

STRUCTURE DIAGNOSTIC PRE-TEST

(Paper)

SECTION 2

STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Time—25 minutes
(including the reading of the directions)
Now set your clock for 25 minutes.

This section is designed to measure your ability to recognize language that is appropriate for standard written English. There are two types of questions in this section, with special directions for each type.

Structure

Directions: Questions 1–15 are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

Look at the following examples.

Example I

The president _____ the election by a landslide.

- (A) won
- (B) he won
- (C) yesterday
- (D) fortunately

Sample Answer

☒ (A) (B) (C) (D)

The sentence should read, "The president won the election by a landslide." Therefore, you should choose (A).

Example II

When _____ the conference?

- (A) the doctor attended
- (B) did the doctor attend
- (C) the doctor will attend
- (D) the doctor's attendance

Sample Answer

(A) ☒ (C) (D)

The sentence should read, "When did the doctor attend the conference?" Therefore, you should choose (B).

Now begin work on the questions.

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1. The North Pole _____ a latitude of 90 degrees north.
(A) it has
(B) is having
(C) which is having
(D) has
2. The city of Beverly Hills is surrounded on _____ the city of Los Angeles.
(A) its sides
(B) the sides are
(C) it is the side of
(D) all sides by
3. _____ greyhound, can achieve speeds up to thirty-six miles per hour.
(A) The
(B) The fastest
(C) The fastest dog
(D) The fastest dog, the
4. Marmots spend their time foraging among meadow plants and flowers or _____ on rocky cliffs.
(A) gets sun
(B) sunning
(C) the sun
(D) sunny
5. The greenhouse effect occurs _____ heat radiated from the Sun.
(A) when does the Earth's atmosphere trap
(B) does the Earth's atmosphere trap
(C) when the Earth's atmosphere traps
(D) the Earth's atmosphere traps
6. The Rose Bowl, _____ place on New Year's Day, is the oldest postseason collegiate football game in the United States.
(A) takes
(B) it takes
(C) which takes
(D) took
7. Experiments _____ represent a giant step into the medicine of the future.
(A) using gene therapy
(B) use gene therapy
(C) they use
(D) gene therapy uses
8. _____ off the Hawaiian coastline are living, others are dead.
(A) While some types of coral reefs
(B) Some types of coral reefs
(C) There are many types of coral reefs
(D) Coral reefs
9. Nimbostratus clouds are thick, dark gray clouds _____ forebode rain.
(A) what
(B) which
(C) what they
(D) which they
10. Some economists now suggest that home equity loans are merely a new trap to push consumers beyond _____.
(A) they can afford
(B) they can afford it
(C) what is affordable
(D) able to afford
11. People who reverse the letters of words _____ to read suffer from dyslexia.
(A) when trying
(B) if they tried
(C) when tried
(D) if he tries
12. Featured at the Henry Ford Museum _____ of antique cars dating from 1865.
(A) is an exhibit
(B) an exhibit
(C) an exhibit is
(D) which is an exhibit

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13. Rubber _____ from vulcanized silicones with a high molecular weight is difficult to distinguish from natural rubber.
- (A) is produced
 - (B) producing
 - (C) that produces
 - (D) produced
14. _____ appears considerably larger at the horizon than it does overhead is merely an optical illusion.
- (A) The Moon
 - (B) That the Moon
 - (C) When the Moon
 - (D) The Moon which
15. According to the World Health Organization, _____ any of the six most dangerous diseases to break out, it could be cause for quarantine.
- (A) were
 - (B) they were
 - (C) there were
 - (D) were they

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Written Expression

Directions: In questions 16–40, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Look at the following examples.

Example I

The four string on a violin are tuned
 A B C D
 in fifths.

Sample Answer

(A) (B) (C) (D)

The sentence should read, “The four strings on a violin are tuned in fifths.” Therefore, you should choose (B).

Example II

The research for the book *Roots* taking
 A B C
 Alex Haley twelve years.
 D

Sample Answer

(A) (B) (C) (D)

The sentence should read, “The research for the book *Roots* took Alex Haley twelve years.” Therefore, you should choose (C).

Now begin work on the questions.

16. On the floor of the Pacific Ocean is hundreds of flat-topped mountains more than a
A B C D
mile beneath sea level.
17. Because of the flourish with which John Hancock signed the Declaration of
A
Independence, his name become synonymous with signature.
B C D
18. Segregation in public schools was declare unconstitutional by the Supreme Court
A B C
in 1954.
D
19. Sirius, the Dog Star, is the most brightest star in the sky with an absolute magnitude
A B
about twenty-three times that of the Sun.
C D
20. Killer whales tend to wander in family clusters that hunt, play, and resting together.
A B C D
21. Some of the most useful resistor material are carbon, metals, and metallic alloys.
A B C D
22. The community of Bethesda, Maryland, was previous known as Darcy's Store.
A B C D
23. Alloys of gold and copper have been widely using in various types of coins.
A B C D
24. J. H. Pratt used group therapy early in this century when he brought tuberculosis
A B C
patients together to discuss its disease.
D
25. The United States has import all carpet wools in recent years because domestic
A B C
wools are too fine and soft for carpets.
D
26. Irving Berlin wrote "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" while serving in a
A B C
U.S. Army during World War I.
D

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37. It is proving less costly A and more profitably B for drugmakers to market C directly D to patients.
38. Sapphires weighing A as much as B two pounds C have on occasion mined D.
39. Like A snakes, lizards can be found on all B others C continents except D Antarctica.
40. Banks, savings and loans, and finance companies have recently A been doing B home equity loans with greater frequency C than ever before D.

This is the end of the Structure and Written Expression Pre-Test.



Circle the number of each of the questions that you answered incorrectly or were not sure of. Then you will see which skills you should be sure to review.

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| 2. SKILL 2 | 17. SKILL 33 | 32. SKILL 35 |
| 3. SKILL 3 | 18. SKILL 31 | 33. SKILL 42 |
| 4. SKILL 6 | 19. SKILL 27 | 34. SKILL 50 |
| 5. SKILLS 7 and 15 | 20. SKILL 24 | 35. SKILL 57 |
| 6. SKILL 12 | 21. SKILL 21 | 36. SKILL 52 |
| 7. SKILLS 4 and 13 | 22. SKILL 47 | 37. SKILLS 47 and 49 |
| 8. SKILL 8 | 23. SKILL 51 | 38. SKILL 38 |
| 9. SKILL 12 | 24. SKILL 45 | 39. SKILL 60 |
| 10. SKILL 10 | 25. SKILL 30 | 40. SKILL 58 |
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