

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: These questions 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.

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 answer (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)
☒ (B)
☐ (C)
☐ (D)

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

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1. The Arctic Circle _____ through northern North America, Europe, and Asia.
 (A) the pass
 (B) passing
 (C) it passes
 (D) passes
2. Earth's gravity pulls everything toward _____ the Earth.
 (A) it centers
 (B) the center of
 (C) centered it
 (D) the center
3. The forces _____ earthquakes are the same ones that build mountains.
 (A) unleash
 (B) unleashes
 (C) that unleash
 (D) that unleashing
4. Since the eighteenth century, _____ the major genre of literature in most literate societies.
 (A) becoming the novel
 (B) has the novel become
 (C) a becoming novel
 (D) the novel has become
5. Under a microscope, _____ of a computer chip looks like a network of aluminum tracks.
 (A) the circuitry
 (B) with the circuitry
 (C) after the circuitry
 (D) it circulates
6. Dinosaurs became extinct 64 million years _____ first people ever appeared on Earth.
 (A) prior to the
 (B) the preceding time
 (C) before the
 (D) the
7. Venus is almost the same size as the Earth, _____ mountain ranges are much higher.
 (A) they
 (B) but they
 (C) its
 (D) but its
8. In concrete poetry the primary consideration is the way that _____ in the poem.
 (A) words are arranged
 (B) the arrangement of words
 (C) arranging the words
 (D) words in an arrangement
9. Scientists are now only beginning to understand the factors _____ cigarette addiction.
 (A) cause
 (B) causing
 (C) they cause
 (D) causes
10. Agricultural _____ largely responsible for the unfolding of nutritional knowledge of vitamins and minerals early in the last century.
 (A) was
 (B) chemists
 (C) with chemists
 (D) chemists were
11. Each summer the Roanoke Historical Association sponsors a play that shows _____ about the fate of the early colony.
 (A) known
 (B) what is known
 (C) what knowing
 (D) is known

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12. Agriculture requires a steady supply of water to keep the plants alive, so _____ in areas with a lot of rainfall.
- (A) naturally started
 - (B) starting nature
 - (C) it naturally started
 - (D) its natural start
13. Even though _____ about \$4,000 to fully train a hearing dog, these dogs are generally given without charge to qualified candidates.
- (A) it costs
 - (B) the cost of it
 - (C) the cost
 - (D) costs
14. The reactor core of a nuclear reactor is housed in a steel vessel _____ by a thick layer of concrete.
- (A) is surrounded
 - (B) it surrounds
 - (C) surrounds
 - (D) surrounded
15. The properties of every protein depend on how _____ are arranged in the molecular chain.
- (A) all the amino acids
 - (B) all of the amino acid
 - (C) all of the aminos acidify
 - (D) of all the amino acids

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Written Expression

Directions: In these questions, 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)
- ☒
- (C)
- (D)

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

Example II

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

Sample Answer

- (A)
- (B)
- ☒
- (D)

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

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16. Polar winters are length, dark, and cold enough to kill most plants.
A B C D
17. The remains of very ancient wood have turn into coal.
A B C D
18. In 1893, Henry Ford built his first car engine in he home workshop in Detroit.
A B C D
19. Armies of laborers toiled for eight year to build the Erie Canal.
A B C D
20. Some of the stars in the closing stages of their lives becomes white dwarfs.
A B C D
21. The normally force of gravity at the Earth's surface is called Ig.
A B C D
22. Edward McDowell is remember as the composer of such perennial favorites as "To a Wild Rose."
A B C D
23. Because he is gravitationally bound to the Milky Way, the Andromeda galaxy is currently
approaching Earth.
A B C D
24. CAT scanners are used not only for detecting conditions but also for observation the effects of
therapy.
A B C D
25. The chain of rider stations along the way were crucial to the success of the Pony Express.
A B C D
26. The functional relationship between the brain's two hemispheres has been a major focus of much
studies in neuropsychology.
A B C D
27. The Great Salt Lake is the remnant of a vast inland seas.
A B C D
28. A desire to eradicate irregular spellings in English can being traced back to the sixteenth century.
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29. Jade can actually refer to either the less common and more valuable jadeite and the more common and less valuable nephrite.
A B C D
30. The number of electrons in an atom match the number of charged particles, or protons.
A B C D
31. The neocortex becomes progressive more developed in the more advanced mammals.
A B C D
32. During their first attempts as a songwriter, George Gershwin diligently continued to study the piano, harmony, theory, and orchestration.
A B C D
33. Alexander Graham Bell was twenty-nine when him was granted a telephone patent in 1876.
A B C D
34. Early television sets such as the RCA Victor model had small screens but containing a mass of additional components.
A B C D
35. A huge amount of immigrants passed through the Great Hall on Ellis Island between 1892 and 1954.
A B C D
36. The cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde were build in the thirteenth century by Native Americans who farmed the green plateau.
A B C D
37. The poet Walt Whitman was an easy recognized figure with his long, white beard and wide-brimmed hat.
A B C D
38. The sand dollars are a distinctive group of sea urchins that have adapt especially to lie on sandy shores.
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39. Someone who personifies the "American Dream" are Andrew Carnegie, who immigrated to the United States from Scotland without money and made millions in the steel industry.
A B C D
40. The Nez Perce lived peacefully with the trappers and traders who traveled their lands until the discovery of gold in 1860 brought miners and settlers into the region.
A B C D

**This is the end of Section 2.
If you finish before 25 minutes has ended,
check your work on Section 2 only.**



**At the end of 25 minutes, go on to Section 3.
Use exactly 55 minutes to work on Section 3.**