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Read the article and answer the 5 following questions.

Social media ban for under-16s passes into law in Australia

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Australia has become the first country in the world to ban children under 16 from using social media, after the Senate passed the landmark legislation on Thursday.

The new law will require social media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat to take "reasonable steps" to prevent minors from creating accounts. Companies that fail to comply could face fines of up to 50 million Australian dollars (approximately £25 million).

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese described the move as a "groundbreaking" step to protect young Australians. "This is about keeping our kids safe," he told reporters. "We know social media is causing real harm to our children, and as a government, we have a responsibility to act."

Critics of the ban, however, have raised concerns about its practicality. Digital rights groups argue that age verification systems could compromise user privacy and may push young people towards less regulated corners of the internet.

According to a 2024 report by the Australian eSafety Commissioner, 75% of children aged 8 to 12 were already active on at least one social media platform, despite existing age restrictions. Among teenagers aged 13 to 17, the figure rose to 95%.

Mental health experts have broadly welcomed the legislation. Dr. Helen Ward, a child psychologist at the University of Melbourne, said: "The evidence linking heavy social media use to anxiety, depression and poor sleep in young people is overwhelming. This law sends a powerful message."

The legislation will come into effect within 12 months, giving tech companies time to develop and implement age verification technology.

Source: Adapted from *Social media ban for under-16s passes into law in Australia* (bbc.com)

1. Which of the following sentences is NOT true?

- A. Australia is the first nation to introduce a social media ban for under-16s.
- B. Companies that do not comply with the law may be fined up to 50 million US dollars.
- C. Seventy-five percent of children between 8 and 12 were already using social media.
- D. The law will take effect within a year of being passed.

2. What is the main purpose of the new Australian law?

- A. To eliminate all social media platforms in Australia.
- B. To prevent children under 16 from creating social media accounts.
- C. To fine parents whose children use social media.
- D. To ban social media advertising aimed at children.

3. What concern do critics raise about the ban?

- A. It will make social media companies go bankrupt.
- B. Age verification could threaten privacy and drive young people to unregulated platforms.
- C. It will prevent all Australians from using social media.
- D. It does not fine companies enough money.

4. Who is Dr. Helen Ward?

- A. The Australian Prime Minister.
- B. The head of the eSafety Commission.
- C. A child psychologist who supports the legislation.
- D. A digital rights campaigner who opposes the ban.

5. "This" in paragraph 3 refers to

- A. social media
- B. keeping kids safe
- C. the legislation banning under-16s from social media
- D. the government

6. I missed the bus this morning I had set my alarm.

- A. because
- B. even though
- C. so that
- D. unless

7. The students must hand in assignments before the end of the week.

- A. they
- B. them
- C. their
- D. theirs

8. She is really good at presentations and in public.

- A. to give / to speak
- B. giving / speaking
- C. giving / to speak
- D. to give / speaking

9. Learning a foreign language is learning to play a musical instrument.

- A. as challenging than
- B. more challenging that
- C. as challenging as
- D. equally challenging than

10. Which of the underlined words is NOT grammatically correct in the following sentence? The manager was very pleasing with the results of the survey.

- A. manager
- B. pleasing
- C. results
- D. survey

- 11. Could you the music? I can barely hear what you are saying.**
- A. turn down
 - B. turn up
 - C. turn off
 - D. turn over
- 12. I'm not feeling well. I think I'm going to my appointment with the dentist.**
- A. put off
 - B. put on
 - C. put up with
 - D. put away
- 13. Companies need to adopt practices to reduce their carbon footprint.**
- A. renewable
 - B. eco-friendly
 - C. perishable
 - D. disposable
- 14. Which of the following words does NOT refer to a type of sport?**
- A. Cricket
 - B. Rugby
 - C. Pottery
 - D. Fencing
- 15. What is closest in meaning to the underlined word? The company decided to launch a new product next quarter.**
- A. cancel
 - B. introduce
 - C. withdraw
 - D. postpone
- 16. Choose the best title for a photo showing a crowded city street with people wearing face masks.**
- A. Urban life during a health crisis
 - B. A quiet village in the countryside
 - C. Tourists visiting a theme park
 - D. Factory workers on a production line
- 17. What is the time difference between London and Sydney?**
- A. Five hours
 - B. Eight hours
 - C. Eleven hours
 - D. Three hours
- 18. Which country has the bald eagle as its national symbol?**
- A. Australia
 - B. The United States
 - C. South Africa
 - D. India

19. Which of the following is NOT a renewable energy source?

- A. Solar power
- B. Wind energy
- C. Natural gas
- D. Hydroelectric power

20. Who was elected President of the United States in November 2024?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Kamala Harris
- D. Barack Obama

21. I left my bag over , next to the table by the window.

- A. they're
- B. their
- C. there
- D. there's

22. Which of the following underlined words is NOT spelled correctly?The government announced new measures to improve the environment.

- A. goverment
- B. announced
- C. measures
- D. environment

23. We need to buy a new of shoes for the school trip.

- A. pear
- B. pair
- C. pare
- D. pier

24. The meeting has been until next Monday due to unforeseen circumstances.

- A. postponed
- B. postponed
- C. postpond
- D. postphoned

25. If nothing to do this weekend, why don't we go to the cinema?

- A. there's
- B. their's
- C. theirs
- D. they're

26. How do you say the following fraction? $\frac{3}{4}$

- A. three fours
- B. three quarters
- C. three on four
- D. a third of four

27. A quarter of 800,000 is

- A. two hundred thousands
- B. two hundred thousand
- C. twenty thousand
- D. two hundred

28. How do you say the following number? \$25.99

- A. Twenty-five pounds and ninety-nine pence
- B. Twenty-five dollars ninety-nine
- C. Twenty-five euros and ninety-nine cents
- D. Twenty-five dollars dot nine nine

29. How do you say the following year? 2001

- A. Twenty hundred and one
- B. Two thousands and one
- C. Two thousand and one
- D. Twenty zero one

30. How do you say the following number? 5.75

- A. Five dot seventy-five
- B. Five comma seventy-five
- C. Five point seven five
- D. Five and three quarters percent

31. What when the fire alarm off?

- A. were you doing / went
- B. did you do / was going
- C. you did / went
- D. have you done / goes

32. By the time we arrive, they the meeting.

- A. will start
- B. have started
- C. will have started
- D. are starting

33. I'll call you as soon as I home.

- A. will get
- B. get
- C. am getting
- D. will be getting

34. "Why are you so tired?" "Because I all night for my exam."

- A. study
- B. was studying
- C. have been studying
- D. am studying

35. Sarah in London since she graduated from university three years ago.

- A. lives
- B. is living
- C. lived
- D. has lived

36. What is the correct English translation for this sentence? Je ne suis jamais allé aux États-Unis.

- A. I have never been to the United States.
- B. I am never gone to the United States.
- C. I never went in the United States.
- D. I have never went to the United States.

37. What is the correct English translation for this sentence? Tu devrais faire plus attention en classe.

- A. You should to pay more attention in class.
- B. You should pay more attention in class.
- C. You must to be more attentive in class.
- D. You ought pay more attention in class.

38. What is the correct English translation for this sentence? Elle travaille dans cette entreprise depuis cinq ans.

- A. She works in this company since five years.
- B. She is working in this company for five years.
- C. She has been working for this company for five years.
- D. She has worked in this company since five years ago.

39. What is the correct English translation for this sentence? Nous avons décidé de déménager à la campagne l'année dernière.

- A. We have decided to move to the countryside last year.
- B. We decided to move in the countryside the last year.
- C. We decided to move to the countryside last year.
- D. We have decided to move in the countryside the last year.

40. What is the correct English translation for this sentence? Il pleut depuis ce matin et je n'ai pas de parapluie !

- A. It rains since this morning and I don't have no umbrella!
- B. It has been raining since this morning and I don't have an umbrella!
- C. It is raining since this morning and I have not umbrella!
- D. It has rained from this morning and I haven't got no umbrella!