
20. A.pets B.toys C.friends D.colleagues

2.

October sixteenth is World Food Day. This day is also the anniversary of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization(F. A. O.). The UN agency leads international efforts to defeat world hunger. It was created in 1945.

The F. A. O. says more than one hundred fifty countries are to hold special events to celebrate World Food Day. At F. A. O. headquarters in Rome, for example, runners will compete in a five-kilometer race through the city's historical area. Events in other countries include discussions among experts, press conferences and musical programs.

The message of this year's World Food Day is "investing in agriculture for food security". The F. A. O. says, "During the early 1990s, the foreign aid for agriculture was nine thousand million dollars each year. But now, it has declined to less than five thousand million dollars a year." Yet, the F. A. O. estimates that more than eight hundred and fifty million people around the world do not get enough food.

The UN agency notes that seventy percent of the world's hungry lies in the farmers who grow small amount of food. Many also face problems of feeding themselves. The F. A. O. says agricultural aid could help small farmers make a profit from their crops. Farmers would also be able to feed their families throughout the year and re-invest in their farms. They could buy better seeds, equipment and chemical fertilizers to help their crops grow.

Muhammad Yunis, the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to improve the lives of poor people, as well as his Bangladesh microfinance organization, the Grameen Bank, has lent small amount of money to poor people who are unable to get traditional loans, especially women. Minister Yunis says that he plans to give his share of the one million three hundred thousand dollars Nobel award to good causes. He says he wants to establish an eye hospital and start a project to produce low-cost food for the poor.

21. To celebrate the World Food Day, how many kinds of activities are mentioned in the passage?

- A. Two. B. Three. C. Four. D. Five.