

LÍNGUA INGLESA – QUESTÕES DE 17 A 24**A Few Minutes of Kindness**

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1 Years ago, I had a young Hispanic boy in my first year Chemistry class who I will never forget. Juan came from a very poor,
2 single parent home and his mother was disinterested in his education. He had an unusual ability to solve equations, and to correlate
3 abstract relationships between concepts. I was shocked when he approached me after school one day to tell me that he liked
4 Chemistry, but did not think he was smart enough to attend college.

5 I explained to Juan that he was one of my very best students and it would be a waste of considerable talent if he did not go to
6 college. Finally, I told him that I would be teaching Advanced Placement Chemistry next year, and I was really hoping that he would
7 take the class.

8 The next morning, I went out for my daily jog and I was startled when Juan appeared from nowhere on my front lawn. I invited him
9 to jog with me, and from then on, he would join me before school several mornings each week for a half-hour jog. We got to know
10 each other quite well. We were both Dallas Cowboys fans, we both liked the outdoors, and we both liked Math and Science. Soon,
11 Juan was joining my family for evening games. When I took my own two children fishing, he tagged along and caught his first fish.

12 Juan was my best student that year in Advanced Placement Chemistry. His skills and abilities continued to grow. His confidence
13 increased, and he developed into a popular outgoing young man.

14 One day, Juan stayed after school to thank me for my interest in his life. I was profoundly moved when he told me that those
15 fifteen or twenty minutes that we had talked the previous year had changed his life. He was awarded enough scholarship assistance
16 and was able to attend the local university. Later, he got a degree in Chemical Engineering and became the top manager of an
17 international corporation.

18 We stayed in touch over the years, and when I thought of leaving the teaching profession for a career in medicine several years
19 later, Juan stood out in my mind. The life of a teacher is often a life of poverty in the material sense. However, teachers have the
20 unique opportunity to inspire their students to reach for the stars. What could be a more worthwhile pursuit? I may not drive the nicest
21 car on the block, but I am very rich in the things that count the most.

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17. According to the text, Juan:

- a) did not like Chemistry.
- b) lived with his father.
- c) did not get a college degree.
- d) was a clever student.

18. According to the text, when Juan talked to his teacher, he was told:

- a) to work harder on his studies.
- b) not to go to college.
- c) to take a course in the following year.
- d) to quit studying.

19. According to the author, after some time, teacher and student:

- a) became close friends.
- b) did not get along well.
- c) spent little time together.
- d) shared no interests.

20. According to the text, when taking the Advanced Placement Chemistry, Juan:
- a) did not like popular students.
 - b) became outgoing and confident.
 - c) did not show skills for Chemistry.
 - d) faced issues of low self-esteem.
21. The underlined word in the sentence “[...] I was startled when Juan appeared from nowhere [...]” (line 8) can be replaced by:
- a) irritated.
 - b) annoyed.
 - c) displeased.
 - d) surprised.
22. The underlined expression in the sentence “[...] I am very rich in the things that count the most.” (line 21) refers to:
- a) useless things.
 - b) things you can count.
 - c) things you can buy.
 - d) important things.
23. All the alternatives are examples of superlative, EXCEPT:
- a) “[...] to thank me for my interest in his life [...].” (line 14)
 - b) “[...] he was one of my very best students [...].” (line 5)
 - c) “[...] I may not drive the nicest car [...].” (lines 20-21)
 - d) “[...] I am very rich in the things that count the most [...].” (line 21)
24. Choose the sentence that is an example of the passive voice:
- a) “[...] I told him that I would be teaching [...].” (line 6)
 - b) “[...] when he told me that those fifteen or twenty minutes [...].” (line 14-15)
 - c) “[...] he was awarded enough scholarship assistance [...].” (line 15)
 - d) “[...] his mother was disinterested in his education.” (line 2)