Listen to the Commencement Speech at Stanford University given by Steve Jobs in 2005 and choose the correct answer.

Example:

Steve Jobs begins his speech admitting he…

* 1. also graduated at Stanford.
  2. never graduated from College.
  3. often attends College graduations.

First story.- Connecting the dots.

1. How long did Steve Jobs spend as a student at Reed College before he really quit?
   1. 6 months.
   2. 18 months.
   3. 22 months.
2. Steve’s biological mother …
   1. was not married.
   2. had two more children.
   3. was a college graduate.
3. Steve’s biological mother refused to sign the final adoption papers because his parents …
   1. said they wanted a girl.
   2. were on a waiting list.
   3. were not college graduates.
4. Steve dropped out of college because…
   1. his parents couldn’t afford his tuition fees.
   2. he thought it was not worth the money.
   3. his college was more expensive than Stanford.
5. Dropping out of College was a decision that Steve…
   1. regretted.
   2. was happy about.
   3. did not make himself.
6. When Steve was at College…
   1. he slept in a dorm room with other friends.
   2. he stayed in a single room next to his friends.
   3. he stayed in his friends’ rooms but didn’t have his own bed.
7. How often did he go for a meal at the Hare Krishna Temple?
   1. Every night.
   2. Once a week.
   3. Twice a month.
8. At Reed College, Steve took…
   1. normal classes.
   2. Information Technology classes.
   3. Calligraphy classes.
9. According to Steve Jobs, his knowledge of typography was crucial for the development of …
   1. the Macintosh computer only.
   2. the personal computer only.
   3. both the Mac and the PC.
10. According to Steve Jobs, connecting the dots means that…
    1. things are easier to understand when you learn from experience.
    2. people shouldn’t take life so seriously.
    3. confidence in your heart will not always lead you on the right path.

Second story.- Love and loss.

1. Steve Jobs found what he wanted to do…
   1. when he was a teenager.
   2. when he started to work for Apple.
   3. when he was 20 years old
2. Steve Jobs got fired from Apple because…
   1. he was ill.
   2. he didn’t get on well with one of his colleagues.
   3. the company thought he was getting too old.
3. When he was fired, he felt…
   1. that he would never be able to find a better job
   2. he was too old to set up another company.
   3. disappointed for being a failure.
4. Getting fired from Apple turned out to be?
   1. the reason why he met his wife.
   2. one of the most creative periods of his life.
   3. the worst thing that could have ever happened to him.
5. How did he manage to return to Apple?
   1. Apple bought the company he was working for.
   2. he applied for a job with Apple
   3. they asked him to work for them again.

Third story.- Death.

1. How old was Steve when he was diagnosed with cancer?
   1. 33 years old
   2. 49 years old
   3. 56 years old
2. Why did the doctor cry when Steve was examined?
   1. because he saw there was no hope.
   2. because he was a very good friend of Steve’s.
   3. because it was a curable form of cancer.
3. What is his opinion about The Whole Earth Catalogue?
   1. it was one of the cornerstones of Steve’s generation.
   2. it was the most important publication of the late 70’s.
   3. it was an amazing, idealistic book on computers.
4. What search engine does he mention to compare the Whole Earth Catalogue?
   1. Yahoo
   2. You Tube
   3. Google
5. "Stay hungry, stay foolish." Where did Steve get his final message from?
   1. an article of The Whole Earth Catalogue.
   2. the back cover of The Whole Earth Catalogue’s final issue.
   3. the top of a photograph in one of the issues of The Whole Earth Catalogue.

Answer key:

1. C
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. B
8. C
9. C
10. A
11. A
12. B
13. C
14. B
15. A
16. B
17. C
18. A
19. C
20. B