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Unit One

Section A (5 points)

Directions: In this section you will hear 10 short statements. The statements will be spoken once. After each statement, there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: (A) Yes, he is.

(B) Yes, I am.

(C) No, I am not.

(D) No, I don't.

Sample Answer: [A] [B] [C] [D]

From the statement, we know (D) "No, I don't." is the best answer. You should choose answer (D) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

- (A) Mary doesn't believe the price.
(B) Mary wouldn't mark the price.
(C) Mary was surprised to have accepted a prize.
(D) Mary rejected the award.
- (A) He said he could not do the job at all.
(B) He needs ten days for the work.
(C) He has been looking for a job for more than 10 days.
(D) All his jobs can be done in ten days.
- (A) I didn't know where you lived, so I didn't visit you.
(B) I couldn't find your address.
(C) I had no idea you were visiting.
(D) I looked up your address, but you weren't at home.
- (A) The driver asked John to get off the bus.
(B) John asked the driver to let him off at the corner.
(C) There's a bus stop near John's house.

- (D) John was a very careful driver.
5. (A) Bob did not catch the bus.
(B) Bob arrived at 5 : 15 because his bus was late.
(C) The bus was on time and Bob arrived at 4 : 15.
(D) The bus was cancelled and Bob took a train.
6. (A) She saw her friends at the store.
(B) She sent them on their way.
(C) She met them as they came in.
(D) She drank a toast to their health.
7. (A) It was impossible for George to get enough exercise.
(B) The exercises weren't very difficult for George.
(C) George didn't like physical exercise very much.
(D) George almost never missed exercise class.
8. (A) She stopped to drink some coffee.
(B) She couldn't find any coffee to drink.
(C) She no longer drinks coffee.
(D) She dislikes coffee but still drinks it.
9. (A) Peter and I still have to buy our books.
(B) Peter doesn't have his books, but I have mine.
(C) Neither Peter nor I have read the books we bought.
(D) The books I bought were not for Peter.
10. (A) Don't you realize you must have a license to rent a car.
(B) You can get a license when you rent a car.
(C) Don't rental cars have license plates?
(D) Car rental companies use licensed drivers.

Section B (5 points)

Directions: In this section, you will hear ten short conversations. The conversations will be spoken once. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: (A) She is tired of teaching.

(B) She is changing jobs.

(C) She was dismissed from her job.

(D) She has been ill.

From the conversation we know that Mary's not teaching here this term is not for other reasons, but for her being dismissed from her job. Therefore, (C) "She was dismissed from her job" is the best answer. You should choose answer (C) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

11. (A) He hadn't been there. (B) He didn't like it.
(C) He didn't care. (D) He wasn't careful.
12. (A) She knows where the Turking street is.
(B) She will find someone to help him.
(C) He needs help in finding the way.
(D) He should study the map carefully.
13. (A) He would like to talk about the test.
(B) He has to leave soon.
(C) He can finish his test in five minutes.
(D) He would rather talk to the woman than take the test.
14. (A) 8 : 05. (B) 7 : 55 (C) 8 : 55. (D) 8 : 25.
15. (A) He likes his boss.
(B) He will have to work on the weekend.
(C) He won't have to work on the weekend.
(D) He will start working at sunrise.
16. (A) Ed left before the others.
(B) He can see Ed easily because he's tall.
(C) Her uncle is easy to locate.
(D) Ed can't stand up for very long.
17. (A) Alan isn't in the office right now.
(B) Alan can't come to the phone right now.
(C) The caller has dialed a wrong number.
(D) Alan doesn't want to speak to the caller.
18. (A) Calm down a little. (B) Become a doctor.
(C) Find a better doctor. (D) Get medical advice.
19. (A) Two hours. (B) Less than an hour.
(C) Thirty minutes. (D) More than an hour.
20. (A) He lent her an extra pen.
(B) He offered her a pencil.
(C) He said he didn't have any extra ink.
(D) He was afraid of losing his pencil.

Section C (10 points)

Directions: In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. The passages will be spoken once. After you hear each question you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Passage One

Questions 21 to 23 are based on the passage you've just heard.

21. (A) Because she has not a lot of money.
(B) Because she thinks chocolates are bad for John's teeth.
(C) Because she herself doesn't like chocolates very much.
(D) Because she doesn't like John very much.
22. (A) Seven. (B) Seventeen. (C) Seventh. (D) Seventy.
23. (A) He wanted God to help him.
(B) He wanted a big box of chocolates for his birthday from his grandfather.
(C) He wanted his parents to give him a lot of presents for his birthday.
(D) He wanted his birthday.

Passage Two

Questions 24 to 26 are based on the passage you've just heard.

24. (A) Because he hoped to get ideas. (B) Because he was feeling tired.
(C) Because he hated to see a visitor. (D) Because he couldn't finish his story.
25. (A) Steal something. (B) Have a drink.
(C) See Tom. (D) Read Tom's story.
26. (A) Foolish. (B) Helpful. (C) Terrible. (D) Strange.

Passage Three

Questions 27 to 30 are based on the passage you've just heard.

27. (A) 20. (B) 86. (C) 50. (D) 36.
28. (A) He had a good relationship with his family.
(B) He desired a formal education.
(C) He devoted a lot of time to learning to spell.
(D) He had little respect for grammar rules.
29. (A) In Tennessee. (B) In Texas.
(C) In the Creek War. (D) At the Alamo.
30. (A) He was a scout. (B) He was a Creek Indian.
(C) He was a hero of the frontier. (D) He was a historian.

Unit Two

Section A (5 points)

Directions: In this section you will hear 10 short statements. The statements will be spoken once. After each statement, there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: (A) Yes, he is.

(B) Yes, I am.

(C) No, I am not.

(D) No, I don't.

Sample Answer [A] [B] [C] [D]

From the statement, we know (D) "No, I don't." is the best answer. You should choose answer (D) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

1. (A) Emily's aunt raised her.
(B) Emily's aunt carried her upstairs.
(C) Emily bought her aunt a present.
(D) Emily brought her aunt with her.
2. (A) He used to ski a lot.
(B) He is now used to skating.
(C) He's been skiing longer than he's been skating.
(D) He now likes to ski better than he likes to skate.
3. (A) Do you have to go already?
(B) Will you come to live with us?
(C) Do you have any message to leave to us?
(D) Do you see Venus by noon?
4. (A) Susan drew that self-portrait.
(B) That painting was done by Susan.
(C) That picture looks like Susan.
(D) Susan painted that picture by herself.
5. (A) He feels very comfortable living in an apartment.
(B) He prefers a house to an apartment.
(C) Apartments are smaller than houses.

- (D) He is unhappy with his house.
6. (A) Tom failed the test and was sad.
(B) He was happy to hear the good results.
(C) Tom's test score made him nervous.
(D) Tom is about to take a test and is very nervous.
7. (A) I want to leave, but the secretary told me to stay.
(B) The secretary arrived just as I was going to leave.
(C) I asked about the show.
(D) The secretary showed me to the exit.
8. (A) Ralph sleeps on his stomach.
(B) Ralph's car is full.
(C) Ralph gets sleepy while driving after eating.
(D) Ralph tries to sleep after eating.
9. (A) Dr. Madison is going to give a lecture.
(B) Roberta is going to give a talk on the solar system.
(C) Roberta missed the lecture on the solar system.
(D) There will be no lecture on the solar system as planned.
10. (A) The defense is always alert. (B) The nation is strong.
(C) The defense force is tired. (D) The defense sleeps at night.

Section B (5 points)

Directions: In this section, you will hear ten short conversations. The conversations will be spoken once. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

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(C) She was dismissed from her job.

(D) She has been ill.

From the conversation we know that Mary's not teaching here this term is not for other reasons, but for her being dismissed from her job. Therefore, (C) "She was dismissed from her job" is the best answer. You should choose answer (C) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

11. (A) The writer has just begun. (B) Once it starts, it'll snow a lot.
(C) They are ready for the snow. (D) It has been snowing for some time.
12. (A) Eat before seeing the movie. (B) See the movie immediately.
(C) Get the theater seat first. (D) Stay in town for a while.

13. (A) At 6 p. m. (B) At 7 p. m.
(C) At 7 : 30 p. m. (D) At 6 : 30 p. m.
14. (A) There's a paper by the door.
(B) The paper must have been blown away.
(C) He should look further under the desk.
(D) He can buy another one at the corner.
15. (A) Get a hat. (B) Buy gasoline.
(C) Cut the grass. (D) Call the train station.
16. (A) John doesn't have to study French.
(B) John will graduate from the school soon.
(C) John doesn't like to study French.
(D) John doesn't have to take the exam on French for graduation.
17. (A) Carol. (B) Jim
(C) Paul. (D) The bakery.
18. (A) She allows him to sit beside her.
(B) She doesn't want him to sit beside her.
(C) She'll mind if he sits down.
(D) She doesn't think the man should sit down.
19. (A) The light hurts her eyes. (B) His ears hurt.
(C) She can't hear. (D) She can't see.
20. (A) The woman speaks too fast.
(B) He is surprised to hear that.
(C) The holidays passed quickly for him, too.
(D) The woman already told him about her holidays.

Section C (10 points)

Directions: In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. The passages will be spoken once. After you hear each question you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Passage One

Questions 21 to 23 are based on the passage you've just heard.

21. (A) He hoped the mouse would do him a turn.
(B) He was fooled by the little mouse.
(C) He knew he would need the mouse's help some day.
(D) He didn't believe the mouse would be able to help him.
22. (A) He gnawed at the ropes that bound the lion.
(B) He bit the hunters.
(C) He called on other animals to chase the hunters away.
(D) He helped the lion to kill the hunters.

23. (A) Mice and lions can be friends.
(B) A little friend may turn out to be a great friend.
(C) It is not necessary to have a lot of friends.
(D) That we should believe what others say.

Passage Two

Questions 24 to 26 are based on the passage you've just heard.

24. (A) Some people in the world greet each other by shaking hands.
(B) Few people in the world greet each other by shaking hands.
(C) Most people in the world greet each other by shaking hands.
(D) All people in the world greet each other by shaking hands.
25. (A) To show that they're relatives.
(B) To show that they all have baskets.
(C) To show that they want to shake hands.
(D) To show that they don't bring weapons with them.
26. (A) By shaking hands.
(B) By clapping their hands.
(C) By hooking each other's middle fingers.
(D) By grasping their own right hands with their own left hands.

Passage Three

Questions 27–30 are based on the passage you’ve just heard.

27. (A) 2 (B) 5 (C) 3 (D) 7
28. (A) The men attracted the attention of a private airplane.
(B) They ran out of gas.
(C) Some fishermen spotted them.
(D) Their families finally found them.
29. (A) They knew that they had run out of fuel.
(B) Their families had reported them missing.
(C) They hadn't met the private airplane that came to meet them.
(D) It was starting to get dark.
30. (A) 15 miles (B) 7 1/2 miles
(C) 2 miles (D) 5 miles

Unit Three

Section A (5 points)

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Example: You will hear:

- You will read, (A) Yes, he is.
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(C) No, I am not.
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Sample Answer [A] [B] [C], [D]

From the statement, we know (D) "No, I don't." is the best answer. You should choose answer (D) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

1. (A) Charles doesn't like to write.
(B) Charles' brother is also a writer.
(C) Charles likes his brother very much.
(D) Charles often writes to his brother.
2. (A) He never walks to the library at night.
(B) He is the only librarian working at night.
(C) The library opens only at night.
(D) He never works in the library in the daytime.
3. (A) Five students passed the test.
(B) The students only finished half of the test.
(C) The test was taken by more than ten students.
(D) The students had the test at 10 : 30.
4. (A) The boat owner must be rich.
(B) This man must be the owner.
(C) The man sold his own boat for a large sum of money.
(D) The boat has a monkey on it.
5. (A) Some women established the university.
(B) The women's university was found to be a good one.
(C) The number of women university students has been growing.

- (D) A women's organization funded the university.
6. (A) George must make an appointment at the doctor's office soon.
 (B) George saw his doctor Wednesday.
 (C) George and his doctor will meet next week.
 (D) George is a doctor and has an appointment next Wednesday.
7. (A) Charles bought his tickets ahead of time.
 (B) Charles was paid at the airport.
 (C) Charles planned to leave two months earlier.
 (D) Charles ended up with too many tickets.
8. (A) Margaret doesn't like to study.
 (B) She is busy with her lessons.
 (C) She doesn't like basketball.
 (D) Margaret will play basketball instead of doing her work.
9. (A) When we want to lose weight, we work fast.
 (B) If we drive faster, we'll win the race.
 (C) If we work quickly, we'll be able to stop earlier.
 (D) While we do our job, the others take care of theirs.
10. (A) Tom has only been here for a week.
 (B) Tom has been here the longest.
 (C) Tom has been feeling weak for a while.
 (D) Tom has been alone for weeks.

Section B (5 points)

Directions: In this section, you will hear ten short conversations. The conversations will be spoken once. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

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From the conversation we know that Mary's not teaching here this term is not for other reasons, but for her being dismissed from her job. Therefore, (C) "She was dismissed from her job" is the best answer. You should choose answer (C) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

11. (A) He took the test Monday. (B) He's not going to take the test.
 (C) He's been ill for a few days. (D) He will take the test next Monday.

12. (A) Not getting what he wants. (B) A custom that is new to him.
(C) Calling up customers. (D) Some of his good friends.
13. (A) John was not able to go skiing.
(B) John will go skiing next week.
(C) John broke his leg and caught a cold.
(D) It was too cold for John to go skiing.
14. (A) At 8 : 20 a. m. (B) At 8 : 10 a. m.
(C) At 8 a. m. (D) At 7 : 40 a. m.
15. (A) At a baggage counter. (B) At an elementary school.
(C) At a book store. (D) At a post office.
16. (A) The man is always eating.
(B) She agrees with the man.
(C) She wants him to tell her what he ate.
(D) This is the second time the man said that.
17. (A) She is very efficient.
(B) She is married.
(C) She has been working for Tom for some time.
(D) She enjoys the work very much.
18. (A) Steve looks good in anything.
(B) He knew someone who looked like Steve.
(C) He wishes he had a jacket like Steve's.
(D) Steve should get a new jacket.
19. (A) It doesn't matter which color the man chooses.
(B) It's a difficult decision.
(C) She doesn't like either color.
(D) The man shouldn't paint his room.
20. (A) They thought it was an exciting one.
(B) They thought that it was unsatisfactory.
(C) He left at the half-time, but his father didn't.
(D) They are so poor.

Section C (10 points)

Directions: In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. The passages will be spoken once. After you hear each question you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Passage One

Questions 21 to 23 are based on the passage you've just heard.

21. (A) A manager. (B) A typist.
(C) A clerk. (D) The wife of a manager.

22. (A) During TV time. (B) During the meetings.
(C) During dinner time. (D) During the day.
23. (A) \$ 50. (B) \$ 5.
(C) \$ 500. (D) \$ 5,000.

Passage Two

Questions 24 to 26 are based on the passage you've just heard.

24. (A) Their family members. (B) Their relatives.
(C) Their closest friends. (D) Strangers.
25. (A) To get advice. (B) To subscribe.
(C) To place an advertisement. (D) To apply for membership.
26. (A) They are two well-known writers who give advice.
(B) They are two famous doctors.
(C) They are two lawyers.
(D) They are two professors at the New York State University.

Passage Three

Questions 27—30 are based on the passage you've just heard.

27. (A) Two. (B) Three.
(C) Four. (D) Five.
28. (A) It is the smallest state in size.
(B) It was the first to discover nylon.
(C) It was the first to ratify the Constitution.
(D) It was the "bread basket" in colonial days.
29. (A) Irish (B) Swedish
(C) English (D) Dutch
30. (A) It was at the heart of the country.
(B) It was extremely small.
(C) They sold baskets which they made by hand.
(D) They produced corn, wheat, and other grains, which were sold throughout the country.

Unit Four

Section A (5 points)

Directions: In this section you will hear 10 short statements. The statements will be spoken once. After each statement, there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: (A) Yes, he is.

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(C) No, I am not.

(D) No, I don't.

Sample Answer [A] [B] [C] [D]

From the statement, we know (D) "No, I don't." is the best answer. You should choose answer (D) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

1. (A) My daughter is tall but my son isn't.
(B) My son is very tall like my daughter.
(C) Both my son and my daughter are very tall.
(D) My son is taller than my daughter.
2. (A) The advisor changed Paul's schedule.
(B) Paul advised him to change the schedule.
(C) Paul changed both advisor's and his schedules.
(D) Paul changed the schedule for his advisor.
3. (A) You should call Margaret soon.
(B) Margaret will be better later on.
(C) It's too late to call on Margaret now.
(D) Margaret is the best person to tell.
4. (A) Tony prefers swim to tennis.
(B) Tony will play tennis instead of swimming.
(C) Tony doesn't have time to play tennis this afternoon.

- (D) Tony wants to take tennis lessons.
5. (A) I told you a lot about the museum.
(B) You've taught me a great deal here.
(C) People say that you know this museum quite well.
(D) Many museums are like this one, you know.
6. (A) Gradually, he learned to prepare meals.
(B) He can cook small meals.
(C) Little by little, he learned what he could.
(D) He knows very little about cooking.
7. (A) There's trash collection every day.
(B) The litter gets worse every day.
(C) Lee picks up the garbage during the day.
(D) Lee stops at the garbage each day.
8. (A) Jan turned left at the bus stop.
(B) She forgot her briefcase.
(C) An accident happened at the bus stop.
(D) Jan changed her mind about taking the bus.
9. (A) I am afraid you must eat dinner.
(B) If I win, you must buy dinner for me.
(C) I will bet you at dinner.
(D) If I win, I will buy dinner for you.
10. (A) Alice showed her ticket to the policeman.
(B) The officer was driving fast to get the ticket.
(C) Alice got a ticket for driving too fast.
(D) The policeman invited Alice to a movie.

Section B (5 points)

Directions: In this section, you will hear ten short conversations. The conversations will be spoken once. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked (A), (B), (C) and (D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

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