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SECTION I

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand spoken English. There are three parts to this section, with special directions for each part.

Part A

Directions: For each problem in Part A, you will hear a short statement. The statements will be spoken just one time. They will not be written out for you, and you must listen carefully in order to understand what the speaker says.

When you hear a statement, read the four sentences in your test book and decide which one is closest in meaning to the statement you have heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the problem and mark your answer.

Look at Example I.

You will hear:

- You will read:
- (A) John does better in his studies than James.
 - (B) James is bigger than his brother John.
 - (C) John has only one brother.
 - (D) The teacher likes James better than John.

Sample Answer

☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D

Sentence (A), "John does better in his studies than James," means most nearly the same as the statement "John is a better student than his brother James." Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

Look at Example II.

You will hear:

- You will read:
- (A) The traffic isn't bad today.
 - (B) The trucks weigh a lot.
 - (C) There are a lot of trucks on the highway.
 - (D) The highway has been closed to heavy trucks.

Sample Answer

☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Sentence (C) "There are a lot of trucks on the highway," is closest in meaning to the sentence, "The truck traffic on this highway is so heavy I can barely see where I'm going." Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

- 1. (A) We played only half a game.
- (B) We took the train to Tunis.
- (C) We didn't play tennis because it rained.
- (D) Ten of us walked in the rain.

- 2. (A) My hair needs brushing.
- (B) Justice has already been done.
- (C) I'm quick to blush.
- (D) My tires need air.

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3. (A) The plane couldn't land at the airport.
(B) The flight didn't leave because there was a mechanical problem.
(C) The pilot removed his coat.
(D) The plane had a fire in an engine after it left the ground.
4. (A) He stripped the paint off.
(B) He got a package in the mail.
(C) He returned last night.
(D) He tripped and hurt his back.
5. (A) They worked at the museum.
(B) They built a wall around the museum.
(C) They bought meat after going to the museum.
(D) They went to the museum after work.
6. (A) Ann wanted to get some money.
(B) Ann was trying to catch a chicken.
(C) Ann hurried along the bank of the river.
(D) Ann needed to get home before the hurricane hit.
7. (A) Our neighbor will arrive in the next hour.
(B) Diane and I have been bored for an hour.
(C) Diane wants to meet her neighbors.
(D) Our neighbor works with Diane.
8. (A) The reading for biology is the best.
(B) The scientist will write a letter.
(C) A reading specialist will lead the tour.
(D) An important psychologist will speak.
9. (A) Mary responded to her name.
(B) Mary circled Pat's name.
(C) Pat made a phone call.
(D) Pat turned brown in the sun.
10. (A) Carey takes biology but not math.
(B) Carey has lower grades in math than in biology.
(C) Biology classes are held opposite the math classes.
(D) Carey takes four high school math classes.
11. (A) I like fiction and plays best.
(B) I ran in the election.
(C) See a doctor about your eye.
(D) Have a doctor treat the fracture.
12. (A) It was difficult to keep cool.
(B) It was too crowded to swim.
(C) People couldn't decide whether or not to swim.
(D) Many people went to the pool over the weekend.
13. (A) Tina's plans aren't definite.
(B) Two friends will spend the night.
(C) Tina won't see a horror movie.
(D) The dormitory students were in a frenzy.
14. (A) Stealing books is a crime.
(B) Climbing fences is dangerous.
(C) Breaking the law is not worthwhile.
(D) Paying for books is a major expense.

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15. (A) The instructor didn't have a chance to finish.
(B) The class period wasn't as long as usual.
(C) The presentation was about heart surgery.
(D) The lecturer was beginning to discuss difficult material.
16. (A) The banana appealed to him.
(B) He peeled the banana.
(C) He dropped the slip.
(D) He lost his balance.
17. (A) Fishermen eat at home.
(B) Fishermen tell true stories.
(C) Fishermen frequently invent stories.
(D) Fishermen often bring home fish tails.
18. (A) The secretary will be right up in a minute.
(B) The secretary will make a record of what was said.
(C) The secretary will confer with you in a moment.
(D) The secretary will sit to the right.
19. (A) He refuses to travel for the company.
(B) He won't go by plane when he travels.
(C) He visits many companies when he goes abroad.
(D) He keeps talking about the airplane factories overseas.
20. (A) We sneaked into the lunch room late.
(B) We bought some food.
(C) We bought a little pet snake.
(D) We decided to eat lunch early.

Part B

Directions: In Part B you will hear fifteen short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a third voice will ask a question about what was said. The question will be spoken just one time. After you hear a conversation and the question about it, read the four possible answers and decide which one would be the best response to the question you have heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

Look at Example III.

You will hear:

- You will read:
- (A) Read a book.
 - (B) Write a composition.
 - (C) Talk about a problem.
 - (D) Listen to the radio.

Sample Answer

(A) (B) (C) (D)

From the conversation we know that the assignment is to listen to a radio program and be ready to talk about it. The best answer, then, is (D), "Listen to the radio." Therefore, you should choose answer (D).

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21. (A) Yes, because she got some while she was shopping.
(B) Yes, because she wants to help him.
(C) No, because she's already spent most of it.
(D) No, because she already lent it to a friend.
22. (A) Yesterday.
(B) Two days ago.
(C) Three days ago.
(D) Early last week.
23. (A) In the hospital.
(B) At an appointment.
(C) In his office.
(D) Out of town.
24. (A) On the hour.
(B) Within an hour.
(C) By the next day.
(D) Before five.
25. (A) At a service station.
(B) On a hill.
(C) In an emergency room.
(D) In a parking lot.
26. (A) That the woman come to the party.
(B) A date with Barbara.
(C) That the woman cook for the party.
(D) A present for Bill.
27. (A) Eat dinner.
(B) Watch television.
(C) Read the newspaper.
(D) Take a nap.
28. (A) She's taking an exam on Friday.
(B) She has to study on Friday.
(C) She doesn't enjoy tours very much.
(D) She likes staying home better.
29. (A) He's a mailman.
(B) He's a writer.
(C) He's a telephone repairman.
(D) He's a dairy farmer.
30. (A) They can't figure out how to do it.
(B) It is a bad assignment.
(C) It will take a lot of time.
(D) They can do it on Friday.
31. (A) It was impossible to meet.
(B) They wouldn't attend the meeting.
(C) They would meet at 11:00.
(D) They would make something later.
32. (A) At an art museum.
(B) At a newspaper office.
(C) At a library.
(D) At a stadium.
33. (A) Language courses.
(B) Universities.
(C) British and American English.
(D) Literature courses.
34. (A) A news program.
(B) Bibliographies.
(C) Research topics.
(D) A dating service.
35. (A) The boss was angry with good reason.
(B) The boss didn't understand.
(C) She wasn't at all upset.
(D) She wanted a better design.

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Part C

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear several short talks and conversations. After each talk or conversation, you will be asked some questions. The talks and questions will be spoken just one time. They will not be written out for you, so you will have to listen carefully in order to understand and remember what the speaker says.

When you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and decide which one would be the best answer to the question you have heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the problem and fill in (blacken) the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Listen to this sample talk.

You will hear:

Now look at the following example.

You will hear:

- You will read:
- (A) By plane.
 - (B) By ship.
 - (C) By train.
 - (D) By bus.

Sample Answer

(A) ☒ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D) ☐

The best answer to the question, "How did people generally arrive at Ellis Island?" is (B), "By ship." Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

Now look at the next example.

You will hear:

- You will read:
- (A) New immigrants.
 - (B) International traders.
 - (C) Fishermen.
 - (D) Tourists.

Sample Answer

(A) ☐ (B) ☐ (C) ☐ (D) ☒

The best answer to the question "Who visits Ellis Island today?" is (D) "Tourists." Therefore, you should choose answer (D).

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| <p>36. (A) How the man is doing at his studies.</p> <p>(B) The way time passes.</p> <p>(C) The town they live in.</p> <p>(D) The things they like to do.</p> | <p>38. (A) It always goes too fast.</p> <p>(B) It always goes too slowly.</p> <p>(C) It seems slower when one has too much to do.</p> <p>(D) It seems slower when one has little to do.</p> |
| <p>37. (A) He doesn't remember when they moved.</p> <p>(B) He has done so much in two years.</p> <p>(C) He has already studied for four years.</p> <p>(D) He still doesn't know the town very well.</p> | <p>39. (A) She is bored by her work.</p> <p>(B) She has too much to do.</p> <p>(C) She is studying too hard.</p> <p>(D) She doesn't like the town.</p> |

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40. (A) Write a paper.
(B) Do an experiment.
(C) Be patient.
(D) Get rid of the flies.
41. (A) Open a biochemical laboratory.
(B) Continue their education.
(C) Refinish the furniture.
(D) Teach biochemistry.
42. (A) Children's play balloons.
(B) Weather balloons.
(C) Balloons used for safety patrols.
(D) Balloons used for recreation.
43. (A) 2.
(B) 100.
(C) 200.
(D) 1,000.
44. (A) They are impossible to guide.
(B) They may go up in flames.
(C) They tend to leak gas.
(D) They are cheaply made.
45. (A) They are safer.
(B) They are larger.
(C) They are easier to store.
(D) They are harder to damage.
46. (A) Only in the morning.
(B) During the early afternoon.
(C) In the early morning or the late afternoon.
(D) In the early afternoon or late at night.
47. (A) Watch for changes in weather.
(B) Watch their altitude.
(C) Check for weak spots in their balloons.
(D) Test the strength of the ropes.
48. (A) A hot day with no wind.
(B) A cool, very windy day.
(C) A clear day with a little wind.
(D) A warm, rainy day.
49. (A) A single American.
(B) An American and a Frenchman.
(C) Several Frenchmen.
(D) Three Americans.
50. (A) One day.
(B) Three days.
(C) Six days.
(D) Eleven days.

THIS IS THE END OF THE LISTENING COMPREHENSION PORTION
OF THE TEST.

WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR.
DO NOT WORK ON ANY OTHER SECTION IN THE TEST UNTIL
YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.



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SECTION II
STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Time — 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.

Directions: Questions 1-15 are incomplete sentences. Four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), (D), are given beneath each sentence. You are to choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the problem and mark your answer.

Example I.

Mt. Hood ----- in the state
of Oregon.

- (A) although
- (B) and.
- (C) is
- (D) which

Sample Answer

(A) (B) ☒ (C) (D)

In English, the sentence should read: "Mt. Hood is in the state of Oregon." Therefore, you should choose (C).

Example II.

----- most important event in
San Francisco's history was the
disastrous earthquake and fire of
1906.

- (A) The
- (B) It was the
- (C) That the
- (D) There was a

Sample Answer

☒ (A) (B) (C) (D)

In English, the sentence should read, "The most important event in San Francisco's history was the disastrous earthquake and fire of 1906." Therefore, you should choose (A).

As soon as you understand the directions, begin work on the problems.

1. North Carolina ----- a mild
climate.

- (A) has
- (B) having
- (C) being
- (D) with

2. Poe and Hawthorne ----- in
the development of the short
story as a distinctive American
genre.

- (A) and both leaders were
- (B) they were both leaders
- (C) were both leaders
- (D) who as leaders

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3. Geology is the science of the earth ----- whole.
 (A) a
 (B) as a
 (C) is a
 (D) It is a
4. ----- theories have been advanced to account for the existence of the moon.
 (A) They have many
 (B) There have been many
 (C) Many
 (D) That many
5. The history of nursing ----- the history of man.
 (A) as old as
 (B) is old, also old is
 (C) that is as old as
 (D) is as old as
6. ----- cell's nucleus is removed or destroyed, the entire cell disintegrates and dies.
 (A) A
 (B) If a
 (C) That a
 (D) When it is
7. The primary reason why the Constitution requires a census every ten years ----- a basis for the apportionment of representatives among the states.
 (A) it is providing
 (B) is to provide
 (C) and it provides
 (D) while providing
8. Lead ----- as a material for sculpture since the time of the early Greeks.
 (A) has been used
 (B) being used
 (C) has used
 (D) used
9. An electrical motor ----- electrical energy into mechanical energy.
 (A) converting
 (B) converts
 (C) is converted
 (D) which converts
10. ----- Vermont, threatened with invasion, declared itself an independent commonwealth.
 (A) In 1777 that it was
 (B) It was in 1777 that
 (C) Because in 1777
 (D) That in 1777
11. The oldest repertory theater still existing, ----- founded in 1680.
 (A) the Comédie-Française in Paris, it was
 (B) is the Comédie-Française in Paris, was
 (C) which is the Comédie-Française in Paris,
 (D) the Comédie-Française in Paris, was
12. John Quincy Adams is considered by most students of diplomacy ----- greatest of the United States secretaries of state.
 (A) that he was the
 (B) who was the
 (C) by the
 (D) the
13. ----- a professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Edward Charles Pickering established the first physics laboratory in the United States.
 (A) While
 (B) He was
 (C) After
 (D) Was he

14. It is ----- leather its permeability to air and water vapor.

- (A) the structure it gives
(B) giving it the structure of
(C) structure that gives it
(D) its structure that gives

15. Not until an infant hedgehog opens its eyes ----- its nest to follow its mother about.

- (A) it leaves
(B) and leaves
(C) leaving
(D) does it leave

Directions: In questions 16-40, each sentence has four words or phrases underlined. The four underlined parts of each sentence are marked (A), (B), (C), (D). You are to identify the one underlined word or phrase that should be corrected or rewritten.

Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the problem and mark your answer.

Example I.

Much federal and industrial experts
A
are certain that meat shortages will
B C
cause an enormous increase in the
D
consumption of fish and other sea

products.

Sample Answer

● (A) (B) (C) (D)

Answer (A), the underlined word much, would not be accepted in carefully written English; the word many is used with the plural experts. Therefore, the sentence should read, "Many federal and industrial experts are certain that meat shortages will cause an enormous increase in the consumption of fish and other sea products." To answer the problem correctly you would choose (A).

Example II.

It was during the 1920's that the friendship
A
between Hemingway and Fitzgerald reached
B
their highest point.
C D

Sample Answer

(A) (B) ● (D)

Answer (C), the underlined possessive adjective their, would not be accepted in carefully written English; the singular form its should be used because friendship is singular. Therefore, the sentence should read, "It was during the 1920's that the friendship between Hemingway and Fitzgerald reached its highest point." To answer the problem correctly, you would choose (C).

As soon as you understand the directions, begin work on the problems.

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16. The more famous observation deck in the world is located at the World Trade Center in New York.
A B C D
17. Every hockey player must be an expert in skating, handling the puck, checking, and to shoot.
A B C D
18. Although two political candidates may have different ideas about governing the country, they are often like to one another in the amount of money they spend campaigning.
A B C D
19. A scientist bases its work on hypotheses that have been checked through careful experimentation.
A B C D
20. Thomas Nast was known primarily for a political cartoonist.
A B C D
21. The cost of a college education has risen as rapidly during the past several years that it is now beyond the reach of many people.
A B C D
22. Scientists have found that heat is conducted through soil at an extremely very slow rate.
A B C D
23. The Hessian soldiers found themselves trapped by Washington's forces at the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776.
A B C D
24. Pickling of foods begun in prehistoric times.
A B C D
25. Naomi Uemura's alone trip to the North Pole in 1978 captured the imagination of the whole world.
A B C D
26. Peanuts grow in long, bright green rows on 18 inches-high bushes.
A B C D

27. The most highly praised performances in theatrical history were achieved by creating believable characters who behaved logical and truthfully.
28. Benjamin West was an eighteenth-century American artist who influenced British painters just so much as he did other American artists.
29. The explanation for the explosioning force of volcanoes lies in the pressure of the gases imprisoned within the molten rock.
30. Cooking utensils should be chosen for their utility and ease of care the same as their attractive appearance.
31. The standards on which the metric system are based have been found to be slightly inaccurate.
32. Even during the winter the American song sparrow is heard in short, brief snatches of song on sunny days.
33. The ideal study situation is a library that is large, well organized, and a good staff.
34. Because of the effects of tidal friction, the earth's rotation, which forms the basis for time units, is gradually slow down.
35. Jane Addams was a dedicated American social worker of early twentieth century who received the Nobel Peace Prize.
36. The pilot fish follows ships to feed food thrown overboard and also accom-
panies sharks to share fragments of their meals.

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37. One of Mark Twain's most startling and sarcastic work is "Letters from the Earth." A B C

THIS QUESTION DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD YOUR SCORE.

38. Visitors who come to see the giant pandas at the Washington Zoo can observe in a natural, open-air habitat. A B C D
39. The conditions most favorable to the form of dew are relatively high humidity and a calm, clear atmosphere. A B C D
40. The English were the earliest and numerous group to settle in North Carolina. A B C D

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK
ON SECTION II ONLY.



SECTION III

READING COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY

Time—45 minutes

There are two types of questions in this section, with special directions for each type.

Directions: In questions 1-30 each sentence has a word or phrase underlined. Below each sentence are four other words or phrases. You are to choose the one word or phrase which would best keep the meaning of the original sentence if it were substituted for the underlined word. Look at the example.

Example.

The ordinary land snail moves at the rate of about two inches per minute.

Sample Answer

(A) (B) (C) (D)

- (A) expert
(B) active
(C) common
(D) colorful

The best answer is (C) because the sentence, "The common land snail moves at the rate of about two inches per minute," is closest in meaning to the original sentence, "The ordinary land snail moves at the rate of about two inches per minute." Therefore, you should mark answer (C).

As soon as you understand the directions, begin work on the problems.

- The oldest preserved manuscripts are those written on papyrus, which were found in Egyptian tombs.
(A) protected
(B) hidden
(C) sought
(D) discovered
- The shifting layers of the earth's center continue to make earthquakes inevitable.
(A) burning
(B) nondurable
(C) deteriorating
(D) moving
- Any overpayment to the school should be detected by the computer, and a refund will be issued immediately.
(A) excess money paid
(B) large payment
(C) extravagant gift given
(D) generous donation
- The symptoms of influenza are fever, headache and muscular pain.
(A) effects
(B) delights
(C) forces
(D) signs
- Although a newspaper's primary function is to inform, special features are usually included for entertainment.
(A) jointly
(B) cautiously
(C) commonly
(D) intentionally


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6. Acetate is one of the most important artificial fibers.
 (A) insulating
 (B) synthetic
 (C) unadorned
 (D) complex
7. American journalists often over-state a situation to make the news more stimulating.
 (A) exaggerate
 (B) inspire
 (C) animate
 (D) misinterpret
8. The term "New Deal" applies to the program of reform and recovery initiated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
 (A) spoiled
 (B) inherited
 (C) originated
 (D) attacked
9. Although many modifications have been made in it, the game known in the United States as football can be traced directly to the English game of rugby.
 (A) rules
 (B) changes
 (C) demands
 (D) leagues
10. Much of the space in the National Gallery of Art is devoted to paintings presented to the museum by Andrew Mellon.
 (A) suitable for
 (B) devoid of
 (C) reserved for
 (D) divested of
11. One of the most widely discussed environmental effects of supersonic travel is the sonic boom.
 (A) completely
 (B) distantly
 (C) extensively
 (D) deliberately
12. It is generally believed that the principal ancestor of the domestic cat is the Libyan desert cat.
 (A) chief
 (B) official
 (C) only
 (D) probable
13. The optical properties of a diamond give it the beauty that makes it pleasing as a gem.
 (A) popular
 (B) valuable
 (C) acceptable
 (D) attractive
14. Devaluation is an official decrease in the par value of a nation's currency.
 (A) money
 (B) taxes
 (C) prices
 (D) wealth
15. The new method of inoculation was the scientific discovery of the age.
 (A) experiment in
 (B) concept of
 (C) strain of
 (D) procedure for



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16. If there are civilizations on
✓ other planets, they are likely to
be radically different from ours.
(A) exactly
(B) approximately
(C) partially
(D) basically
17. Mary McCarthy's novel "The
✓ Group" helped to solidify her
position as America's foremost
female author.
(A) describe
(B) assure
(C) characterize
(D) direct
18. A dog's most important sense
is that of smell.
(A) remarkable
(B) enviable
(C) noticeable
(D) significant
19. Nineteenth-century scholars
tried to trace the origins of
modern languages to ancient
Hebrew.
(A) limit
(B) connect
(C) convert
(D) draw
20. Any sketch of Amelia Earhart's
life will certainly mention her
last flight.
(A) book on
(B) outline of
(C) index of
(D) information on
21. cathode emits electrons in a
controlled environment.
(A) submits
(B) gives off
(C) rejects
(D) passes by
22. In his novels, Upton Sinclair
showed his unique genius for
recreating social history.
(A) proven
(B) understandable
(C) peerless
(D) understated
23. One out of five bridges in the
United States is outmoded.
(A) narrow
(B) obsolete
(C) illegal
(D) concrete
24. In Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The
Scarlet Letter," Reverend
Dimmesdale succumbed to
Hester's charms.
(A) appealed to
(B) conversed about
(C) cared nothing for
(D) yielded to
25. Although the work needs to be
done more exhaustively, efforts
✓ have been made to collect the
songs and ballads of the Ameri-
can Revolution.
(A) precisely
(B) selectively
(C) frantically
(D) thoroughly
26. A child's behavior often changes
in the presence of strangers.
(A) personality
(B) conduct
(C) comprehension
(D) attitude

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