

Section 2: Structure and Written Expression

Time: 25 minutes, including the reading of 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 2 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 4 words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). Choose the 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.

Example I

Sample Answer

(A) ☒ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D) ☐

Geysers have often been compared to volcanoes _____ they both emit hot liquids from below the Earth's surface.

- (A) due to
- (B) because
- (C) in spite of
- (D) regardless of

The sentence should read, "Geysers have often been compared to volcanoes because they both emit hot liquids from beneath the Earth's surface." Therefore, the correct choice is (B).

Example II

Sample Answer

(A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D) ☒

During the early period of ocean navigation, _____ any need for sophisticated instruments and techniques.

- (A) so that hardly
- (B) when there hardly was
- (C) hardly was
- (D) there was hardly

The sentence should read, "During the earlier period of ocean navigation, there was hardly any need for sophisticated instruments and techniques." Therefore, the correct answer is (D).

Now begin work on the questions.

1. _____ of classical ballet in the United States began around 1830.
(A) To teach
(B) Is teaching
(C) It was taught
(A) The teaching
2. Mason bees are solitary bees, which means _____ in colonies like honeybees or bumblebees.
(A) do not live
(B) when they do not live
(C) that they do not live
(D) that do not live
3. Long before the advent of written literature, _____ their myths and stories in oral poems told by successive generations.
(A) people recorded
(B) recording people
(C) people's recordings
(D) people who recorded
4. Comparative anatomy is _____ classification of both plants and animals.
(A) the basis for
(B) for basics
(C) the basis that
(D) the basically
5. Although legend has it that the Pilgrims first set foot in America on Plymouth Rock in 1620, _____ documentary evidence confirming this.
(A) no
(B) still is no
(C) there is no
(D) but no
6. Despite its fishlike form, the whale is _____ and will drown if submerged too long.
(A) an animal breathes air that
(B) an animal that breathes air
(C) an animal breathes air
(D) that an animal breathes air
7. Clouds _____ in warm air rises, cools, and condenses.
(A) when form water vapor
(B) form when water vapor
(C) form vapor water when
(D) vapor form when water
8. Portland, _____, is located primarily on two hilly peninsulas overlooking Casco Bay and its many islands.
(A) which Maine's largest city
(B) Maine's largest city where
(C) is Maine's largest city
(D) Maine's largest city

9. Mars, the so-called red planet, is actually colored red by iron oxide and other impurities _____ the whole surface.
- (A) that cover
(B) in which are covered
(C) that they cover
(D) and covered
10. The 1903 film *The Great Train Robbery* was the first significant film in which the classic western story's formula of crime and retribution _____.
- (A) was used
(B) to be used
(C) used
(D) had used
11. When played in certain ways, the bassoon can produce comical sounds, _____ it is sometimes referred to as the clown of the orchestra.
- (A) or
(B) that
(C) so
(D) whether
12. In modern societies, _____ authorized body such as a legislature or a court makes the law.
- (A) some
(B) some of
(C) some the
(D) for some
13. The sense of smell functions chemically, _____ the sense of taste, but it is 10,000 times more sensitive.
- (A) as does
(B) so have
(C) which as
(D) by which
14. _____ primarily from plant oils, perfumes were used in ancient times as incense in religious rites, in medicines, and later for adornment.
- (A) Made them
(B) They made
(C) Made
(D) By making
15. Boise became _____ of the state of Idaho in 1864.
- (A) as the capital
(B) the capital
(C) to be the capital
(D) the capital was

Written Expression

Directions: In questions 16-40, each sentence has 4 underlined words or phrases. The underlined parts of the sentence are marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). Identify the 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.

Example I

Sample Answer

☒ (A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)

Guppies are sometimes call rainbow fish due to the bright colors of the males.
A B C D

The sentence should read, "Guppies are sometimes called rainbow fish due to the bright colors of the males." Therefore, you should choose (A).

Example II

Sample Answer

☐ (A) ☒ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D)

Serving several term in the United States Congress, Shirley Chisholm became a
A B C
respected political figure.
D

The sentence should read, "Serving several terms in the United States Congress, Shirley Chisholm became a respected political figure." Therefore, you should choose (B).

Now begin work on the questions.

16. Soybeans contain a rich concentrations of phytoestrogens,
A
B
 estrogenlike molecules derived from plants.
C
D
17. The original Welland Canal, opened which in 1829, was neither deep
A
B
 enough nor wide enough for modern ships.
C
D
18. A lubricant minimizes the introduction of dirt, moisture, or other foreign
A
B
 materials between sliding surfaces, eliminates wear by keeping the surfaces
C
 apart, and prevention corrosion.
D
19. There are thousands kinds of inks used both in the printing industry
A
B
C
 and in the manufacture of ballpoint and fountain pens for writing.
D
20. A gene is a biological unit of information who directs the activity of a cell or
A
B
C
 organism during its lifetime.
D
21. Like landscapes in miniature, gardens are places to grow plants for pleasure
A
B
 and to provide beauty and relaxed.
C
D
22. Hurricanes consist at high-velocity winds blowing circularly around
A
B
C
 a low-pressure center known as the eye of the storm.
D
23. One of the most significance political movements since the Second World
A
B
 War ended has been the breaking up of former colonial empires into
C
independent nations.
D

24. Radar can determine the direction, distance, height, and speed of objects
A B
that are too much far away for the human eye to see.
C D
25. Establishing outside Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1976, the Minnesota Valley
A
National Wildlife Refuge contains more than 9,000 acres of forests, prairies,
B C
marshes, and lakes.
D
26. Most animals have salivary glands what resemble those in humans.
A B C D
27. Used for making pottery, clay has two characteristics distinctive: it can be
A B
molded and it can be baked to form a brittle but otherwise durable
C D
material.
28. The novels of Amy Tan depict of tension between mothers and daughters
A
as well as conflicts experienced by many Chinese immigrants to the United
B C D
States.
29. The symptoms of pneumonia, a lung infection, include high fever, chest
A B C
pain, breathing difficult, and coughing.
D
30. A basic premise of humanism is that people are rational beings who
A
possesses the capacity for truth and goodness.
B C D

31. The long of time a battery maintains its useful life while idle depends on
A B C D
many factors: quality of construction, cell size, cell type, and storage
temperature.
32. Leather is dried under natural or controlled humidity conditions, prepared
A B C
it for subsequent softening and finishing operations.
D
33. Of all the organized, independent city in Texas, Laredo, founded in 1755, is
A B C
the oldest.
D
34. There was in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903, that the
A
first controlled flight of a powered, heavier-than-air craft took place.
B C D
35. The favored habitat of the junco, a small sparrow, is a mixed or coniferous
A B
forest, despite it is often noted in fields, thickets, and city parks.
C D
36. By studying modern coral reefs, geologists and biologists hope to
A B
understand mechanism of formation, migration, and entrapment of
C D
petroleum in ancient reefs.
37. Searching for alternate forms of energy does not necessary mean
A B
the abandonment of fossil fuels as an energy source.
C D
38. United States civil rights activist Medgar Evers was a leader in the struggle
A B
to gain equal rights to African Americans in his home state, Mississippi.
C D

39. The element potassium makes up less than one half percentage of the
A B C D
human body.

40. The canoe designed by North American Indians was very suitable for use
A
on inland waters, for it was easily portable and had amply storage space.
B C D

This is the end of Section 2.

**If you finish before time is called, check your work on
Section 2 only.**

DO NOT read or work on any other section of the test.

At the end of 25 minutes, go on to Section 3.

Use exactly 55 minutes to work on Section 3.