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 1–4 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

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

Sample Answer



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 the Earth's surface." Therefore, you should choose answer B.

Example II

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

Sample Answer



A. so that hardly
B. where 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 answer D.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Practice Questions

1. **Refrigerating meats _____ the spread of bacteria.**
   A. retards
   B. retarding
   C. to retard
   D. is retarded

2. **Throughout the animal kingdom, _____ bigger than the elephant.**
   A. whale is only the
   B. only the whale is
   C. is the whale only
   D. only whale is the

3. **The fact _____ money orders can usually be easily cashed has made them a popular form of payment.**
   A. of
   B. that
   C. is that
   D. which is

4. **The first article of the United States Constitution gives Congress _____ to pass laws.**
   A. the power
   B. has the power
   C. the power is
   D. of the power

Written Expression

Directions: In questions 5–10, 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

Guppies are sometimes call (A) rainbow fish (B) because (C) of the males' bright (D) colors.

Sample Answer ● Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

The sentence should read, "Guppies are sometimes called rainbow fish because of the males' bright colors." Therefore, you should choose answer A.

Example II

Serving several term (B) in Congress, Shirley Chisholm became an important (C) United States politician. (D)

Sample Answer Ⓐ ● Ⓒ Ⓓ

The sentence should read, "Serving several terms in Congress, Shirley Chisholm became an important United States politician." Therefore, you should choose answer B.

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Now begin work on the questions.

Practice Questions

5. Electrical (A) disturbances on Earth are frequently (B) caused with (C) storms on the surface (D) of the sun.

6. Inventor Granville Woods received him (A) first patent on (B) January 3, 1884, for (C) a steam (D) boiler furnace.

7. A deficient (A) of folic acid is rarely found (B) in humans because (C) the vitamin is contained in (D) a wide variety of foods.

8. The gopher digs (A) with the big strong claws of its (B) two front foot (C) and with its overhanging (D) front teeth.

9. An internationally famous ballerina, (A) Maria Tallchief demonstrated (B) that the (C) quality of ballet in North America could equal those (D) of the ballet in Europe.

10. As (A) two nuclei move closer together, their mutual (B) electrostatic potential energy becomes (C) more large (D) and more positive.

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