

Section 2: Structure and Written Expression



Time: 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.

Example I

Sample Answer

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

Geysers have often been compared to volcanoes _____ they both emit hot liquids from below the Earth's surface.

- (A) due to
- (B) because
- (C) in spite of
- (D) regardless of

The sentence should read, "Geysers have often been compared to volcanoes because they both emit hot liquids from below Earth's surface." Therefore, you should choose (B).

Example II

Sample Answer

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

During the early period of ocean navigation, _____ any need for sophisticated instruments and techniques.

- (A) so that hardly
- (B) when there hardly was
- (C) hardly was
- (D) there was hardly

The sentence should read, "During the early period of ocean navigation, there was hardly any need for sophisticated instruments and techniques." Therefore, you should choose (D).

1. Rhymes result from sound rather than spelling, and words neither have to be spelled the same way _____ look alike in order to rhyme.
(A) not
(B) and
(C) nor
(D) either
2. The gardenia, about 200 species _____ to tropical and subtropical countries, was named in honor of eighteenth-century naturalist Alexander Garden.
(A) native of which are
(B) are native of which
(C) which are native of
(D) of which are native
3. Bioethics is _____ the moral and social implications of techniques resulting from advances in the biological sciences.
(A) study
(B) studied
(C) the study of
(D) the study that
4. When _____ from REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep, a state in which brain activity resembles the waking state, they usually report that they have been dreaming.
(A) awakened people
(B) people awakening
(C) are people awakening
(D) people are awakened
5. In their designs the Shakers always sought _____ to a problem, whether it was a rocking chair or a steam engine.
(A) the simplest solution
(B) the solution of simplest
(C) the solution that simplification
(D) which solution simplest
6. Carbohydrates, _____ of the three principal constituents of food, form the bulk of the average human diet.
(A) are one
(B) one that
(C) one
(D) which one

7. Eva Gatling directed _____ in Huntington, New York, from 1962 until 1978.
- (A) the Heckscher Museum
 - (B) the Heckscher Museum was
 - (C) how the Heckscher Museum
 - (D) and the Heckscher Museum
8. Geometrically, the hyperbolic functions are related to the hyperbola, _____ the trigonometric functions are related to the circle.
- (A) just as
 - (B) same
 - (C) similar to
 - (D) and similar
9. United States aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart set _____ long-distance flight records.
- (A) of several
 - (B) several the
 - (C) several
 - (D) several of
10. The brilliance of the Sun's disk makes observations of the corona and nearby stars _____ with ordinary telescopes, except during an eclipse.
- (A) impossibility
 - (B) impossible
 - (C) they are impossible
 - (D) are impossible
11. Distantly related to pigs, _____ the great Indian rhinoceros as the second largest living land animal.
- (A) rivaling the hippopotamus
 - (B) the rival of the hippopotamus
 - (C) which the hippopotamus rivals
 - (D) the hippopotamus rivals
12. Psychologists who study information processing have found _____ to identify and describe several memory structures and control processes.
- (A) is instructive
 - (B) instructive
 - (C) it instructive
 - (D) as instructive
13. Not until the 1820s _____ part of the curriculum of Harvard and Yale universities.
- (A) physical education became
 - (B) physical education had become
 - (C) did physical education become
 - (D) when physical education became

14. Perhaps even more important than the accuracy and reliability of a meteorological instrument _____ .

- (A) that positioning it is correct
- (B) is positioned correctly
- (C) that its correct position
- (D) is that it be positioned correctly

15. Ellis Island in Upper New York Bay was the principal reception center _____ the United States from 1892 to 1943.

- (A) immigrants entered
- (B) which immigrants entered
- (C) through which immigrants entered
- (D) which immigrants who entered

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 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.

Example I

Sample Answer

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

Guppies are sometimes call rainbow fish due to the bright colors of the males.

A B C D

The sentence should read, "Guppies are sometimes called rainbow fish due to the bright colors of the males." Therefore, you should choose (A).

Example II

Sample Answer

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

Serving several term in the United States Congress, Shirley Chisholm became a respected political figure.

A B C D

The sentence should read, "Serving several terms in the United States Congress, Shirley Chisholm became a respected political figure." Therefore, you should choose (B).

Now begin work on the questions.

16. The earliest known inhabitants of North America were a people of whose
A B
culture was highly oriented toward music and dance.
C D
17. Write poetry is a craft in which the poet works with words as a carpenter
A B C
works with wood.
D
18. If the circumference of any circle is divided by the circle's diameter, the
A B
result of the calculation will always be the same.
C D
19. The mountains, especially the Rocky Mountains, formerly constituted a
A
serious barrier to east-west trade in British Columbia.
B C D
20. Earth's atmosphere is in perpetual motion because differences in solar heating
A B C
that occur between the equator and the poles.
D
21. Research on artificial intelligence began after soon the development of the
A B C
modern digital computer in the 1940s.
D
22. Among 1963 and 1965 United States manufacturers of detergents voluntarily
A B
changed their processes to produce only biodegradable, or soft, detergents.
C D
23. In terms of its size, influence, and visible, the corporation has become the
A B
dominant business form in industrial countries.
C D

24. The painting style of the photorealists, which they arose in the late 1960s,
 A B
 favored such subjects as neon signs, cafeterias, and common urban and
 C D
 suburban scenes.
25. The Music Division of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., was
 established in 1897 and has more than six million items in itself collections.
 A B C D
26. Scientists cannot agree on a single definition formal of life, although most
 A B
 people think that they can recognize a living thing when they see it.
 C D
27. Success in acting is achieved only by the relatively few persons who combine
 A B C
 natural talent with well-developed techniques, dedicate, and self-discipline.
 D
28. Traditionally, a trial jury in the United States consists of twelve people, often
 A B C
 with one or two additional jurors, nor alternates.
 D
29. Like wood, paper is a hygroscopic material; that is, it absorbs water from, and
 A B C
 also release water into, the air.
 D
30. Several factors responsible for the Oklahoma Dust Bowl of the 1930s were
 A B
 the character of the soil, the climatic and the types of agriculture practiced.
 C D

38. Boston began a series of urban renewal project during the 1960s, emphasizing
renovation and modern architectural styles harmonious with the traditional
buildings.
39. Copper, a soft yellowish-red metal whose use dates back to prehistoric times,
has been mined for over 6,000 years ago.
40. In 1999 astronomers found evidence of six new planets orbiting distant
stars, bringing to 28 the number of planets then known to exist out the solar
system.

This is the end of Section 2.

**If you finish before time is called, check your work
on Section 2 only.**