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indicates that they took fewer fish because there were fewer fish to catch, not because they were trying to preserve fishes. Passage Two

Everybody has to die someday. But nobody likes to think about it. Even so, at some time in their lives most people manage to think about the question of how to make a will. If you have already made yours, it's probably just a few pages of writing, stating that you wish to leave everything to your family. That's the kind of will that the majority of people make. However, there are plenty of ways to make your will more interesting if you want to. To begin with, you don't have to write it on paper. One man wrote his will on an envelope, another on a door, and the third on an egg. For some people, the most important part of their will is the part that says how they want to be buried. Mrs. Sundrew West, a rich widow from Texas, decided that she wanted to be buried with her favorite car. In 1973, Mr. Green, a dentist from England, left most of his money to the nurse who worked for him if, in 5 years, she wouldn't wear any kind of make-up or jewelry or go out with men. Finally, let's hope that your will is not like that of Dr. Wagner, who lived in America one hundred years ago. His family, who had not been to see him for years, suddenly began to visit him when he became ill. What was worse, each person suggested to Dr. Wagner that they would like something to remember him by when he died. Greatly annoyed with them, Dr. Wagner wrote a will that would do this: To each of his four brothers, he left one of his legs or arms. His nephew got his nose, and his two nieces each got an ear, his teeth went to his cousins. Then he set aside one thousand dollars to pay for cutting up his body and the

rest of his money, he left to the poor. Passage Three

In recent years, there has been an unusually large number of divorces in the United States. In the past, when two people married each other, they intended to stay together for life. While today many people marry, believing that they can always get divorced if their marriage does not work out. In the past, a large majority of Americans frowned on the idea of divorce. Furthermore, many people believed that getting a divorce was a luxury that only the rich could afford. Indeed, getting a divorce is very expensive. However, since so many people have begun to take a more casual view of marriage, it is interesting to know that the costs of getting a divorce are lower. In fact, wherever you go in the United States today, it is not unusual to see newspaper ads that provide information on how and where to get a cheap divorce. Hollywood has always been known as the divorce capital of the world. The divorce rate among the movie stars is so high that it is difficult to know who is married to whom. Today, many movie stars change husbands and wives as though they were changing clothes. Until marriage again becomes a serious and important part of peoples lives, we will probably continue to see a high rate of divorce.

11. A) To study the problems of local industries. B) To find ways to treat human wastes. C) To investigate the annual catch of fish in the Biramichi River. D) To conduct a study on fishing in the Biramichi River.

12. A) Lack of oxygen. B) Overgrowth of water plants. C) Low water level. D) Serious pollution upstream.

13. A) Theyll be closed down. B) Theyre going to dismiss some of their employees. C) Theyll be moved to other places. D) They have no

money to build chemical treatment plants.14. A) There were fewer fish in the river. B) Over-fishing was prohibited. C) The local Chamber of Commerce tried to preserve fishes. D) The local fishing cooperative decided to reduce its catch.15. A) Oral instructions recorded on a tape. B) A brief letter sealed in an envelope. C) A written document of several pages. D) A short note to their lawyer.16. A) Refrain from going out with men for five years. B) Stop wearing any kind of fashionable clothes. C) Bury the dentist with his favorite car. D) Visit his grave regularly for five years.17. A) He was angry with his selfish relatives. B) He was just being humorous. C) He was not a wealthy man. D) He wanted to leave his body for medical purposes.18. A) They thought it quite acceptable. B) They believed it to be a luxury. C) They took it to be a trend. D) They considered it avoidable.19. A) Critical. C) Sceptical. B) Serious. D) Casual.20. A) When people consider marriage an important part of their lives. B) When the costs of getting a divorce become unaffordable. C) When the current marriage law is modified. D) When husband and wife understand each other better.

答案:11. D  
12. A 13. D 14. A 15. C 16. A 17. A 18. B 19. D 20. A  
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