Zhaxi has a cold. His nose is stuffed up. Zhaxi coughs a lot and he has a sore throat. He felt fine last night, but now he is very sick. Zhaxi wants to go home and rest, but he can’t. He is an accountant and he needs to transfer money to each of the employees bank accounts. If he does not do this, they will not get paid on time. Zhaxi’s boss went on a business trip to Shanghai. He won’t be back until next week. Before he left, he asked Zhaxi to take care of the office. There are twenty office workers. They are all very busy. Hopefully, they won’t catch Zhaxi’s cold. If the employees catch colds, they might take several days off work.

True or False

1. ________ Zhaxi is sick.
2. ________ All twenty office workers are busy.
3. ________ Zhaxi’s boss is on vacation.
4. ________ An accountant needs to be good at math.
5. ________ Employees get paid.

Yes or No – Share your opinion.

1. ________ Zhaxi should stay at work.
2. ________ Zhaxi should go home immediately and eat chicken soup.
3. ________ The employees should avoid touching their nose, eyes, and mouth.
4. ________ Zhaxi should cover his mouth when he coughs.
5. ________ It’s okay if the employees get paid late.

Writing – What do you do when you have a cold?

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5. I felt fine yesterday.

6. Now, I'm very sick.

7. accountant

8. transfer money to each employee's bank account (I will go to the bank and transfer one thousand RMB to your account.)

9. If he does not do this, they will not get paid on time. (If you don't tell me, I will not know. If you don't come, I'll be sad.)

10. to go on a business trip (He went on a business trip to Lhasa.)

11. won't be back until (He is studying in the UK and won't be back in China for two years.)

12. before he left (Before my mother went shopping, she told me to clean the house.)

13. hopefully (Hopefully, you will never get sick. Hopefully, you will learn English really well.)

14. to catch a cold (Wear warm clothes so you won't catch a cold.)

15. take several days off (He took several days off work because he was ill. She took several days off from her studies when her mother was very ill.)

16. vacation

17. good at (He is good at shooting arrows. She is good at sewing.)

18. chicken soup (I like mutton soup better than chicken soup.)
19. share your opinion (Should men stay at home and take care of children – share your opinion.)

20. avoid touching (Avoid touching things that are very hot. You should avoid touching dirty things.)

21. cover your mouth (Cover your mouth when you cough. Cover your mouth when you yawn.)

22. it's okay if (It's okay if you come late. It's okay if you visit me and stay for some days.)

23. get paid (I want to get paid on the first day of each month.)

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