

Structure & Written Expression

Part 1: Structure (Questions 1–10)

Directions: Select the word or phrase that best completes the sentence grammatically.

- 1. Not until divers explored pool 16 _____ that the twenty-three cenotes form an interconnected cave system.**
 - A. they discovered
 - B. did they discover
 - C. they have discovered
 - D. had discovered
- 2. _____ by the roof collapse of subterranean caves, cenotes offer valuable hydrological access.**
 - A. Formed
 - B. Forming
 - C. Having formed
 - D. To form
- 3. The ancient Maya revered these natural pools, _____ them to be gateways to the underworld.**
 - A. considered
 - B. considering
 - C. to consider
 - D. having considered
- 4. So vast _____ that its mists can be spotted from over twenty kilometers away.**
 - A. the water drop is
 - B. is the water drop
 - C. the water drop being
 - D. has the water drop



5. Archaeological remains found near Victoria Falls indicate _____ in the area as early as two million years ago.

- A. early humans living
- B. that early humans lived
- C. early humans to live
- D. live early humans

6. Dr. Lisa Lucero suggests that people visited the bluest pools _____ carry out purification rituals.

- A. so that
- B. in order to
- C. provided that
- D. for the purpose

7. Scarcely _____ down the ledge of lava rock when the roaring river generates heavy surrounding mist.

- A. the water plunges
- B. plunges the water
- C. does the water plunge
- D. the water has plunged

8. The area surrounding Victoria Falls is rich in biodiversity, _____ thick forests of mahogany and fig trees.

- A. features
- B. featuring
- C. featured
- D. feature

9. Fossils uncovered 30 feet beneath the water surface are thought _____ to pre-historic mammoths.

- A. to belong
- B. belonging
- C. to have belonged
- D. belong



10. Balancing tourism opportunities with ecological preservation
_____ a primary challenge for local operators.

- A. remain
- B. remaining
- C. remains
- D. have remained

Part 2: Written Expression (Questions 11–15)

Directions: Identify the underlined word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that must be changed for the sentence to be grammatically correct.

11. Located in Belize, the Cara Blanca cenotes displays (A) an intense blue color seen (B) almost nowhere else (C) on Earth (D).

12. Famed explorer David Livingstone dubbed (A) the magnificent waterfall Victoria Falls, honoring (B) Queen Victoria, while (C) its indigenous name mean (D) 'the smoke that thunders'.

13. The ancient Maya relied heavily (A) on cenotes as freshwater sources, believing (B) they serve (C) as passageways to the underworld (D).

14. Offering activity options ranging from (A) helicopter tours to bungee jumping present (B) a serious risk of overdevelopment if not strictly (C) regulated (D).

15. Neither the high volume of tourist traffic nor (A) the commercial developments has (B) completely diminished the pristine beauty (C) of the surrounding (D) rainforest.