

General Test

Part 1

Listen to the conversations. Then complete the sentences using phrases with mind.

1. Paul thinks his manager is watching him, but it's probably all
2. Ted wants to try the new baby food diet, but he after listening to Olivia's opinion.
3. The woman is afraid of elevators, so she tries to by closing her eyes and singing.
4. The woman believes she saw a UFO in her neighbor's yard. The man thinks the woman is
5. Angelo's professor needs him to on his thesis topic by the end of the week.

Part 2

Listen to the passage and read the statements. Write X next to information you heard. Write R next to information that is related to the passage but you didn't hear. Write U next to information that is unrelated to and not presented in the listening passage.

___	6. Hikers often face challenges when trying to reach mountain summits.	___	9. A famous director featured a character in his film that had acrophobia	___	12. Parents should limit the time their children spend watching cartoons on TV.
___	7. Spiders consume insects that are harmful to growing vegetables.	___	10. Coulrophobia is an extreme fear of clowns.	___	13. Horror films use phobias to excite the audience.
___	8. Halloween is a holiday in which people often wear masks.	___	11. Agorophobia is a fear of open spaces.	___	14. Clowns usually have red noses.

Part 3

Listen to the passage again. Write the phobias mentioned in each film.

15. Vertigo _____

16. It _____

17. Cliffhanger _____

18. Arachnophobia _____

Part 4

Complete the sentences with a, an, or the. Write X if the noun shouldn't have an article.

Example: Many snakes are very poisonous, but the snakes in my backyard are harmless.

19. therapists can help people with a variety of phobias and anxiety issues.

20. All superfoods have a lot of vitamins, but I think best superfoods are fruits because they taste so good.

21. Do you believe that apple every day keeps illness away?

22. president of our company works with politicians around the world.

23. We aren't allowed to watch scary TV shows in our house because my brother is so young.

24. I noticed two people talking when I looked at the picture, but Delia saw vase.

25. I gave Mike opportunity to read this article about agoraphobia, but he refused.

Part 5

Complete the paragraph with the correct articles.

Last week, I had _____ scary experience on _____ bus. _____ bus had stopped and _____ passenger got on. _____ passenger, _____ woman of about 40, had _____ baby in her arms. She paid her fare and was walking to _____ empty seat in _____ back of _____ bus. All of a sudden, _____ bus stopped and _____ woman with _____ baby fell on _____ floor. _____ other passengers got up to grab _____ baby to be sure it was OK, but _____ mother couldn't get up. Apparently, she had broken _____ wrist. _____ bus driver called _____ ambulance with his emergency phone, and _____ ambulance came right away. I hope _____ woman and _____ baby are OK!

Part 6

Correct the errors in article usage. Write the correct sentence.

49. Mr. Hamilton is a president of New York University now.

50. I live in United States.

51. My favorite leisure time activity is listening to the music.

52. They say that one day there might be a cure for the cancer.

53. We were playing the tennis this morning when it started to rain.

54. I'm making dinner for my family tonight: a fish and the salad.

55. We're all hoping for the world peace.

56. Fewer and fewer people today are studying the mathematics.

Part 7

Complete the sentences using it + the passive reporting form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: **It is claimed** that breaking a mirror will bring you seven years of bad luck. (claim)

57. that you can't believe everything you read on the Internet. (say)

58. that you might lose weight quickly on that diet. (think)

59. that the number seven is lucky. (hold)

60. Even in the present day that finding a four-leaf clover will bring good luck. (believe)

61. that millions of people refuse to live or work on the thirteenth floor. (estimate)

62. In some cultures, that it is very important to dress up for dinner. (feel)

Part 8

Write these facts in statements with the reporting verb in the passive voice.

51. Soon commercial space travel will be available for people who can afford it. (believe)

63. There were over 50,000 people at the finals of the Canada Cup soccer tournament. (estimate)

64. Dogs can't see colors the way humans can. (claim)

65. If you paint your house with Super Paint house paints, you won't have to paint it again for 20 years. (assert)

66. People have tongue prints as unique as their fingerprints. (think)

67. People weigh more when they are standing on the equator than they do when they are standing somewhere else. (hold)

68. A baby who is fed his or her mother's milk will develop faster than one fed cow's milk. (feel)

69. For every human being in the world, there are over one and a half million ants. (say)

Part 9

Read the article. Then circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

Award-winning Illusions

You may have looked at famous illusions, like a set of straight lines that looked curved or a picture that either looks like people or vases depending on how you interpret it. But did you ever wonder how the illusions were made? Or have you ever tried to create an illusion? There is a contest for illusions that anyone in the world can enter, and it's called the Best Illusion of the Year Contest. The Neural Correlate Society, an organization that encourages scientific research, holds the contest every year.

The Best Illusion of the Year Contest started in 2005, and in 2015, it became an online contest. People now submit illusions as slide presentations with their voices explaining the image or images, or they can submit a video of an illusion with the explanation. A committee of judges selected by the Neural Correlate Society chooses the top ten illusions from all the submissions. The judges rate the illusions using five categories to choose the best illusions. First, they rate how well the illusion helps people understand the human brain. Second, they rate the simplicity of the description of the illusion, checking to see if the illusion can be understood visually with only a brief description about it. Third, they rate the appearance of the illusion, giving higher points to illusions that are beautiful. In addition, they rate the illusion on how different it is

from expectations—they want viewers to be shocked by the illusion when they realize what it is. Finally, they judge the illusion on how spectacular it is. Once the judges choose the ten top illusions, they put them online, where anyone and everyone can vote for their favorite illusions. The three people with the most votes for their illusions get prizes. First prize is \$3,000; second prize is \$2,000; and third prize is \$1,000.

Mark Vergeer, who is from Belgium, won first prize in 2015 with an illusion called Splitting Colors. He created a video that starts with two identical, thin, flickering lines on the screen. The lines have the exact same multiple colors, and they flicker, or move, in the exact same pattern. The lines are then surrounded by different, larger striped blocks of color. One line is surrounded by a blue and yellow striped block. This makes the multicolored thin line *look* like it only has two colors—red and cyan (greenish-blue). The other multicolored thin line is surrounded by a red and cyan striped block. This makes the thin line *look* like it only has two colors—blue and yellow. The lines also move differently. Instead of looking like they have the same flicker pattern, one line looks like it is moving to the right, and the other line looks like it's moving to the left. The two lines look different, but it is an illusion—the lines don't change, but the way the human eye sees them does. The illusion demonstrates how our brains view and process color—a color we see can be affected by other colors around it.

The contest is held in the spring, and anyone can enter an illusion as long as it hasn't been in the top three before. Do you have what it takes to create an illusion? If not, you may just enjoy viewing winning illusions from previous years online.

70. The illusions are judged based on five categories, including how **(easy they are to understand / difficult they are to see / simple they are to make)**.
71. The illusion Splitting Colors shows that the brain can **(see colors differently / change lines from straight to curved / make objects disappear)** when other colors are near them.
72. **(Judges from a society / People who vote online / Past winners)** choose the final three winners for the contest.
73. In Mark Vergeer's illusion, the lines look like they are different **(shapes / sizes / colors)**, but they are actually the same.
74. The illusions should suggest one thing when first seen and **(confuse / annoy / surprise)** people in the end.
75. The Best Illusion of the Year Contest started **(about five years ago / over ten years ago / in 2015)**.

Writing Test

Part 1

Write a three-paragraph essay about a superstition you know about. Be sure all your verbs and subjects agree. Use the questions below to plan your response.

- What is the superstition? Who believes it?
- Why do people believe the superstition?
- Is the superstition helpful or harmful?
- Which people don't believe it?

[illegible]

Part 2

Read the e-mail. Imagine your friend believes the e-mail and you don't. Make up a conversation between you and your friend. Try to convince your friend that the information is a scam. Your conversation should be two to three minutes.

To:
Reply to:
Important Message

Dear Respected Friend,

Greetings! Please allow me to inform you of my desire to do business with you. I got your e-mail from a trusted friend, and I want to give you an opportunity of a lifetime.

I am an international businessperson, and a very wealthy relative left me one million dollars in an overseas bank account. However, due to circumstances beyond my control, I am not able to open a bank account in your country, which I will be moving to in a few months. I would like to deposit a portion of this money to your account and withdraw it when I arrive. For your help, I will give you 10% of the \$100,000 I would like to transfer to your account. You only need to provide the follow information:

Your bank account number
Your full name and address
Your social security or other identification number

I look forward to doing business with you.