FCE Use of English Part 1 (Multiple Choice)

Piranhas

Scientists in the UK have announced that the piranha fish's reputation 1) _____ a fearsome 2) _____ may well not be deserved. The fish, which is found in the Amazon in Brazil, have been portrayed as deadly 3) _____ that work in shoals to overwhelm their prey and strip it of its flesh in seconds.

However, 4) _____ from St Andrews University say that piranhas are omnivores that mainly eat fish, plants and insects. They form big groups not to hunt but to defend 5) _____ against other predators, according to the team.

"Previously it was thought piranhas shoaled as it 6) _____ them to form a cooperative hunting group," said Professor Anne Magurran. "However, we have found that it is primarily a defensive 7) _____."

Piranhas can be attacked by animals 8) _____ dolphins, caimans and large fish, so forming a shoal is a good way of 9) _____ being killed. Piranhas of 10) _____ age stay in the middle of the group for 11) _____ and the 12) _____ of the shoal 13) _____ according to the level of 14) _____. When the water level is high, the fish form small groups as there is space to escape, but when the water level drops, they form large groups as protection against 15) _____

Questions

1. a. as   b. as if   c. as though   d. since
2. a. kill   b. killer   c. murderer   d. murder
3. a. carnivore   b. carnivorous   c. carnivors   d. carnivores
4. a. expert   b. expertise   c. experts   d. expectant
5. a. them   b. themselves   c. it   d. itself
6. a. able   b. ables   c. enable   d. enabled
7. a. behave   b. behaviour   c. misbehaviour   d. misbehaviours
8. a. such   b. as   c. like   d. as such
9. a. prevent   b. preventing   c. avoid   d. avoiding
10. a. reproduce   b. reproductive   c. reproduction   d. reproductively
11. a. protection   b. protecting   c. protect   d. protective
12. a. rate   b. size   c. amount   d. dearth
13. a. different   b. differ   c. differs   d. defer
14. a. risk   b. fate   c. destiny   d. chance
15. a, predator   b. predators   c. predatory   d. predate