

# Language Form and Meaning

## Directions

In this section of the test, you will answer 42 questions found in seven different texts. Within each text are boxes that contain four possible ways to complete a sentence. Choose the word or words in each box that correctly complete each sentence. Mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

Here are two sample questions:

1. Ever since Gutenberg
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| (A) invents      |
| (B) invented     |
| (C) inventing    |
| (D) has invented |
- movable type in the 1400s, printed

works have been the primary source of reading material for most people.

2. But,
- |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| (A) thanks to the Internet,          |
| (B) thanking the Internet,           |
| (C) having thanked the Internet,     |
| (D) with the thanks of the Internet, |
- more and more people are reading

material that is not printed on paper nowadays.

The correct answer to Sample 1 is (B), "invented." The correct answer to Sample 2 is (A), "thanks to the Internet,".

Questions 1-4 refer to the following announcement.

To All Students:

It is time once again to begin working on your annual history projects. This year,

1. you

- (A) were allowed
- (B) will be allowed
- (C) are allowing
- (D) will have been allowed

to work on teams. Teams may consist of up to four

2. students. You may also work alone if you desire

- (A) to do so.
- (B) for doing such.
- (C) to have done so.
- (D) by doing such.

All students

should let me know with whom you will be working no later than next Monday, March 22.

3. Once you have made your choice, you may not

- (A) alter
- (B) cancel
- (C) rearrange
- (D) postpone

it in any manner.

All decisions are final. This year, the way in which you may do your history project is slightly different from that of previous years. Please see the attached papers for some

4. examples of

- (A) when your projects looked alike.
- (B) why the project looks like that.
- (C) which projects have looked like it.
- (D) what your projects should look like.

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Questions 5-8 refer to the following diary entry.

Dear Diary,

5. It is almost time to start thinking about which college I am going to

- (A) apply
- (B) register
- (C) attend
- (D) consider

after

6. I finish high school.

- (A) Wanting me, my parents
- (B) My parents want me
- (C) I would like my parents
- (D) My parents and I want

to enroll at the same school my

father went to a couple of decades ago. However, I am not particularly interested in that place, especially since it does not have a good computer science program, which is what

7. I want to study.

- (A) My interest is great
- (B) My great interest
- (C) The greatest interest of mine
- (D) Of greater interest to me

are a couple of

8. out-of-state schools. But, unless I

- (A) am awarding
- (B) am awarded
- (C) was awarded
- (D) will award

a scholarship, they are both

too expensive for my family. I suppose I ought to improve my grades if I want to go to either of those places.

Questions 9-12

refer to the following advertisement.

Work at the Sunnyville Summer Camp This Summer

How would you like to make some extra cash? If you have at least an A<sup>-</sup> average, then you are qualified to apply for a position at the Sunnyville Summer Camp. At Sunnyville,

9. we

- (A) remove
- (B) enforce
- (C) stress
- (D) value

camp counselors who are not only good with younger children but

10. who are also

- (A) better students
- (B) the best students
- (C) one of the best students
- (D) better than more students

in their classes. That is why you need

good grades to get a job with us. We also prefer students who

11.

- (A) enjoy spending time outdoors
- (B) are enjoying their time outdoors
- (C) have enjoyed spending time outdoors
- (D) being outdoors, enjoy their time

and being active. We pay well and provide

our counselors with great experiences throughout the entire summer. If you would like to

12.

- (A) stretch
- (B) broaden
- (C) attempt
- (D) test

your horizons and work for us this summer, then call 555-1991

and ask for Mary or Jason.

Questions 13-20 refer to the following letter.

Dear Paul,

13. I hope you do not mind, but I need to get some

- (A) advice
- (B) advise
- (C) advisement
- (D) advisory

from you. There is

14. something that has been on my mind a lot recently.

- (A) I am trying to decide
- (B) I, having decided, am trying
- (C) I decided to try
- (D) I will try for a decision

if I should join the basketball team or get a part-time job. Coach Dobbins is putting a lot

15. of pressure on me

- (A) playing.
- (B) to play.
- (C) will play.
- (D) have played.

I was on the team last year and had fun.

16. Overall,

- (A) I am gaining more experience.
- (B) it was a great experience.
- (C) the experience will be great.
- (D) I have a lot of experience.

However, my parents have cut off

17. my (A) allowance.  
(B) scholarship.  
(C) endowment.  
(D) grant. They say I am old enough to earn my own spending money.

Since I am planning to buy a car once I get my driver's license, I need to come up with

18. some extra cash. What would you do in my (A) condition?  
(B) resumption?  
(C) situation?  
(D) imposition? I trust advice from

19. you (A) more advising  
(B) more than advice  
(C) the most advice  
(D) than the most advising from any of my other friends. Please tell me

20. (A) who thought that  
(B) what we thought  
(C) who is thinking  
(D) what you think I ought to do.

Your friend,  
Tim

Questions 21-28 refer to the following biography.

21. One of (A) great  
(B) greater  
(C) greater than  
(D) the greatest inventors in the world was Thomas Edison.

22. (A) Dying in time  
(B) By the time he died  
(C) After having died  
(D) Since the time of his death in 1931, Edison held more than 1,000 patents and had

revolutionized the world with his inventions, which included the light bulb and

23. phonograph. Yet few who knew Edison in his youth would have (A) replied  
(B) treated  
(C) approached  
(D) predicted he

was destined for greatness. As a child, Edison became sick and developed hearing problems

24. as a (A) direct  
(B) directive  
(C) direction  
(D) directly result of his illness. Eventually, he became deaf in both ears. He

25. was also (A) children with some problems.  
(B) a problem with his children.  
(C) probably a child.  
(D) something of a problem child. Due to his hyperactive behavior, his

schoolteachers disliked him. Some thought he was unintelligent and would never

26. 

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| (A) accomplish |
| (B) regard     |
| (C) approach   |
| (D) instruct   |

 anything. Fortunately for Edison, his mother,

27. 

|                                    |
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| (A) herself being taught by him,   |
| (B) having taught him herself,     |
| (C) who was a teacher herself,     |
| (D) who will teach him by herself, |

 began to homeschool him when he was eleven.

Edison quickly gained an appetite for learning, and, by studying by himself, he became self-educated. It was due to his desire to learn and to teach himself new things that he

28. 

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| (A) portrayed  |
| (B) developed  |
| (C) satisfied  |
| (D) structured |

 an interest in becoming an inventor.

Questions 29-31 refer to the following newspaper article.

29. The Beaumont Academy is about to start

- (A) a projected ambition
- (B) projecting its ambitions
- (C) an ambitious project
- (D) the projection of ambition

that will result in the school undergoing a great deal of change.

30.

- (A) He donated thanks to
- (B) Thankfully, his donation
- (C) After giving thanks for a donation
- (D) Thanks to a donation

of two million dollars from a recent alumnus,

31. the Beaumont Academy is going to

- (A) reprove
- (B) restructure
- (C) renovate
- (D) renege

the entire campus. Work on the

main building has already started since the students are currently on summer vacation.

The school also intends to work on its gymnasium as well as its library.

32.

- (A) Will there be funds left over,
- (B) With the leftover funds,
- (C) After using the leftover funds,
- (D) With no funds left over,

the school will construct an entirely new

33. (A) cafeteria.  
(B) facility.  
(C) stadium.  
(D) library.
- It will contain a number of state-of-the-art classrooms that should

improve the learning environment at the school. According to school president John Sanders, the faculty, students, and parents are all eagerly anticipating how the school will

34. look. "Everything won't be (A) apparent  
(B) ordered  
(C) financed  
(D) complete
- until about ten months from now," said

Mr. Sanders. "However, we think the campus will be much improved by that time."

Questions 35-42 refer to the following essay.

A mural is a large painting done on a wall, ceiling, or side of a building.

35. There are several different

- (A) creators
- (B) families
- (C) examples
- (D) styles

of murals.

36.

- (A) There were a variety of times in the past,
- (B) In the past with various times,
- (C) During various times in the past,
- (D) Before various times had passed,

frescoes were among

37.

- (A) the most popular types
- (B) as popular as types
- (C) more popular types than
- (D) the popularity of more types

of murals. To create a fresco, the artist first

38.

- (A) applied
- (B) dried
- (C) painted
- (D) mixed

wet plaster to the surface of the wall or ceiling. Then, paint was

layered on top of the plaster. Because the plaster dried so quickly, the artist could only paint a small area at a time. Thus frescoes often took a long time

39. (A) completing.  
(B) will complete.  
(C) have been complete.  
(D) to be completed.
- For that reason, many artists actively

40. (A) enjoyed  
(B) avoided  
(C) requested  
(D) planned
- making frescoes. Those who wanted to do murals more quickly

41. (A) attempted  
(B) studied  
(C) resorted  
(D) trained
- to using other techniques. Painting on pieces of canvas and then

42. attaching those pieces to a wall was another way
- (A) of making murals.  
(B) murals will be made.  
(C) to make your mural.  
(D) making a mural.

A more modern technique is to make murals with photographs that have been printed on large sheets.

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# Reading Comprehension

## Directions

In this section of the test, you will read six texts and answer 42 questions. Choose the correct answer to each question and mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

Before you start, read the sample text and the sample questions below.

## Sample Text

Sharks are misunderstood creatures. Many people believe that all sharks are brutal killers that hunt humans, but that is not true at all. Only a handful of sharks ever attack humans, and most of them do that by mistake. In fact, most sharks ignore humans completely and seek to avoid them.

### Sample Question 1

What is this text mostly about?

- (A) Which sharks attack humans
- (B) Why sharks often ignore humans
- (C) How many sharks behave around humans
- (D) What to do when you see a shark

The correct answer is (C), "How many sharks behave around humans."

### Sample Question 2

Which of the following is true regarding sharks?

- (A) Most species of them attack humans.
- (B) Many of them actively hunt people.
- (C) A lot of them prefer to eat small sea creatures.
- (D) The majority of them stay away from people.

The correct answer is (D), "The majority of them stay away from people."

Questions 1-6 are about the following announcement.

All students who are enrolled in history and social studies classes this year should be aware of the following changes. We are making them because of the sudden departure of Mr. Sellers, who taught American history. Please consult the chart to note your new classrooms or instructors:

| Class                    | Classroom | Instructor    | Change         |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| American History         | 202       | Mr. Alvarez   | New instructor |
| World History            | 202       | Mr. Alvarez   | New classroom  |
| California State History | 206       | Ms. Henderson | New classroom  |
| Social Studies           | 200       | Mr. Nelson    | New instructor |

Please be aware that the class times have not undergone any changes at all. Your classes will still meet according to the times listed on your schedule. However, either your instructor or your classroom is different from what is listed on your schedule. We apologize for any confusion that these changes may cause, but the matter is out of the school's control. Hopefully, there will not be any problems with these classes during the school year. The school will also hire a new history teacher by next semester so that our current teachers will not be so overworked.

1. What is the purpose of the announcement?
  - (A) To provide students with their final schedules
  - (B) To request that students sign up for history classes
  - (C) To inform students of some scheduling changes
  - (D) To encourage students to take classes with new teachers
2. What did Mr. Sellers do?
  - (A) He quit his job.
  - (B) He got a promotion.
  - (C) He became sick.
  - (D) He changed departments.
3. According to the announcement, all of the following statements are true EXCEPT  
.....
  - (A) Mr. Alvarez is teaching world history
  - (B) social studies will meet in room 209
  - (C) American history has a new teacher
  - (D) Mr. Nelson is teaching California state history
4. What does the announcement mention about the class times?
  - (A) They have not changed at all.
  - (B) They are listed on a handout.
  - (C) They will be determined later.
  - (D) They will be altered next week.
5. What does the author point out by writing that the matter is out of the school's control in line 8?
  - (A) The school will try to control its teachers better.
  - (B) The school regrets having to make the changes.
  - (C) The school had no way of affecting what happened.
  - (D) The school will compensate students for their losses.
6. What can be inferred from the announcement about the school?
  - (A) It has not replaced the teacher who departed.
  - (B) It is going to make every teacher work more hours.
  - (C) It intends to hire the most qualified teachers.
  - (D) It is going to offer fewer history classes next semester.