

PRACTICE TEST 1: DIAGNOSTIC

Directions: In questions 1–15 each sentence has a word or phrase underlined. Below each sentence there are four other words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). You are to choose the *one* word or phrase that *best keeps the meaning* of the original sentence if it is substituted for the underlined word or phrase.

Q His students think he is odd.

- (A) dangerous
- (B) friendly
- (C) strange
- (D) humorous

A The correct answer is (C). The sentence, “His students think he is strange,” is closest in meaning to, “His students think he is odd.”

As soon as you understand the directions, begin work on the problems.

1. Oil is one of the principal sources of energy.
 - (A) most expensive
 - (B) most important
 - (C) most difficult
 - (D) most popular
2. No one can survive for very long without water.
 - (A) reproduce
 - (B) prosper
 - (C) transcend
 - (D) exist
3. The assignment was to write a synopsis of our favorite novel.
 - (A) evaluation
 - (B) summary
 - (C) critique
 - (D) dramatization
4. It is futile to go shopping when you don't have any money.
 - (A) useless
 - (B) brilliant
 - (C) idiotic
 - (D) challenging
5. The actress had to raise her voice in order to be audible in the balcony.
 - (A) musical
 - (B) dramatic
 - (C) heard
 - (D) appreciated
6. Dictators do not tolerate opposition of any kind.
 - (A) understand
 - (B) permit
 - (C) justify
 - (D) execute
7. Earthquakes occur frequently in parts of California.
 - (A) instantly
 - (B) annually
 - (C) spontaneously
 - (D) often
8. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King fought to put an end to racial segregation in the United States.
 - (A) integration
 - (B) education
 - (C) separation
 - (D) torture

9. The number of illiterate young people in her country continues to rise.
(A) unable to read and write
(B) without children
(C) sports participants
(D) wealthy
10. Since his wound was superficial, only a small bandage was required.
(A) frivolous
(B) on the surface
(C) deep
(D) supercilious
11. The main road will be closed until the blizzard ends.
(A) snowstorm
(B) hurricane
(C) tornado
(D) thunderstorm
12. Tennis wear has become a very lucrative business for both manufacturers and tennis stars.
(A) illegal
(B) circumstantial
(C) expansive
(D) profitable
13. A familiar adage says that the early bird gets the worm.
(A) proverb
(B) lady
(C) gentleman
(D) book
14. A television ad shows a busy baker with a new computer that the advertiser claims will help him "make dough."
(A) a baking mixture
(B) more customers
(C) money
(D) bread
15. At every faculty meeting, Ms. Volatile always manages to put her foot in her mouth.
(A) trip over her big feet
(B) say the wrong thing
(C) move rapidly
(D) fall asleep