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STRUCTURE POST-TEST (Paper)

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: Questions 1–15 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. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

Look at the following examples.

Example I **Sample Answer**

The president _____ the election by a landslide.

(A) won
(B) he won
(C) yesterday
(D) fortunately

The sentence should read, "The president won the election by a landslide." Therefore, you should choose (A).

Example II **Sample Answer**

When _____ the conference?

(A) the doctor attended
(B) did the doctor attend
(C) the doctor will attend
(D) the doctor's attendance

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

Now, begin work on the questions.

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1. _____ range in color from pale yellow to bright orange.

   (A) Canaries
   (B) Canaries which
   (C) That canaries
   (D) Canaries that are

2. Carnivorous plants _____ insects to obtain nitrogen.

   (A) are generally trapped
   (B) trap generally
   (C) are trapped generally
   (D) generally trap

3. A federal type of government results in _____.

   (A) a vertical distribution of power
   (B) power is distributed vertically
   (C) vertically distributed
   (D) the distribution of power is vertical

4. February normally has twenty-eight days, but every fourth year, _____ has twenty-nine.

   (A) there
   (B) its
   (C) is a leap year
   (D) a leap year, it

5. Evidence suggests that one-quarter of operations _____ bypass surgery may be unnecessary.

   (A) they involve
   (B) involve
   (C) involving
   (D) which they involve

6. _____ a tornado spins in a counterclockwise direction in the northern hemisphere, it spins in the opposite direction in the southern hemisphere.

   (A) However
   (B) Because of
   (C) Although
   (D) That

7. The Caldecott Medal, _____ for the best children's picture book, is awarded each January.

   (A) is a prize which
   (B) which prize
   (C) which is a prize
   (D) is a prize

8. Sports medicine is a medical specialty that deals with the identification and treatment of injuries to persons _____.

   (A) sports are involved
   (B) involved in sports
   (C) they are involved in sports
   (D) sports involve them

9. The Wilmington Oil Field, in Long Beach, California, is one of _____ oil fields in the continental United States.

   (A) productive
   (B) the most productive
   (C) most are productive
   (D) productivity

10. Thunder occurs as _____ through air, causing the heated air to expand and collide with layers of cooler air.

    (A) an electrical charge
    (B) passes an electrical charge
    (C) the passing of an electrical charge
    (D) an electrical charge passes

11. The population of Houston was ravaged by yellow fever in 1839 _____ in 1867.

    (A) it happened again
    (B) and again
    (C) was ravaged again
    (D) again once more

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12. Researchers have long debated _____ Saturn's moon Titan contains hydrocarbon oceans and lakes.

    (A) over it
    (B) whether the
    (C) whether over
    (D) whether

13. According to Bernoulli's principle, the higher the speed of a fluid gas, _____ the pressure.

    (A) it will be lower
    (B) lower than the
    (C) the lower
    (D) lower it is

14. The flight instructor, _____ at the air base, said that orders not to fight had been issued.

    (A) when interviewed
    (B) when he interviewed
    (C) when to interview
    (D) when interviewing

15. In the northern and central parts of the state of Idaho _____ and churning rivers.

    (A) majestic mountains are found
    (B) are majestic mountains found
    (C) are found majestic mountains
    (D) finding majestic mountains

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Written Expression

Directions: In questions 16–40, 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 **Sample Answer**

The four string on a violin are tuned
A B C D

in fifths.

(A) ● (C) (D)

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

Example II **Sample Answer**

The research for the book *Roots* taking
A B C

Alex Haley twelve years.
D

(A) (B) ● (D)

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

Now, begin work on the questions.

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16. Light (A) can travels (B) from the Sun (C) to the Earth in eight minutes (D) and twenty seconds.

17. Every human typically (A) have (B) twenty-three pairs of (C) chromosomes in most cells (D).

18. In the (A) sport (B) of fencing, three type (C) of swords are used (D): the foil, the epee, and the sabre.

19. The Internal Revenue Service uses (A) computers to check tax return computations (B), to determine the reasonableness of deductions, and for verifying (C) the accuracy of reported income (D).

20. There was (A) four groups of twenty rats (B) each involved (C) in the test (D).

21. The type of jazz known as (A) "swing" was introduced (B) by Duke Ellington when he (C) wrote and records (D) "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing."

22. The bones of mammals, not alike (A) those (B) of other (C) vertebrates, show (D) a high degree of differentiation.

23. The United States receives (A) a large amount (B) of revenue from taxation (C) of a (D) tobacco products.

24. Much (A) fats are composed of one molecule (B) of glycerin combined with (C) three molecules of fatty acids (D).

25. The capital (A) of the Confederacy was originally (B) in Mobile, but they were (C) moved (D) to Richmond.

26. A pearl develops when (A) a tiny grain of sand or some another (B) irritant (C) accidentally enters into (D) the shell of a pearl oyster.

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27. The English horn is an alto (A) oboe with a pitch (B) one fifth lower as (C) that (D) of the soprano oboe.

28. In the Milky Way galaxy, the most (A) recent (B) observed supernova appeared (C) in (D) 1604.

29. Although (A) the name suggests otherwise (B), the ship known as (C) *Old Ironsides* was built of oak and cedar rather than it was built (D) of iron.

30. Never in the history (A) of humanity there have (B) been more people (C) living (D) on this relatively small planet.

31. Because of the mobile (A) of Americans today, it is (B) difficult for them (C) to put down real roots (D).

32. For five years after (A) the Civil War, Robert E. Lee served to (B) president of Washington College, which (C) later was called (D) Washington and Lee.

33. Doctors successfully (A) used hypnosis during (B) World War II to treat (C) fatigue battle (D).

34. The lobster, like (A) many (B) crustaceans, can cast off a damaging (C) appendage and regenerate a new appendage to nearly normal size (D).

35. The main cause of the oceans' tides (A) is (B) the gravitation (C) pull of the Moon (D).

36. The (A) curricula of American public schools are (B) set in (C) individual states; they do not determine (D) by the federal government.

37. The fact that the sophisticated technology has become (A) part of revolution (B) in travel delivery systems (C) has not made travel schedules less hectic (D).

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38. Balanchine's plotless (A) ballets, such (B) *Jewels* and *The Four Temperaments,* present (C) dance purely (D) as a celebration of the movement of the human body.

39. In a solar battery, a photosensitive semiconducting (A) substance such as (B) silicon crystal is the source (C) of electrician (D).

40. In early days (A) hydrochloric acid was done (B) by heating (C) a mixture of sodium chloride with (D) iron sulfate.

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

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