

## Incomplete Sentences

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Alex ----- that he had taken the test five times.  
(A) says  
(B) tells  
(C) said  
(D) told
2. Almost every part of our lives ----- computerized over the past 10 years.  
(A) have been  
(B) has been  
(C) was  
(D) had done
3. Mike didn't ----- at Jill's party last night because he had a headache.  
(A) show up  
(B) come up  
(C) make up  
(D) hang up
4. I went to Los Angeles fifteen years -----.  
(A) before  
(B) ago  
(C) since  
(D) next to
5. He seems ----- as surprised by the news as we were.  
(A) to being  
(B) was  
(C) to was  
(D) to have been

6. Kate usually ----- to class by bicycle, but today she went by bus because of the rain.  
(A) go  
(B) goes  
(C) went  
(D) gone

7. Frank ----- a TV show when Karen got home.  
(A) watched  
(B) watches  
(C) watch  
(D) was watching

8. The couple must need a ----- because they have just returned from a long journey.  
(A) pause  
(B) stop  
(C) rest  
(D) discontinuation

9. We ----- her for more than twenty years.  
(A) know  
(B) knows  
(C) have known  
(D) are known

10. His father ----- a lawyer, but now he's a politician.  
(A) is used to be  
(B) was used to be  
(C) use to be  
(D) used to be

11. We were asked not to disturb the baby because he -----.  
(A) is sleeping  
(B) slept  
(C) was sleeping  
(D) sleeping

12. He has studied English ----- he was in elementary school.

- (A) during
- (B) while
- (C) as long as
- (D) since

13. While Steve was washing his car, he ----- some dents in the doors.

- (A) discovered
- (B) is discovering
- (C) was discovering
- (D) has discovered

14. By the time he arrived at the -----, the movie had ended.

- (A) doctor's office
- (B) home
- (C) theater
- (D) dentist

15. Ever since he arrived, he ----- quietly in the corner.

- (A) sat
- (B) has been sitting
- (C) sits
- (D) is sitting

## Incomplete Texts

**Questions 1 through 4** refer to the following memo.

This semester, be prepared for your exams. Follow these handy hints from the Student Advice Center.

Don't ----- until the night before an exam. The best students revise and learn early and

1. (A) be wait
- (B) waiting
- (C) wait
- (D) had waited

regularly throughout the semester. Revise each night what you learned in class that day. Reread class notes, assignments, handouts or previous tests and textbooks. ----- key words and

2. (A) Highlight
- (B) Notice
- (C) Spotlight
- (D) View

points with a colored pen or pencil. It is very helpful to write summaries of the notes you take in class.

If that sounds like too much effort, then you ----- start studying at least two weeks before

3. (A) had to
- (B) should
- (C) would
- (D) shouldn't

your exams. Make a study schedule and stick to it, but be realistic about your goals. Don't try to do too much in one day. Resting is as ----- as studying.

4. (A) important
- (B) importance
- (C) duty
- (D) must

**Questions 5 through 8** refer to the following letter.

Dear Ms. Whitfield,

Let me answer your questions ----- our scholarship policy. In order to qualify for a scholarship

5. (A) regards  
(B) to regard  
(C) regarding  
(D) my regards to

students have to receive at least an A in 90% of their assignments, and no lower than a B+ in the remaining 10%. This is the minimum requirement. Getting the minimum grades does not ----- a scholarship if there are several students whose grades exceed the minimum.

6. (A) promise  
(B) agree  
(C) guarantee  
(D) offer

Secondly, students cannot receive a scholarship more than two times. In addition to this, the scholarships cannot be for two consecutive semesters.

You ----- a scholarship last semester, so ----- we were unable to offer you a scholarship,

7. (A) were received                            8. (A) coincidentally  
(B) received                                    (B) unfortunately  
(C) have received                            (C) accidentally  
(D) receiving                                    (D) fortunately

even though you received an A+ in all of your courses.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Michaels  
Finance Officer

Questions 9 through 12 refer to the following information.

## Choosing a college

----- a college is one of the most important decisions you will have to make. The following

9. (A) To choice  
(B) Chosen  
(C) Choosing  
(D) Having chosen

suggestions should help you ----- an informed decision. Visit the school you are considering.

10. (A) have  
(B) suggest  
(C) make  
(D) perform

While you are at the school, take some time to look at the equipment and facilities. Talk to lecturers and ----- students. Ask questions that will give you first-hand knowledge about

11. (A) now  
(B) current  
(C) presently  
(D) immediate

the school: Do the instructors seem knowledgeable? What is the students' opinion of the instructors? What ----- they like most and least about the school or program? Finally,

12. (A) do  
(B) are  
(C) had  
(D) can

look at several schools that offer similar programs. Compare program length, schedule, cost, transferability of course credits, financial aid availability, and any other factors that are important to you.

## Reading Comprehension

Questions 1 through 3 refer to the following memo.

Notice to all teachers!

This memo is to inform you of the following situation. Last week, the office caught several students cheating on exams. They were using their cell phones to text message answers to other students. I want all teachers to collect their students' cell phones before every exam. Cheating will not be tolerated! If students are caught with cell phones during a test, it will automatically be considered cheating. The student will receive an F and a two-day suspension from school. Thank you for your assistance.

Principal McMathews

1. Who is this memo directed at?
  - (A) Teachers
  - (B) Students
  - (C) Students' parents
  - (D) Principal McMathews
2. What will the punishment be for cheating students?
  - (A) Go to the principal's office
  - (B) Take away their cell phones
  - (C) An F and a two-day suspension
  - (D) Be sent to another school
3. What does the principal want the teachers to do?
  - (A) Stop giving exams
  - (B) Give more difficult exams
  - (C) Teach students about honesty
  - (D) Take away all cell phones before each exam

**Questions 4 through 7 refer to the following article.**

## How to get accepted to Fullgate University.

By Alex Herd, Fullgate University Admissions Office. It is time to start applying for university. Some students will be successful, but others will not. If you have dreamed of being admitted to Fullgate University, this article can show you what to do to improve your chances of success. First, you must apply early. You must apply before the application deadline. This is, perhaps, the most important consideration. We receive a lot of applications from excellent students who we have to reject because they sent us their application far too late. Make sure to apply before January 17<sup>th</sup>. Fullgate University believes that after-school activities such as volunteer work, sports participation, and employment are very important. We look for any activities that help develop a student's character. Your grades are not the only aspect we consider. Finally, Fullgate University looks closely at letters of recommendation. We require at least three letters of recommendation. These should be written by people such as your teachers, sports club coaches, employers and the leaders of any volunteer organizations you belong to. We suggest that you get these as soon as possible so you can submit them with your application.

4. Who would be interested in this information?
  - (A) High school students
  - (B) Fullgate University students
  - (C) Volunteers
  - (D) School teachers
5. What is the most important thing to consider?
  - (A) Volunteer work
  - (B) Sports participation
  - (C) The application deadline
  - (D) Employment
6. How many letters of recommendation does the university require?
  - (A) Three
  - (B) Four
  - (C) Five
  - (D) None
7. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as someone to write a letter of recommendation?
  - (A) Teacher
  - (B) Employer
  - (C) Sports coach
  - (D) Priest

Questions 8 through 11 refer to the following letter.

## New Students! Welcome to Blue Oak High School!

Congratulations on being accepted to Blue Oak High School. You are about to begin three exciting years and make memories that will stay with you forever.

We will have our freshman student orientation next Wednesday (September 2<sup>nd</sup>) in the school gymnasium. The opening ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. You should arrive to check attendance at 8:30 a.m. Don't be late on your first day! You will need to bring your student ID card and a copy of your class schedule. You will have a chance to talk with some of your new teachers, and you can ask them questions about your schedule and classes. It will also be a good chance to meet your new classmates. Last year, we had the famous movie actor Tim Grimley as a guest speaker (Tim graduated from Blue Oak High in 1990). This year, our guest speaker is a surprise!!! If you want to know who it is, you have to come to the orientation and see for yourself!

The gymnasium is easy to find. Just go to the library and turn left. The gymnasium is the blue building next to the cafeteria. You will find a map of the school on the reverse of this letter.

After the orientation you will be dismissed and classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday.

8. What do the freshman students have to take with them to the orientation?
  - (A) Their parents
  - (B) Some money for food
  - (C) Their ID cards and class schedules
  - (D) Their schoolbooks
9. Where is the orientation going to be?
  - (A) At Tim Grimley's house
  - (B) In the cafeteria
  - (C) In the library
  - (D) In the gymnasium
10. Who is Tim Grimley?
  - (A) A teacher speaking at the orientation
  - (B) A former student from the school
  - (C) The school's principal
  - (D) The surprise guest at this year's orientation
11. When do freshman classes begin?
  - (A) On Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - (B) At 9 a.m.
  - (C) On Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - (D) They have already started.