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THE BLUE JACKAL (Lo sciacallo blu)

Once upon a time there was a forest by a city. The forest was the home of many animals. Among them was a jackal. There were many other jackals who belonged to the same pack but the others moved around together and seldom left the forest. Now this particular jackal was more adventurous and often *strayed* into the village in search of food. He had already tasted the wonderful things the human beings were fond and went to look for some whenever he could. It was not a particularly easy thing to do. He knew that the human beings would give him a sound beating if he were caught. Besides, the city was full of dogs and the jackal was afraid of them. They were sure to kill him or hurt him badly if they ever managed to catch him. But the lure of food proved too strong for him and the jackal went to the city again and again. One day just as he was about to enter a big house he heard the sound of loud barking. To his horror he saw a group of dogs running towards the house. They looked fierce and the jackal was soon trembling in fear. He started to run and *narrowly* fell right inside a container of blue dye. The dogs missed him and ran the other way. By the time the jackal climbed out of the tub he was dyed blue from head to foot. He looked really strange and totally unlike any other animal. The jackal was very happy. "No one will be able to recognize me now," he told himself. "I can easily trick everyone in the forest."

The jackal was quite right. When he entered the forest once again everyone was surprised to see such a strange animal. They had never seen any animal of that colour before. "Who are you?" the smaller animals asked him. "Where have you come from?" asked the mighty lion with a frown. "Did someone send you?" asked the fierce tiger giving him a keen look. "Lord Indra, king of heaven, has sent me to [I] you," said the blue jackal in a grand voice. "I'll be your king from now on." "But I have always been the king of the forest!" protested the mighty lion. "All that must change now as I am the king," said the blue jackal enjoying himself. "All of you must serve me and do exactly as I tell you."

"What if we don't?" asked the tiger. "Then Lord Indra will destroy the entire forest and all of you with it," said the blue jackal. The animals did not dare to say anything more. "What would you like us to do?" they asked the blue jackal. "Bring me lots of food, to start with," said the blue jackal promptly. "I am hungry and can't take care of you unless I am properly looked after." The animals rushed off in different directions. Before long they were back with lots of food. They took care to bring whatever they could find and offered the best of everything to the blue jackal. The jackal was happy and had [II]. Of course, there was far more food than he could eat. "Now all of you can eat up the rest of the food", he said. "But mind you, you must bring me fresh food every day."

The animals promised to serve him faithfully. He assigned special duties to all the animals but banished the pack of jackals from the forest because he was afraid they might recognize him some day.

The blue jackal had a wonderful time after that. He did not need to step out of the forest or risk confronting the dogs. He now got the best of everything without doing anything at all. He laughed by himself whenever he remembered [III] the lot – including the tiger, the mighty elephant and the lion who considered themselves too grand for words. But one day something unexpected happened. The banished pack of jackals was just outside the forest and howled together loudly. The blue jackal forgot himself and joined in the howling just as he [IV] before. The other animals were present when it happened and stared at him incredulously. Then they stared. Here was their mighty blue king howling just like a jackal! So after all he was a jackal and not a strange creature sent from heaven! He had merely coloured himself somehow and had been tricking them all these days! Tricking the lion king, the fierce tiger and the mighty elephant!

Well, they were not going to be tricked any longer. They fell upon the blue jackal and killed him before he could explain or protest. And that was the end of the blue jackal's reign as king and the animals of the forest returning to the status quo.

01. What is the main point in the text?

A) If you want to trick then you must be consistent  
B) Eating is essential in the jungle  
C) The mightier the animal, the more easily tricked  
D) You should always stay with your own

Risposta corretta: A
02. In the passage what does inadvertently mean?

A) Unintentionally  
B) As quickly as he could  
C) In a frightened way  
D) With great care  

Risposta corretta: A  

03. The text demonstrates that the jackal

A) took advantage of apparent adversity  
B) had been planning to trick his fellow animals for some time  
C) had always been somewhat lazy  
D) feared dogs more than any other animal  

Risposta corretta: A  

04. The passage demonstrates that

A) there seem to be no half measures in the animal world  
B) the animals discuss the question of the blue jackal at length  
C) humans remain detached from the problems of the forest  
D) death is inevitable when you trick others  

Risposta corretta: A  

05. In the passage strayed means

A) wandered  
B) plotted  
C) run  
D) navigated  

Risposta corretta: A  

06. Which is accurate in reference to the text?

A) The minor animals appear to be god-fearing  
B) The minor characters spend all their time thinking of how to treat the blue jackal  
C) The minor characters willingly get food for the jackal  
D) The minor characters would prefer to deprive him of his privileges  

Risposta corretta: A  

07. Lord Indra, king of heaven, has sent me to [I] you. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) look after  
B) look at  
C) looking after  
D) defend from  

Risposta corretta: A  

08. The jackal was happy and had [II]. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) his fill  
B) his swill  
C) his fully  
D) his fool  

Risposta corretta: A
THE WALLET (Il portafoglio)

I found a wallet, picked it up and checked it. Three dollars and a letter that looked as if it were there for years. Only the return address on the envelope was legible. I opened it, looking for a clue. The date line -1924! Such beautiful handwriting on powder blue stationery with a flower in the corner. It informed the addressee, Michael, that the writer could not see him again because of her mother. She wrote she would always love him - Hannah. What a letter! “Michael” was a small clue. I called the operator saying I had found a wallet with an address in it and wanted to trace the owner. She suggested [I] to her supervisor, who hesitated but said she could not release the number. However, she called the number herself and got back to me: “I have someone to speak to you.” The woman on the other end of the line gasped, “We bought this house from a family whose daughter was Hannah. It was 30 years ago!” She went on to say: “I remember that Hannah [II] her mother in a nursing home some years ago.”

I called the home - the lady had died some years before but they had a contact for the daughter. I thanked them and phoned - Hannah herself was now living in a nursing home! Embarrassed, I called the nursing home where Hannah be living and they answered, “Yes, Hannah is here.”

I asked to come to see her. They replied, “Sure, she might be in the television room.”

On my arrival, the night nurse and a guard greeted me. In the day room I was introduced to Hannah - silver-haired with a smile and a twinkle in her eye. I showed her the letter. Seeing the envelope, she took a deep breath, “This was the last contact I had with Michael.”

She looked away, deep in thought and continued, “I loved him very much. But I was only 16 and my mother thought me too young. Oh, he was so handsome. Michael Goldstein was a wonderful person. If you find him, tell him I think of him often. And,” she hesitated for a moment, almost biting her lip, “tell him I still love him. You know I never did marry.”

After thanking her, I took the elevator to the first floor and as I stood by the door, the guard asked, “Was she able to help you?” I mentioned the information I had found. I had taken out the wallet and when he saw it, he said, “That's Mr. Goldstein's wallet. I'd know it anywhere with that bright red lacing. He [III] that wallet. I have found it in the halls at least three times.”

"Who's Mr. Goldstein?" I asked, my hand shaking. “He's a resident on the 8th floor. That's his for sure.” I ran back to the nurse's office and we returned to the elevator. I prayed Mr. Goldstein would be up. The floor nurse informed us he was still reading in the day room. We proceeded to the room with lights on and a man was reading a book. The nurse asked if he had lost his wallet. Mr. Goldstein put his hand in his back pocket and said, "Oh, it is missing!" I handed Mr. Goldstein the wallet and the second he saw it, he smiled with relief and said, "Yes, that's it! It must out of my pocket this afternoon. You deserve a reward."

"No need," I said. "But I must say I read the letter in the hope of finding the owner." His face became grey as anger caused the smile to disappear. "You read that letter?"

"Not only did I read it, I think I know where Hannah is." He suddenly grew pale. "Hannah? You know where she is? How is she? Is she as pretty as she was? Please tell me," he begged.

"She's fine... as pretty as ever." I replied.

He smiled. "Could you tell me where she is? I want to call her." Grabbing me, he said, "You know I was in love with her. That letter ended my life. I have never got [IV]. I guess I've always loved her."
"Mr. Goldstein," I said, "Come."
"Hannah," a nurse said softly, pointing to Michael, who was waiting with me in the doorway. "Do you know this man?"
She adjusted her glasses, looked for a moment, speechless. Michael whispered, "Hannah, it's Michael. Do you remember?"
He walked slowly towards her and they embraced. The nurse and I left with tears streaming down our faces.
About three weeks later I got a call from the home. "Can you come to the home? Michael and Hannah are going to tie the knot!

11. What is the main point in the text?
   A) Destiny determines the respective lives of two elderly people
   B) A mother ruins a young couple's chance to achieve eternal happiness
   C) The narrator is determined to solve someone else's problem
   D) If you wait you will be rewarded
   Risposta corretta: A

12. In the passage what does to tie the knot mean?
   A) To get married
   B) To tie your laces
   C) To hang yourself
   D) To connect the dots
   Risposta corretta: A

13. The passage depicts Michael in his initial reaction as
   A) somewhat resentful
   B) grateful
   C) hopeful
   D) ready to continue the conversation
   Risposta corretta: A

14. According to the passage
   A) Most people involved were helpful
   B) Hannah's parents encouraged them to marry
   C) The narrator encouraged them to marry
   D) Hannah kept the letter for many years
   Risposta corretta: A

15. In the passage stationery means
   A) paper
   B) a sticker
   C) a postcard
   D) cardboard
   Risposta corretta: A

16. Which is accurate in reference to the text?
   A) A series of circumstances leads to a reunion
   B) Destiny puts back the years and the elderly couple becomes like two courting teenagers
   C) Hannah, just like Michael, led a very sad life
   D) Love comes to everybody sooner or later
   Risposta corretta: A
17. She suggested [I] to her supervisor. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) that I should speak  
B) me to speak  
C) spoken  
D) we had spoke

Risposta corretta: A

18. I remember that Hannah [II] her mother in a nursing home some years ago. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) placed  
B) had placed  
C) to have placed  
D) would place

Risposta corretta: A

19. He [III] that wallet. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) is always losing  
B) always lose  
C) never forget  
D) will ever find

Risposta corretta: A

20. I have never got [IV]. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) married to anyone else  
B) married by anyone else  
C) married someone else  
D) to married anyone else

Risposta corretta: A

21. She cannot see the mirror _____ the steam. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) because of  
B) because  
C) without  
D) thought

Risposta corretta: A

22. Despite the bad weather we managed _____ ourselves. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) to enjoy  
B) enjoying  
C) from enjoying  
D) there enjoy

Risposta corretta: A

23. Those women must _____ English at school. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) have studied
24. He is out playing at the moment. He should _____ at home. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) be studying  
   B) has to study  
   C) with study  
   D) studied  
   Risposta corretta: A

25. That father should not _____ the boy smoke. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) let  
   B) cause  
   C) get  
   D) make to  
   Risposta corretta: A

26. It's not a surprise they _____ this morning. They won the Cup yesterday! Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) are celebrating  
   B) would celebrate  
   C) want celebrate  
   D) could be celebrate  
   Risposta corretta: A

27. If they _____, they will have to get a taxi. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) do not leave immediately  
   B) went out now  
   C) have went  
   D) were leaving late  
   Risposta corretta: A

28. The mother complains to the child ____. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) about eating sweets  
   B) always eat sweets  
   C) cannot to eat sweets  
   D) should not to eat sweets  
   Risposta corretta: A

29. It's 9.30 in the morning and the boy is yawning. _____ last night. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) He didn't sleep well  
   B) He sleep badly last night  
   C) He didn't slept at all  
   D) He has slept little  
   Risposta corretta: A
30. The great writer _____ into a rural community 150 years ago. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) was born  
B) is born  
C) borne  
D) had born  

Risposta corretta: A

31. The dog is very angry! He _____ bite the child. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) is going to  
B) is going  
C) can to  
D) has  

Risposta corretta: A

32. How long _____ when she was in Brazil last year? Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) did she spend in Recife  
B) she spent in Recife  
C) has she spent in Recife  
D) has she been spending in Recife  

Risposta corretta: A

33. Mike is at university now and _____ study three hours a day. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) has to  
B) have to  
C) musts  
D) may be  

Risposta corretta: A

34. Mary is taking French at university. I was told that she ____. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) was studying German  
B) is taken Spanish  
C) is preferring Arabic  
D) will studying Russian  

Risposta corretta: A

35. Timothy ____ since 2008. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) has been a teacher  
B) was a teacher  
C) is a teacher  
D) would a teacher  

Risposta corretta: A

36. Up until the present recession the company _____. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) made a lot of money  

Risposta corretta: A
37. Hi Amanda! You're really slim! _____. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) Have you been on a diet?
B) Did you a diet?
C) Are you on diet?
D) How much weight have you loss?

Risposta corretta: A

38. I cannot remember the actor's name but everybody _____. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) has heard of him
B) have heard of him
C) has heard from him
D) heard about him

Risposta corretta: A

39. It is easier to get used _____ English if you are in England. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) to speaking
B) to speak
C) with speak
D) with speaking

Risposta corretta: A

40. How many civilians and soldiers _____ in the 60/70s in the Vietnam War? Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) died
B) did dead
C) have died
D) do not die

Risposta corretta: A

41. After the news of her father's accident, the little girl burst _____ tears. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) into
B) out
C) over
D) by

Risposta corretta: A

42. Mum and dad congratulated him _____ the exam. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?

A) on passing
B) for have passed
C) now passing
D) on being passed
43. The cat _____ when the old lady arrived. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) was sleeping  
   B) sleeps  
   C) is sleeping  
   D) did slept
   Risposta corretta: A

44. The striker in the present team _____ me of the one they had in the 80s. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) reminds  
   B) remembers  
   C) memorizes  
   D) minds
   Risposta corretta: A

45. His hair was too long and so he _____ yesterday. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) had it cut  
   B) had them to cut  
   C) got them cut  
   D) made his hair cut
   Risposta corretta: A

46. I met my boyfriend on holiday last year. After the holiday we _____ . Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) wrote to each other  
   B) wrote to both of us  
   C) wrote to ourselves  
   D) started to write each another
   Risposta corretta: A

47. She _____ Peter when she was a child. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) fell in love with  
   B) fell in love for  
   C) was fallen in love with  
   D) felled love for
   Risposta corretta: A

48. The visit to the museum always lasts a long time! The child is probably bored but _____ anything. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) he must not touch  
   B) he does not have to touch  
   C) he should touch  
   D) might to touch
   Risposta corretta: A

49. The situation deteriorated considerably and the patient was _____ hospital immediately. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
A) admitted to
B) rush in
C) recovered to
D) been transferred in

Risposta corretta: A

50. Since she had dark hair the actress had to _____ for the part in the film. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) have her hair dyed
   B) dyes her hair
   C) get died her hair
   D) get cut her hair

Risposta corretta: A

Rispondete alle successive domande 51 e 52, SOLO se espressamente indicato dalla Commissione.

DOMANDE DI RISERVA [ 51-52 ]

51. When she was a girl the lady _____ ballet. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) used to practise
   B) was used to practise
   C) would practised
   D) was practising

Risposta corretta: A

52. The new jacket was very smart, indeed. I wonder _____ it. Which is the correct word or words for the space from (A) to (D)?
   A) how much he paid for
   B) how much money he paid
   C) how much cost
   D) what costs it

Risposta corretta: A