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8. The U.S. Supreme Court decision in *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency* questioned the authority of a federal agency's ability to impose regulations without congressional authorization. The decision of the Court specified that vesting this type of lawmaking power in an administrative agency ____ .
- A. is acceptable and should continue in the format in which regulations are currently imposed
 - B. is counter to the U.S. Constitution and should be placed in the hands of the people through their representative in Congress and passed as laws
 - C. is not specified in the U.S. Constitution and should be redirected to the governing body of each of the states to impose such regulations
 - D. should be activated, but the decision should be enacted through a president's executive order
9. A new virus in China known as the Langya virus has infected at least 35 people in the Henan and Shandong provinces. It is thought to be contracted from animals, mainly ____ , and hasn't been known to transmit between humans.
- A. bats
 - B. monkeys
 - C. shrews
 - D. salamanders
10. What evidence did Alex Jones, a right-wing conspiracy theorist, share with the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol? Jones was recently ordered to pay almost \$50 million in a defamation lawsuit for calling the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting a hoax.
- A. travel logs
 - B. computer software
 - C. video camera footage
 - D. text messages
11. Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi resigned from his position after a coalition member refused to support him in a confidence vote regarding a bill that would combat high economic prices. His decision will potentially allow the ____ , the country's right-wing party, to takeover in the September 2022 elections.
- A. Brothers of Italy party
 - B. Northern League party
 - C. National Alliance party
 - D. Future and Freedom for Italy party
12. Despite a low turnout, voters in ____ supported a new constitution proposed by President Kais Saied. It will ultimately grant him more power, and civil society groups demand proof that the process was valid.
- A. Papua New Guinea
 - B. Angola
 - C. Kenya
 - D. Tunisia
13. Residents in what state can now claim their unborn child as a dependent on their state taxes? Those filing their 2022 tax returns must prove a detectable heartbeat at six weeks to claim the \$3,000 dependent exemption.
- A. California
 - B. Florida
 - C. Georgia
 - D. New York
14. Which world leader refused to attend the Summit of the Americas hosted by the U.S. in June 2022? He decided not to attend because several other countries in the region were excluded.
- A. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador of Mexico
 - B. President Laurentino Cortizo of Panama
 - C. President Luis Abinader of the Dominican Republic
 - D. President Alejandro Giammattei of Guatemala

15. ____ won the special election for Texas U.S. House District 34, becoming the first Republican to represent the South Texas area in 150 years. She is also the first Mexican-born congresswoman in U.S. history.
- A. Cassy Garcia
 - B. Mayra Flores
 - C. Monica De La Cruz-Hernandez
 - D. Sylvia Garcia
16. Jackie Robinson was honored by having his number retired across all teams in Major League Basketball. ____ is the first person to have his number retired for all NBA teams. He was a strong civil rights activist who was enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame both as a player and a coach. He was so honored after his death recently.
- A. Bill Russell
 - B. Kobe Bryant
 - C. Pete Maravich
 - D. Wilt Chamberlain
17. The discovery of an armored dinosaur, Jakapil kaniukura, was recently excavated in ____ . Particularly remarkable about this five-foot-long dinosaur was that it walked upright and was from the late Cretaceous period, unlike all other armored dinosaurs.
- A. Argentina
 - B. Colombia
 - C. Peru
 - D. Paraguay
18. The summer heat waves in Europe have caused glaciers to retreat, revealing bare rock on some ridges between glaciers. This is the first time since the Roman period that the ridge in ____ has been visible without glacial ice.
- A. Albania
 - B. Italy
 - C. Spain
 - D. Switzerland
19. There have been over 50 different strikes in at least 17 states by workers at ____ over the union organizing efforts. The location in Santa Cruz was the first store in California to vote to join a union.
- A. Caribou Coffee
 - B. Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf
 - C. Dunkin' Donuts
 - D. Starbucks
20. The first Boeing 787 Dreamliner plane will be delivered in August 2022 to what airline? Completed two years ago, the plane had production defects, and deliveries were halted until recently.
- A. American Airlines
 - B. Delta Air Lines
 - C. Southwest Airlines
 - D. United Air
21. Two people have been arrested for the incident in which a tractor trailer was found abandoned outside of San Antonio, Texas, and over 50 migrants died from head exhaustion. Two men from Mexico were arrested. One was charged with ____ and the other with ____ .
- A. "alien smuggling" resulting in death; conspiracy to transport migrants
 - B. first degree murder; driving without a license
 - C. murder in the first degree; murder in the second degree
 - D. negligent homicide; negligent homicide
22. What was the cause of death of two people and the critical injury of two others in Lafayette Park in August 2022 across the street from the White House?
- A. a drive-by shooting
 - B. a lightning strike
 - C. a sniper from a nearby building
 - D. the toppling of the statue of Andrew Jackson

Answer Sheet

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