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: These questions 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

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 answer (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 answer (B).

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

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

2. _____ of precious gems is determined by their hardness, color, and brilliance.

   (A) The valuable
   (B) It is the value
   (C) It is valuable
   (D) The value

3. _____ 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

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

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

5. The horn of the rhinoceros consists of a cone of tight bundles of keratin _____ from the epidermis.

   (A) grow
   (B) grows
   (C) growing
   (D) they grow

6. Most species of heliotropes are weeds, _____ of them are cultivated.

   (A) some
   (B) but some
   (C) for some species
   (D) some species

7. 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

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

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

9. Nimbostratus clouds are thick, dark grey clouds _____ forebode rain.

   (A) what
   (B) which
   (C) what they
   (D) which they

10. _____ in several early civilizations, a cubit was based on the length of the forearm from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow.

   (A) It was used as a measurement
   (B) A measurement was used
   (C) The use of a measurement
   (D) Used as a measurement

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11. Only when air and water seep through its outer coat _____.

(A) does a seed germinate
(B) to the germination of a seed
(C) a seed germinates
(D) for a seed to germinate

12. _____ seasonal rainfall, especially in regions near the tropics, is winds that blow in an opposite direction in winter than in summer.

(A) Causing
(B) That cause
(C) To cause
(D) What causes

13. The extinct Martian volcano Olympus Mons is approximately three times as _____ Mount Everest.

(A) high
(B) high as is
(C) higher than
(D) the highest of

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

(A) when interviewed
(B) when he interviewed
(C) when his 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) found majestic mountains
(C) are found majestic mountains
(D) finding majestic mountains

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Written Expression

Directions: In these questions, 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

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

in fifths.

Sample Answer

(A) ● (C) (D)

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

Example II

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

Alex Haley twelve years.
(D)

Sample Answer

(A) (B) ● (D)

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

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

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

18. Most (A) sedimentary rocks start forming (B) when grains of clay, silt, or sandy (C) settle in river valleys or on (D) the bottoms of lakes and oceans.

19. The total thickness of the ventricular walls (A) of the heart are (B) about (C) three times that (D) of the atria.

20. The type of jazz known (A) as "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."

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

22. The (A) neocortex has evolved (B) more recently then (C) other (D) layers of the brain.

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 of glycerin combined with (B) three molecules of fatty (C) 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 stone 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 than (C) the (D) soprano oboe.

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

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

30. Because of the mobility (A) of Americans today, it is difficult (B) for they (C) to put down real roots. (D)

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

32. The number (A) of wild horses on Assateague is (B) increasing lately, resulting (C) in overgrazed marsh and dune grasses. (D)

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

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

35. Humans develop normally (A) twenty primary (B), or (C) deciduous, teeth and thirty-two permanent (D) ones.

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

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

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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), a photosensitive semiconducting (B) substance such as (C) silicon crystal is the source 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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At the end of 25 minutes, go on to Section 3.
Use exactly 55 minutes to work on Section 3.

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