

PRACTICE TEST I



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ESSAY Time—25 minutes

Write your essay on separate sheets of standard lined paper.

The essay gives you an opportunity to show how effectively you can develop and express ideas. You should, therefore, take care to develop your point of view, present your ideas logically and clearly, and use language precisely.

Your essay must be written on the lines provided on your answer sheet—you will receive no other paper on which to write. You will have enough space if you write on every line, avoid wide margins, and keep your handwriting to a reasonable size. Remember that people who are not familiar with your handwriting will read what you write. Try to write or print so that what you are writing is legible to those readers.

Important Reminders:

- **A pencil is required for the essay.** An essay written in ink will receive a score of zero.
- **Do not write your essay in your test book.** You will receive credit only for what you write on your answer sheet.
- **An off-topic essay will receive a score of zero.**

You have twenty-five minutes to write an essay on the topic assigned below.

Consider carefully the issue discussed in the following passage, then write an essay that answers the question posed in the assignment.

The liberally educated person is one who is able to resist the easy and preferred answers, not because he is obstinate but because he knows others worthy of consideration.

—Allan Bloom

Assignment: What is one important “easy and preferred answer” that we should resist? That is, what dangerous misconception do people commonly hold? Write an essay in which you answer this question and support your position logically with examples from literature, the arts, history, politics, science and technology, current events, or your experience or observation.

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SECTION 2
Time—25 minutes
20 questions

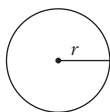
Turn to Section 2 of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

Directions: For this section, solve each problem and decide which is the best of the choices given. Fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet. You may use any available space for scratchwork.

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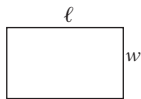
1. The use of a calculator is permitted.
2. All numbers used are real numbers.
3. Figures that accompany problems in this test are intended to provide information useful in solving the problems. They are drawn as accurately as possible EXCEPT when it is stated in a specific problem that the figure is not drawn to scale. All figures lie in a plane unless otherwise indicated.
4. Unless otherwise specified, the domain of any function f is assumed to be the set of all real numbers x for which $f(x)$ is a real number.

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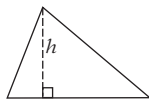


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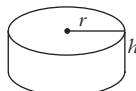
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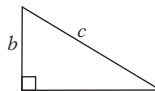
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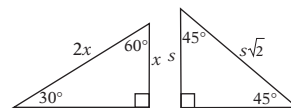
$$V = \ell wh$$



$$V = \pi r^2 h$$



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$



Special right triangles

The number of degrees of arc in a circle is 360.

The sum of the measures in degrees of the angles of a triangle is 180.

1. If $3(m + n) + 3 = 15$, then $m + n =$
 - (A) 2
 - (B) 3
 - (C) 4
 - (D) 5
 - (E) 6
2. If Elena reads at a rate of r pages per minute for a total of m minutes, which of the following represents the total number of pages that Elena reads?
 - (A) rm
 - (B) $\frac{r}{m}$
 - (C) $\frac{m}{r}$
 - (D) $\frac{60r}{m}$
 - (E) $\frac{60m}{r}$

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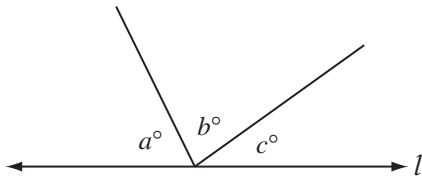
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Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

3. In the figure above, if l is a line, $a + b = 120$ and $b + c = 100$, then what is the value of b ?

(A) 10
 (B) 20
 (C) 30
 (D) 40
 (E) 50

4. If $6^n \times 6^4 = 6^{12}$, then $n =$

(A) 2
 (B) 3
 (C) 5
 (D) 6
 (E) 8

5. If $4x + b = x + 2$, what is b in terms of x ?

(A) $5x + 2$
 (B) $3x + 2$
 (C) $2 - x$
 (D) $2 - 3x$
 (E) $2 - 5x$

RETAIL CAR PRICES

	Model A	Model B
1995	\$15,000	\$25,000
2000	\$20,000	\$30,000
2005	\$25,000	\$35,000

QUANTITY SOLD

	Model A	Model B
1995	200	100
2000	220	150
2005	200	200

6. The tables above show the retail prices of two car models and the quantities of those models sold at a particular car dealership in three different years. Based on these tables, how much greater was the total value of cars sold in 2005 than in 1995?

(A) \$5,500,000
 (B) \$6,500,000
 (C) \$9,000,000
 (D) \$10,500,000
 (E) \$12,000,000

7. An isosceles triangle has one angle with a measure greater than 95° and another with a measure of x° . Which of the following must be true?

(A) $x > 85$
 (B) $x = 85$
 (C) $x = 42.5$
 (D) $x < 42.5$
 (E) $x > 42.5$

8. When m is divided by 7, the remainder is 2. What is the remainder when $4m$ is divided by 7?

(A) 1
 (B) 2
 (C) 3
 (D) 4
 (E) 5

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9. If a is a multiple of 3 and b is an odd integer, then which of the following must be an odd integer?
- (A) $\frac{a}{b}$
(B) ab
(C) $a + b$
(D) $2a + b$
(E) $a + 2b$
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10. The point (a, b) is reflected over the x -axis, and then the reflected point is reflected over the y -axis. If a and b are both positive, which of the following represents the coordinates of the point after the second reflection?
- (A) (a, b)
(B) (b, a)
(C) $(-a, -b)$
(D) $(-b, -a)$
(E) $(a, -b)$
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11. A right circular cylinder with a radius of 1 and a height of 1 has a volume that is most nearly the same as the volume of a rectangular solid with dimensions
- (A) 1 by 1 by 1
(B) 1 by 1 by 2
(C) 1 by 1 by 3
(D) 1 by 2 by 2
(E) 1 by 2 by 3
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12. If the n th term of a sequence is $3n^2 - n$, then how much greater is the 10th term than the 3rd term?
- (A) 242
(B) 266
(C) 281
(D) 286
(E) 290
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13. What is the maximum number of points of intersection between a circle and a square that lie in the same plane?
- (A) 4
(B) 6
(C) 7
(D) 8
(E) 9
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14. If $x < x^3 < x^2$, then which of the following must be true?
- (A) $x < -1$
(B) $-1 < x < 0$
(C) $0 < x < 1$
(D) $x > 1$
(E) x is not a real number
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15. If $(m + n)^2 = 18$ and $mn = 4$, then what is the value of $m^2 + n^2$?
- (A) 10
(B) 14
(C) 18
(D) 22
(E) 26
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16. An isosceles triangle has two sides of length 5 and 12. Which of the following could be the perimeter of this triangle?
- I. 22
II. 29
III. 30
- (A) II only
(B) I and II only
(C) I and III only
(D) II and III only
(E) I, II, and III

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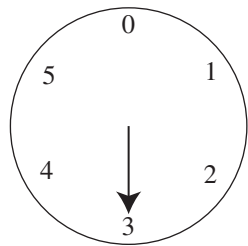
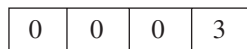
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17. The figure above shows a digital counter above a dial counter showing the digits 0 through 5. Both counters are initially set to 0 and count upward together in increments of 1. For instance, when the digital counter reads 5 the dial counter also reads 5, but when the digital counter reads 6, the dial counter resets back to 0. What will the dial counter read when the digital counter reads 1000?

- (A) 0
 (B) 1
 (C) 2
 (D) 4
 (E) 5

18. In a mixture of raisins and dates, the ratio by weight of raisins to dates is 7 to 3. How many pounds of raisins will there be in 7 pounds of this mixture?

- (A) 2.1
 (B) 2.3
 (C) 2.8
 (D) 3.0
 (E) 4.9

19. If m and n are integers and $m = n - \frac{2}{n} - \frac{2}{n^2}$, then which of the following could be the value of m ?

- I. -5
 II. -3
 III. -1

- (A) II only
 (B) II and III only
 (C) I and II only
 (D) I and III only
 (E) I, II, and III

20. Each of the k girls in a club agreed to raise an equal amount of money to give to a charity to which the club had pledged a total of x dollars. If p more girls later join the club and also agree to raise an equal share of the pledged amount, how much less would each of the original club members have to raise, in dollars, than she had originally agreed to raise?

- (A) $\frac{x}{k}$
 (B) $\frac{x}{k+p}$
 (C) $\frac{px}{k+p}$
 (D) $\frac{x(k+p)}{k}$
 (E) $\frac{px}{k(k+p)}$



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SECTION 3
Time—25 minutes
35 questions

Turn to Section 3 of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

Directions: For each question in this section, select the best answer from among the choices given and fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

The following sentences test correctness and effectiveness of expression. Part of each sentence or the entire sentence is underlined; beneath each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined material. Choice A repeats the original phrasing; the other four choices are different. Select the choice that completes the sentence most effectively.

In making your selection, follow the requirements of standard written English; that is, pay attention to grammar, choice of words, sentence construction, and punctuation. Your selection should result in the most effective sentence—clear and precise, without awkwardness or ambiguity.

EXAMPLE:

The children couldn't hardly believe their eyes.

- (A) couldn't hardly believe their eyes
- (B) could hardly believe their eyes
- (C) would not hardly believe their eyes
- (D) couldn't nearly believe their eyes
- (E) couldn't hardly believe his or her eyes

(A) ● (C) (D) (E)

1. Andrews was one of the first executives to realize that employees are most productive when he or she feels to be part of a family.
 - (A) he or she feels to be part of a family
 - (B) they feel as if they are part of a family
 - (C) he or she feels part of a family
 - (D) it's more like a family for them
 - (E) feeling a part of a family is made possible
2. Several agents were dispatched to Europe for the purpose of investigating a lead that could potentially provide a break in the case.
 - (A) for the purpose of investigating
 - (B) to investigate on
 - (C) for the investigation of
 - (D) to investigate
 - (E) to investigate after
3. Although worried about the dangers of going into debt, Helena's concern was more about the possibility of losing her business.
 - (A) Helena's concern was more about the possibility of losing her business
 - (B) it was the possibility of losing her business that gave Helena more concern
 - (C) Helena was more concerned towards her business and the possibility of losing it
 - (D) the possibility of losing her business gave Helena more concern
 - (E) Helena was more concerned about the possibility of losing her business
4. Those who enjoy Marquez's novels, being those who tend not to read traditional fiction, preferring instead the intellectual challenge of magical realism.
 - (A) novels, being those who tend not to read
 - (B) novels, tending to be those who do not read
 - (C) novels tend not to read
 - (D) novels are the ones that tend not to be the ones reading
 - (E) novels being the ones tending not to read

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5. The reason the event was cancelled was not so much the poor weather as the lack of interest.
- (A) as the lack of interest
 - (B) than the lack of interest
 - (C) than because of the lack of interest
 - (D) but rather the lack of interest
 - (E) as it was lacking interest
6. The statute recently passed gives the chief of police sole authority to determine about which duties qualify for overtime pay.
- (A) about which duties qualify for overtime pay
 - (B) regarding the qualifications of duties for overtime pay
 - (C) whether overtime pay qualifies for certain duties or not
 - (D) for those duties that qualify for overtime pay
 - (E) which duties qualify for overtime pay
7. In baseball, the batter attempts to hit the ball within a ninety degree quadrant, in cricket the batter can hit the ball in any direction.
- (A) quadrant, in cricket the batter can hit
 - (B) quadrant; but in cricket the batter can hit
 - (C) quadrant, but the batter can hit in cricket
 - (D) quadrant, but in cricket the batter can hit
 - (E) quadrant; the batter in cricket hitting
8. Skeptical of the abilities of prophets to tell the future, Athens was where significant numbers of philosophers began to value reason over revealed truths.
- (A) Athens was where significant numbers of philosophers began to value reason over revealed truths
 - (B) it was a significant number of philosophers that began to value reason over revealed truths
 - (C) a significant number of philosophers in Athens began to value reason over revealed truths
 - (D) the valuing of reason over revealed truths was begun by a significant number of philosophers in Athens
 - (E) valuing of reason over revealed truths by philosophers in Athens was begun
9. As the investigation concludes, the debate over the origins of the scandal, the merits of the federal investigation, and the legal authority of the prosecutor have intensified greatly.
- (A) the legal authority of the prosecutor have
 - (B) whether the prosecutor has legal authority has
 - (C) the legal authority of the prosecutor has
 - (D) what the legal authority of the prosecutor is has
 - (E) the prosecutor's legal authority have
10. Excited by the prospect of starting her own business, Kyra's first decision needed to be where she could rent office space.
- (A) Kyra's first decision needed to be where she could rent office space
 - (B) Kyra first had to decide where it was to rent office space
 - (C) Kyra's first decision had to be regarding renting office space and where it would be
 - (D) Kyra first had to decide where to rent office space
 - (E) renting office space had to be what Kyra's first decision was about

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11. Elizabeth is a highly skilled teacher, in addition to being an outstanding pianist and composer, and these are talents she uses to get her students interested in music.
- (A) Elizabeth is a highly skilled teacher, in addition to being an outstanding pianist and composer, and these are talents she uses to get her students interested in music.
- (B) A highly skilled teacher, Elizabeth uses her outstanding talents as a pianist and composer to get her students interested in music.
- (C) Getting her students interested in music, Elizabeth uses her outstanding talents as a pianist and a composer, making her a highly skilled teacher.
- (D) Elizabeth being an outstanding pianist and composer and a highly skilled teacher, she uses these talents to get her students interested in music.
- (E) To get her students interested in music, Elizabeth uses her outstanding talents as a pianist and composer, her being a highly skilled teacher.
12. Yet to be discussed in the conference is more than a dozen proposals for changes in the procedural rules for choosing new officers. No error
13. Although the latest senatorial debate focused on the more controversial topics in the campaign, the candidates conducted themselves much more civil than they had previously. No error
14. Having experienced many realistic disaster drills in his months of training as a fire fighter, Leon handled the disaster calmly and effectively and in fact is credited with saving several lives. No error
15. While the Athenians were outraged by the oppressive and unenlightened Spartans, but the Spartans were indignant about the Athenians' indifference to the gods and religious matters. No error

The following sentences test your ability to recognize grammar and usage errors. Each sentence contains either a single error or no error at all. No sentence contains more than one error. The error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence is correct, select choice E. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

EXAMPLE:

By the time they reached the halfway point in the race, most of the runners hadn't hardly begun to hit their stride. No error

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

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16. If some of the hikers had not took the
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riskier but shorter route up the mountain,
they would probably not have become so
B C
widely separated by nightfall. No error
D E
17. Jason was confused by the theory, about
A B
which many of his classmates often
referred, because it seemed to be based
C D
on an obviously false premise. No error
E
18. The pace at which industrial and
A
communications technologies
are progressing in developing countries
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are so rapid that many governments
C
cannot anticipate the harm these
technologies may do to the
D
environment. No error
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19. Every living creature on earth owe their
A
existence to the chemical properties of atoms
B
that were forged in stars billions of miles
C
away and billions of years ago. No error
D E
20. Having such acute senses of hearing, smell
A
and sight, zebras often provide early
B C
warning to other grazers that predators are
D
approaching. No error
E
21. Many students fail to appreciate that it is
A B
much more difficult to teach someone
how to write good prose than teaching
C D
someone how to appreciate good prose
written by others. No error
E
22. Because the coach was so preoccupied on
A B
developing and practicing trick plays, she
did not spend enough time drilling the
C D
fundamental skills. No error
E
23. Without our permission, our teacher
A
assigned a new research topic to
Jose and I only two days before we
B
were to give our presentation. No error
C D E
24. Although statistical methods
can rarely prove causality, they can
A
frequently refute theories by
B
demonstrating that no correlation exists
C
between particular effects and their
D
presumed causes. No error
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25. In the central courtyard was over a dozen
 A B
 different varieties of lilies, meticulously
 C
 maintained by the gardener. No error
 D E
26. Cara's constant improving race times
 A
 demonstrated that her new training regimen
 B
 had been more effective than even she
 C
 had hoped. No error
 D E
27. The devastation wrought by the hurricane
was so widespread that officials
 A B
had to suspend many government services
 C
 for an indecisive amount of time. No error
 D E
28. High in isoflavones, protein, and also in
 A
 fiber, soy beans are a flavorful food
 B
with many healthful benefits. No error
 C D E
29. The project on nuclear energy
that Jenna presented to the science fair
 A
 committee was considered superior to
 B
the other students, and so she was awarded
 C D
 the blue ribbon. No error
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Directions: The following passage is an early draft of an essay. Some parts of the passage need to be rewritten.

Read the passage and select the best answers for the questions that follow. Some questions are about particular sentences or parts of sentences and ask you to improve sentence structure or word choice. Other questions ask you to consider organizations and development. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

Questions 30–35 are based on the following passage.

(1) Almost everyone knows about incentives and disincentives, even if they never actually heard the words. (2) People choose to do things because they perceive a benefit to doing them, or avoid things for which they perceive they will be punished. (3) That thing that makes them want to do it is called an incentive, and what makes them not want to do them would be a disincentive. (4) Business people are encouraged to make more money for the company through incentives like bonus pay and perks. (5) Students are constantly exposed to incentives like peer pressure, parental guilt and grades. (6) Peers use incentives to persuade others to become part of a group so that the group's influence can grow. (7) Parents use bribery or guilt to encourage you to behave in a way that makes them proud. (8) Teachers try to make their students do what they want by holding the gradebook that may determine their future.

(9) But what is surprising is that incentives don't always work in the way like they're supposed to. (10) For instance, in some schools they paid kids to read books one summer. (11) But people who studied such programs discovered that the kids ended up reading less in the long run, because paying them took the fun out of it. (12) Also, a day care center that imposed a 3 dollar an hour penalty on parents for picking up their kids late discovered that

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more parents, not fewer, started picking up their kids late. (13) This was because the parents no longer felt guilty because now they were paying the school for the extra service, but the penalty was cheap enough that they considered it a good deal. (14) The bottom line is that people who try to reward or punish things shouldn't assume that either rewards or punishments work the way they think they should.

30. In context, which of the following is the best revision of sentence 3 (reproduced below)?
- That thing that makes them want to do it is called an incentive, and what makes them not want to do them would be a disincentive.*
- (A) It is an incentive making someone want to do something, and a disincentive making them not want to do it.
 (B) An incentive is what makes someone want to do something, and a disincentive is what makes someone want to avoid doing something.
 (C) Incentives make someone want to do things, but disincentives are the things making them not want to do it.
 (D) People are made to want to do something by incentives, and a disincentive is for not wanting to do it.
 (E) It is incentives that make people want to do something, disincentives on the other hand being what makes people want to avoid doing something.
31. Which of the following changes to sentence 7 would best improve the coherence of the first paragraph?
- (A) Change "you" to "their children."
 (B) Change "use" to "also use."
 (C) Begin the sentence with "Nevertheless."
 (D) Begin the sentence with "For instance."
 (E) Change "to behave" to "behaving."
32. Where is the best place to insert the following sentence?
- Incentives are used to influence people in many walks of life.*
- (A) after sentence 2
 (B) after sentence 3
 (C) after sentence 4
 (D) after sentence 5
 (E) after sentence 6
33. Which of the following is the best version of sentence 9 (reproduced below)?
- But what is surprising is that incentives don't always work in the way like they're supposed to.*
- (A) (as it is now)
 (B) It is the surprising fact that incentives don't always work like they're supposed to.
 (C) What is surprising, incentives don't always work like they should.
 (D) Incentives don't always work as they should, it is surprising.
 (E) Surprisingly, incentives don't always work as they should.
34. In context, what is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 10 (reproduced below)?
- For instance, in some schools they paid kids to read books one summer.*
- (A) in some schools where they
 (B) some schools are where they
 (C) some schools implemented programs that
 (D) programs in some schools were where they
 (E) in some school programs they
35. Which is the best sentence to insert between sentence 13 and sentence 14?
- (A) Examples such as this demonstrate that incentives can be very effective.
 (B) If the penalty had been greater, perhaps it would have had the desired effect.
 (C) Clearly, rewards are more effective in most situations than punishments.
 (D) Many schools have also implemented effective after-school reading programs.
 (E) I'm not sure what the school decided to do with the program, since it wasn't working.



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SECTION 4
Time—25 minutes
24 questions

Turn to Section 4 of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

Directions: For each question in this section, select the best answer from among the choices given and fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words or sets of words labeled A through E. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

EXAMPLE:

Rather than accepting the theory unquestioningly, Deborah regarded it with -----.

- (A) mirth
- (B) sadness
- (C) responsibility
- (D) ignorance
- (E) skepticism

(A) (B) (C) (D) ●

1. Geological evidence suggests that the earth's magnetic polarity has switched back and forth many times over the millennia; such ----- in the magnetic field may affect the ability of our planet to ward off cosmic radiation.
 - (A) intensifications
 - (B) justifications
 - (C) records
 - (D) correlations
 - (E) fluctuations

2. Recent studies have demonstrated that even birds are capable of making and using tools, but scientists disagree as to whether such behavior is learned or -----.
 - (A) intelligent
 - (B) impassive
 - (C) innate
 - (D) pragmatic
 - (E) suspect

3. Although doctors have been thus far successful at ----- the spread of tuberculosis in the United States, they are nonetheless concerned that ----- strains of the disease may yet arise.
 - (A) marginalizing . . innocuous
 - (B) controlling . . virulent
 - (C) obscuring . . indifferent
 - (D) imperiling . . responsive
 - (E) dismissing . . required

4. The lecturer admonished those who confused the carefully formulated ----- of the scientific method with the more wishful ----- of pseudoscience.
 - (A) theories . . divergences
 - (B) concessions . . estimates
 - (C) hypotheses . . conjectures
 - (D) paradigms . . restrictions
 - (E) hunches . . proofs

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5. Unlike the first lecture, which was ----- and filled with irrelevant references, Ken's presentation was easy to understand and illustrated with ----- examples.

- (A) obscure . . vague
- (B) lucid . . pertinent
- (C) convoluted . . petty
- (D) concise . . esoteric
- (E) abstruse . . germane

6. Although Ian's argument seemed plausible at first, his opponent in the debate dismissed it as mere ----- and refuted it thoroughly.

- (A) sophistry
- (B) solicitousness
- (C) acumen
- (D) substantiation
- (E) resolution

7. Glen is considered one of the most ----- members of the group, having already read dozens of philosophical treatises and ----- researched all new developments in his discipline.

- (A) erudite . . assiduously
- (B) contrite . . painstakingly
- (C) cerebral . . hesitantly
- (D) stoic . . lackadaisically
- (E) argumentative . . generously

8. The establishment of international phone service in 1964 appeased those citizens of the tiny island who bemoaned the ----- of their community and longed for a greater connection to the world outside.

- (A) obstinacy
- (B) precociousness
- (C) obsequiousness
- (D) insularity
- (E) insinuation

The passages below are followed by questions based on their content. Answer the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage and in any introductory material that may be provided.

Questions 9–12 are based on the following passages.

PASSAGE 1

In polls, Kennedy is listed as one of the greatest presidents ever to serve. How is it
Line that a man who barely served 1,000 days and enacted few lasting policies, won no
 5 wars and who was never much more popular than his Republican rival, could be perceived as greater than George Washington, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson or Ronald Reagan? The answer lies in the most consistent feature
 10 of Baby Boomers, their narcissism. The president of the "Me generation" trumps all others, just as their war (Vietnam) is the measuring stick by which all modern wars are judged and their music (rock n' roll) continues
 15 to dominate the air waves. History be damned; if it didn't happen between 1960 and 1980, it's irrelevant. If they didn't see it on television, it might as well not have happened. JFK was the first president to make effective use of
 20 television.

PASSAGE 2

Kennedy was the first President to be born in the twentieth century and was very much a man of his time. He was restless, seeking, with a thirst of knowledge, and he had a
 25 feeling of deep commitment, not only to the people of the United States, but to the peoples of the world. Many of the causes he fought for exist today because of what he did for the rights of minorities, the poor, the
 30 very old and the very young. He never took

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anything for granted and worked for everything he owned. Perhaps Kennedy summed up his life best in his own inaugural speech: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country."

9. Unlike Passage 2, Passage 1 conveys a tone of
- (A) cynicism
 - (B) hope
 - (C) objectivity
 - (D) fear
 - (E) humor
10. The question posed in lines 2–8 ("How is it ... Ronald Reagan?") suggests that the author of Passage 1 believes that
- (A) polls are unreliable gauges of real sentiments
 - (B) Kennedy's policies are what made him so popular
 - (C) Kennedy's high ranking is undeserved
 - (D) Kennedy was a savvy politician
 - (E) Kennedy himself was unconcerned with his own popularity
11. Passage 2 mentions "the very old and the very young" (lines 29–30) in order to make the point that Kennedy
- (A) was elected by a very wide range of voters
 - (B) focused more on political issues than on moral ones
 - (C) was mourned by the entire nation
 - (D) was adept at manipulating the media
 - (E) supported policies that benefited divergent groups
12. With which of the following statements would BOTH authors most likely agree?
- (A) American culture in the 60s and 70s was highly self-centered.
 - (B) Polls are powerful tools for assessing popular sentiments.
 - (C) Kennedy was one of the foremost advocates of minority rights.
 - (D) Kennedy was one of the hardest working American presidents
 - (E) Kennedy was in touch with the unique qualities of the era in which he governed.

Questions 13–24 are based on the following passages.

The following passages discuss American political dissent. The first passage, written in 1922 by H. L. Mencken, an American essayist, discusses real versus ideal government. The second, written in 1991 by Gordon S. Wood, a professor of history, discusses the basis of the American Revolution.

PASSAGE 1

All government, in its essence, is a conspiracy against the superior man: its one permanent object is to oppress him and cripple him. If it be aristocratic in organization, then it seeks to protect the man who is superior only in law against the man who is superior in fact; if it be democratic, then it seeks to protect the man who is inferior in every way against both. One of its primary functions is to regiment men by force, to make them as much alike as possible and as dependent upon one another as possible, to search out and combat originality among them. All it can see in an original idea is potential change, and hence an invasion of its prerogatives. The most dangerous man, to any government, is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos. Almost inevitably

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20 he comes to the conclusion that the government he lives in is dishonest, insane and intolerable, and so, if he is romantic, he tries to change it. And even if he is not romantic personally he is very apt to spread discontent among those who are.

25 There is seldom, if ever, any evidence that the new government proposed would be any better than the old one. On the contrary, all the historical testimony runs the other way.

30 Political revolutions do not often accomplish anything of genuine value; their one undoubted effect is simply to throw out one gang of thieves and put in another. After a revolution, of course, the successful revolutionists always

35 try to convince doubters that they have achieved great things, and usually they hang any man who denies it. But that surely doesn't prove their case. In Russia, for many years, the plain people were taught that getting rid

40 of the Czar would make them all rich and happy, but now that they have got rid of him they are poorer and unhappier than ever before. Even the American colonies gained little by their revolt in 1776. For twenty-five

45 years after the Revolution they were in far worse condition as free states as they would have been as colonies. Their government was more expensive, more inefficient, more dishonest, and more tyrannical. It was only

50 the gradual material progress of the country that saved them from starvation and collapse, and that material progress was due, not to the virtues of their new government, but to the lavishness of nature. Under the British

55 hoof they would have got on just as well, and probably a great deal better.

The ideal government of all reflective men, from Aristotle onward, is one which lets the individual alone—one which barely escapes

60 being no government at all. This ideal, I believe, will be realized in the world twenty or thirty centuries after I have passed from these scenes.

PASSAGE 2

By the late 1760s and early 1770s a potentially revolutionary situation existed in many of the colonies. There was little evidence of those social conditions we often associate with revolution (and some historians have desperately sought to find): no mass poverty,

65 70 no seething social discontent, no grinding oppression. The colonists' growing prosperity contributed to the unprecedented eighteenth-century sense that people here and now were capable of ordering their own reality.

75 Consequently, there was a great deal of jealousy and touchiness everywhere, for what could be made could be unmade; the people were acutely nervous about their prosperity and the liberty that seemed to make it possible.

80 Social changes, particularly since the 1740s, multiplied rapidly, and many Americans struggled to make sense of what was happening. These social changes were complicated, and they are easily misinterpreted.

85 Luxury and conspicuous consumption by very ordinary people were increasing. So, too, was religious dissent of all sorts. But social classes based on occupation or wealth did not set themselves against one another; for no

90 classes in this modern sense yet existed. The society was becoming more unequal, but its inequalities were not the source of the instability and anxiety. Indeed, it was the pervasive equality of American society that was

95 causing the problems—even in aristocratic South Carolina.

Perhaps the society of no colony was more unequal, more riven by discrepancies of rich and poor; more dominated by an ostentatious

100 aristocracy than that of South Carolina.

“State and magnificence, the natural attendant on great riches, are conspicuous among this people,” declared a wide-eyed New England visitor in 1773. “In grandeur, splendour of buildings, decorations, equipage, numbers, commerce, shipping, and indeed in almost everything, it far surpasses all I ever saw, or ever expect to see in America.” Yet, surprisingly, in the opinion of Carolinian Christopher

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- 110 Gadsden, society in his colony was most remarkable, not for its inequality, but for its equality, for the prevalence in it of substantial hardworking farmers and artisans. These honest industrious white folk were
- 115 extraordinarily prosperous. Even “the poorest of them (unless some very uncommon instances indeed) but must find himself in a very comfortable situation, especially when he compares his condition with that of the
- 120 poor of other nations,” or Gadsden might have added, with that of the black slaves in their own midst. The result, said Gadsden, was that white society in South Carolina was comparatively equal, “the distinctions ...
- 125 between the farmer and rich planter, the mechanic and the rich merchant, being abundantly more here, in imagination, than reality.”
- Yet because such equality and prosperity were so unusual in the Western world, they could not be taken for granted. Therefore any possibility of oppression, any threat to the colonists’ hard-earned prosperity, any hint of reducing them to the poverty of other nations,
- 130 nations, was especially frightening; for it seemed likely to slide them back into the traditional status of servants or slaves, into the older world where labor was merely a painful necessity and not a source of prosperity.
13. As it is used in line 3, “object” most nearly means
- (A) disagreement
(B) symbol
(C) material thing
(D) control
(E) goal
14. Passage 1 suggests that an “aristocratic” (line 4) government is similar to a “democratic” (line 7) government primarily in its
- (A) concern for commerce and private enterprise
(B) unpopularity among the common people
(C) oppression of its most creative citizens
(D) desire to implement fair and equitable laws
(E) promotion of new ideas
15. The “historical testimony” (line 29) most likely regards
- (A) the social effects of political revolutions
(B) the causes of discontent that breeds rebellion
(C) the development of artistic movements
(D) the origins of superstitions and taboos
(E) the ascendancy of romantic sentiment
16. Passage 1 suggests that the post-revolutionary government of the American colonies eventually succeeded only because it
- (A) was more responsive to the people
(B) enjoyed the benefit of natural resources
(C) established a more rigid framework of laws
(D) was more efficient than the previous government
(E) did not oppress its citizens
17. The author of Passage 1 believes that the “ideal government” (line 57) is characterized primarily by its
- (A) commitment to putting educated citizens in power
(B) efficient systems of industry
(C) emphasis on law and order
(D) unintrusiveness
(E) support of broad social programs
18. According to Passage 2, the “revolutionary situation” (line 65) among the colonists included
- (A) impoverishment
(B) political persecution
(C) envy
(D) hopelessness
(E) sharp class divisions

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19. The author of Passage 2 suggests that “some historians” (line 68) believe that
- (A) the situation in the American colonies prior to the revolution was not as dire as previously thought
 - (B) political upheaval is caused by social discontent
 - (C) American colonists had unprecedented power
 - (D) the American revolution was caused by jealousy
 - (E) colonial culture was highly traditional
20. As it is used in line 101, “state” most nearly means
- (A) government
 - (B) pomp
 - (C) independence
 - (D) stage of physical development
 - (E) emotional condition
21. Christopher Gadsden refers to “the farmer and rich planter; the mechanic and the rich merchant” (lines 125–126) primarily as a means of highlighting
- (A) the great range of occupations available in the colonies
 - (B) the fact that many kinds of citizens were willing to fight for their independence
 - (C) the profound discontent found throughout the colonies
 - (D) those who were most guilty of repressing their fellow colonists
 - (E) the relative lack of socioeconomic classes in South Carolina
22. With which of the following statements would the authors of BOTH passages most likely agree?
- (A) The American Revolution is best characterized as a quest for religious freedom.
 - (B) Government is by its nature repressive.
 - (C) The transition to a democratic system of government dramatically benefited the American colonists.
 - (D) During and after the revolution, American colonists benefited from material prosperity.
 - (E) The post-revolutionary American government was unjust and tyrannical.
23. Passage 1 suggests that the American revolutionaries were inspired by
- (A) impoverished conditions, while the author of Passage 2 suggests that they were inspired by class conflict
 - (B) lack of freedom, while the author of Passage 2 suggests that they were inspired by unjust taxation
 - (C) political idealism, while the author of Passage 2 suggests that they were inspired by fear of losing their wealth
 - (D) blind ideology, while the author of Passage 2 suggests that they were inspired by a lack of equality
 - (E) political repression, while the author of Passage 2 suggests that they were inspired by religious repression
24. Which of the following terms in Passage 2 is most similar in meaning to “hoof” in line 55 of Passage 1?
- (A) “discontent” (line 70)
 - (B) “dissent” (line 87)
 - (C) “instability” (line 93)
 - (D) “magnificence” (line 101)
 - (E) “oppression” (line 132)



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SECTION 5
Time—25 minutes
18 questions

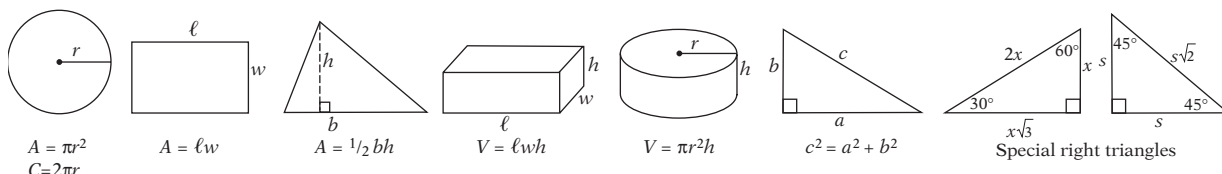
Turn to Section 5 of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

Directions: This section contains two types of questions. You have 25 minutes to complete both types. For questions 1–8, solve each problem and decide which is the best of the choices given. Fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet. You may use any available space for scratchwork.

Notes

- The use of a calculator is permitted.
- All numbers used are real numbers.
- Figures that accompany problems in this test are intended to provide information useful in solving the problems. They are drawn as accurately as possible EXCEPT when it is stated in a specific problem that the figure is not drawn to scale. All figures lie in a plane unless otherwise indicated.
- Unless otherwise specified, the domain of any function f is assumed to be the set of all real numbers x for which $f(x)$ is a real number.

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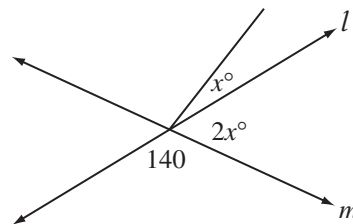


The number of degrees of arc in a circle is 360.

The sum of the measures in degrees of the angles of a triangle is 180.

1. If $4m - 2 = m + 7$, what is the value of m ?

- (A) 3.0
 (B) 4.5
 (C) 6.0
 (D) 7.5
 (E) 9.0



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

2. In the figure above, l and m are lines. What is the value of x ?

- (A) 10
 (B) 20
 (C) 30
 (D) 40
 (E) 80

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3. If $\frac{3}{8}$ of m is 48, what is $\frac{5}{8}$ of m ?

- (A) 80
- (B) 64
- (C) 60
- (D) 40
- (E) 30

4. Let a_n represent the n th term of a particular sequence. If $a_2 = 54$ and each term except the first is equal to the previous term divided by 3, then what is the first term that is NOT an integer?

- (A) a_4
- (B) a_5
- (C) a_6
- (D) a_7
- (E) a_8

5. If $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{2}$ is an integer, which of the following could *not* be the value of n ?

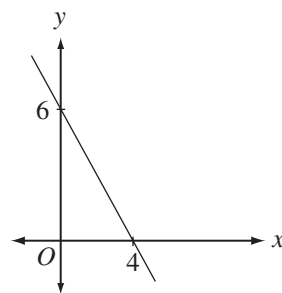
- (A) 2
- (B) 8
- (C) 12
- (D) 18
- (E) 32

6. Four of the six faces of a cube are painted black, and the other two faces are painted white. What is the *least* number of vertices on this cube that could be shared by two or more black faces?

- (A) eight
- (B) seven
- (C) six
- (D) five
- (E) four

7. If y varies directly as x , and if $y = 8$ when $x = a$ and $y = 12$ when $x = a + 10$, what is the value of a ?

- (A) 5
- (B) 8
- (C) 10
- (D) 15
- (E) 20



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

8. The figure above shows the graph of the function $f(x) = ax + b$, where a and b are constants. What is the slope of the graph of the function $g(x) = -2f(x)$?

- (A) -3
- (B) $-\frac{4}{3}$
- (C) $\frac{4}{3}$
- (D) $\frac{3}{2}$
- (E) 3

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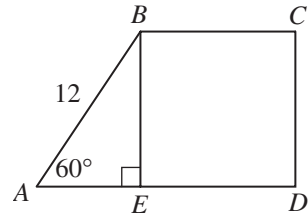
11. If 5 is $x\%$ of 15, then what is $x\%$ of 60?

12. The measures of the four angles in a quadrilateral have a ratio of 2:3:6:7. What is the measure, in degrees, of the largest of these angles?

13. If a is $\frac{2}{5}$ of b , b is $\frac{1}{10}$ of c , and $c > 0$, then what is the value of $\frac{a}{c}$?

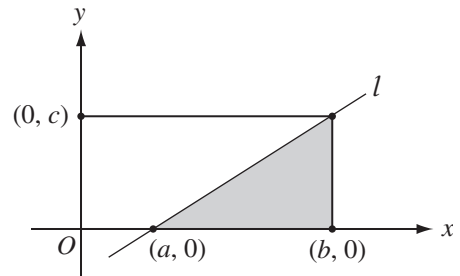
14. A rectangle and a triangle share the same base. If the area of the triangle is 6 times the area of the rectangle, and the height of the rectangle is 4, what is the height of the triangle?

15. The median of a set of 5 integers is 10. If the greatest of these integers is 5 times the least integer, and if all the integers are different, what is the greatest possible sum of the numbers in this set?



16. In the figure above, $BCDE$ is a square and $AB = 12$. What is the area of square $BCDE$?

17. Each term in a sequence, except for the first, is equal to the previous term times a positive constant, k . If the 3rd term of this sequence is 12 and the 5th term is 27, what is the first term?



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

18. In the figure above, $2b = 3c$ and the area of the shaded triangle is $\frac{2}{5}$ the area of the rectangle. What is the slope of line l ?



If you finish before time is called, you may check your work on this section only. Do not turn to any other section of the test.

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SECTION 6
Time—25 minutes
24 questions

Turn to Section 6 of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

Directions: For each question in this section, select the best answer from among the choices given and fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words or sets of words labeled A through E. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

EXAMPLE:

Rather than accepting the theory unquestioningly, Deborah regarded it with -----.

- (A) mirth
- (B) sadness
- (C) responsibility
- (D) ignorance
- (E) skepticism

(A) (B) (C) (D) ●

1. Although the party gained a clear majority in the election, its philosophy remained -----, never achieving a clear and consistent form.
 - (A) versatile
 - (B) indisputable
 - (C) homogenous
 - (D) nebulous
 - (E) appealing

2. The astronomer was ----- the evidence she was receiving from the radio telescope, because the data did not ----- her theory regarding the mass of the distant galaxy.
 - (A) concerned about . . . refute
 - (B) disappointed by . . . substantiate
 - (C) intimidated by . . . ignore
 - (D) chastened . . . conceal
 - (E) bolstered by . . . exaggerate

3. Wildebeests are ----- creatures, often trekking over 1,000 miles in a typical year in search of food resources that shift according to the rainy season.
 - (A) itinerant
 - (B) indigenous
 - (C) subdued
 - (D) nocturnal
 - (E) arboreal

4. Carlos has always been ----- the motivations of politicians, often insisting that even their most seemingly ----- initiatives are in fact based on selfish impulses.
 - (A) skeptical of . . . contemptible
 - (B) sanguine about . . . magnanimous
 - (C) disparaging of . . . callous
 - (D) enthusiastic about . . . immaterial
 - (E) cynical about . . . altruistic

5. Herbert was not ----- enough to be a good literary agent, often mistaking ----- prose for original and competent writing.
 - (A) discerning . . . derivative
 - (B) gauche . . . sublime
 - (C) obstinate . . . proficient
 - (D) diligent . . . innovative
 - (E) servile . . . pedestrian

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The passages below are followed by questions based on their content. Answer the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage and in any introductory material that may be provided.

Questions 6–7 are based on the following passage.

Geologists use radiological methods to deduce the age of mineral samples. These methods rely on the fact that when a radioactive sample within a rock is first formed it is nearly pure, but gradually decays into a more stable element. Since this decay occurs at a predictable rate, measuring the proportion of each type of element within a rock can tell scientists how long it has been since that rock was formed. One problematic aspect of this dating method is that some of the stable element may have already been present when the mineral was formed, and therefore was not the result of radioactive decay.

6. The primary purpose of this passage is to
- (A) introduce a scientific controversy
 - (B) refute a misconception
 - (C) explain a technique
 - (D) describe a historical fact
 - (E) examine a theory
7. According to the passage, radiological dating methods are most likely to yield inaccurate results when the radioactive mineral sample within a rock
- (A) is exceptionally old
 - (B) comprises a large portion of the rock's mass
 - (C) decays into a stable element at a consistent rate
 - (D) originally contains samples of the element into which the radioactive element will decay
 - (E) decays into a stable element that remains in the rock, rather than being released into the atmosphere

Questions 8–9 are based on the following passage.

The tragic hero with Shakespeare need not be “good,” though generally he is “good” and therefore at once wins sympathy in his error. But it is necessary that he should have so much of greatness that in his error and fall we may be vividly conscious of the possibilities of human nature. Hence, in the first place, a Shakespearean tragedy is never, like some miscalled tragedies, depressing. No one ever closes the book with the feeling that man is a poor mean creature. He may be wretched and he may be awful, but he is not small. His lot may be heart-rending and mysterious, but it is not contemptible. The most confirmed of cynics ceases to be a cynic while he reads these plays.

8. As it is used in line 13, “lot” most nearly means
- (A) parcel of land
 - (B) great quantity
 - (C) fate in life
 - (D) motivation
 - (E) friend
9. The passage suggests that a “cynic” (line 16) is one who believes that
- (A) Shakespeare’s plays are self-serving
 - (B) human beings can be ignoble
 - (C) heroes should be imbued with greatness
 - (D) tragic heroes are worthy of sympathy
 - (E) Shakespeare’s characters are unrealistic

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Questions 10–16 pertain to the following passage.

The following is an excerpt from a short story, written by an American author in 1909, regarding the crew of a sailing ship.

Line She floated at the starting point of a long
journey, very still in an immense stillness,
the shadows of her spars flung far to the
eastward by the setting sun. At that moment
5 I was alone on her decks. There was not a
sound in her—and around us nothing moved,
nothing lived, not a canoe on the water, not a
bird in the air, not a cloud in the sky. In this
breathless pause at the threshold of a long
10 passage we seemed to be measuring our
fitness for a long and arduous enterprise, the
appointed task of both our existences to be
carried out, far from all human eyes, with
only sky and sea for spectators and for
15 judges.

There must have been some glare in the air
to interfere with one's sight, because it was
only just before the sun left us that my
roaming eyes made out beyond the highest
20 ridges of the principal islet of the group
something which did away with the
solemnity of perfect solitude. The tide of
darkness flowed on swiftly; and with tropical
suddenness a swarm of stars came out above
25 the shadowy earth, while I lingered yet, my
hand resting lightly on my ship's rail as if
on the shoulder of a trusted friend. But,
with all that multitude of celestial bodies
staring down at one, the comfort of quiet
30 communion with her was gone for good. And
there were also disturbing sounds by this
time—voices, footsteps forward; the steward

flitted along the main-deck, a busily
ministering spirit; a hand bell tinkled
35 urgently under the poop deck.

I found my two officers waiting for me
near the supper table, in the lighted cuddy.
We sat down at once, and as I helped the
chief mate, I said:

40 “Are you aware that there is a ship anchored
inside the islands? I saw her mastheads
above the ridge as the sun went down.”

He raised sharply his simple face,
overcharged by a terrible growth of whisker,
45 and emitted his usual ejaculations:

“Bless my soul, sir! You don't say so!”

My second mate was a round-cheeked,
silent young man, grave beyond his years, I
thought; but as our eyes happened to meet I
50 detected a slight quiver on his lips. I looked
down at once. It was not my part to
encourage sneering on board my ship. It
must be said, too, that I knew very little of
my officers. In consequence of certain events
55 of no particular significance, except to
myself, I had been appointed to the
command only a fortnight before. Neither did
I know much of the hands forward. All these
people had been together for eighteen
60 months or so, and my position was that of
the only stranger on board. I mention this
because it has some bearing on what is to
follow. But what I felt most was my being a
stranger to the ship; and if all the truth must
65 be told, I was somewhat of a stranger to
myself. The youngest man on board (barring
the second mate), and untried as yet by a
position of the fullest responsibility, I was
willing to take the adequacy of the others for
70 granted. They had simply to be equal to their
tasks; but I wondered how far I should turn
out faithful to that ideal conception of one's
own personality every man sets up for
himself secretly.

75 Meantime the chief mate, with an almost
visible effect of collaboration on the part of
his round eyes and frightful whiskers, was
trying to evolve a theory of the anchored
ship. His dominant trait was to take all

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- 80 things into earnest consideration. He was of a painstaking turn of mind. As he used to say, he “liked to account to himself” for practically everything that came in his way, down to a miserable scorpion he had found
- 85 in his cabin a week before. The why and the wherefore of that scorpion—how it got on board and came to select his room rather than the pantry (which was a dark place and more what a scorpion would be partial to),
- 90 and how on earth it managed to drown itself in the inkwell of his writing desk—had exercised him infinitely. The ship within the islands was much more easily accounted for, and just as we were about to rise from table
- 95 he made his pronouncement. She was, he doubted not, a ship from home lately arrived. Probably she drew too much water to cross the bar except at the top of spring tides. Therefore she went into that natural harbor
- 100 to wait for a few days in preference to remaining in an open roadstead.
10. The tone of the first paragraph is primarily one of
- reflective anticipation
 - anxious dread
 - unrestrained excitement
 - detached analysis
 - incomprehension
11. The narrator mentions the “glare” (line 16) in order to make the point that
- the sea around him was filled with commotion
 - his crew was not entirely reliable
 - the ship was kept in very good condition
 - the weather was about to change
 - he did not see the distant masthead immediately
12. The “certain events” mentioned in line 54 pertain to the means by which
- the crew was chosen for the voyage
 - the mysterious ship came to be docked nearby
 - the second mate developed his grave disposition
 - the narrator was chosen as captain
 - the hands came to know each other
13. In lines 63–74 (But what I felt ... for himself secretly”) the narrator conveys primarily his
- skepticism about the ability of his crewmen
 - apprehensions about the mysterious ship
 - excitement about the upcoming voyage
 - lack of self-confidence
 - pride in his accomplishments as such a young age
14. As it is used in line 78, the word “evolve” most nearly means
- destroy
 - frighten
 - generate
 - dominate
 - turn around
15. In the final paragraph, the chief mate is characterized primarily as being
- physically intimidating
 - intelligent and erudite
 - emotionally sensitive
 - reserved and dull-witted
 - meticulously thoughtful
16. As it is used in line 92, “exercised” most nearly means
- perplexed
 - practiced
 - strengthened
 - eradicated
 - weakened

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Questions 17–24 pertain to the following passage.

The following passage discusses the study of language acquisition, the means by which humans learn to speak and understand language.

Language acquisition is one of the central topics in cognitive science. Every theory of cognition has tried to explain it; probably no other topic has aroused such controversy. Possessing a language is the quintessentially human trait: all normal humans speak, no nonhuman animal does. Language is the main vehicle by which we know about other people's thoughts, and the two must be intimately related. Every time we speak we are revealing something about language, so the facts of language structure are easy to come by; these data hint at a system of extraordinary complexity. Nonetheless, learning a first language is something every child does successfully, in a matter of a few years and without the need for formal lessons. With language so close to the core of what it means to be human, it is not surprising that children's acquisition of language has received so much attention. Anyone with strong views about the human mind would like to show that children's first few steps are steps in the right direction. Is language simply grafted on top of cognition as a way of sticking communicable labels onto thoughts? Or does learning a language somehow mean learning to think in that language? A famous hypothesis, outlined by Benjamin Whorf, asserts that the categories and relations that we use to understand the world come from our particular language, so that speakers of different languages conceptualize the world in different ways. Language acquisition, then, would be learning to think, not just learning to talk. This is an intriguing hypothesis, but virtually all modern cognitive scientists believe it is false. Babies can think before they can talk. Cognitive psychology has shown that people think not just in words but in images and abstract logical propositions. And linguistics has shown that

human languages are too ambiguous and schematic to use as a medium of internal computation: when people think about "spring," surely they are not confused as to whether they are thinking about a season or something that goes "boing"—and if one word can correspond to two thoughts, thoughts can't be words.

But language acquisition has a unique contribution to make to this issue. As we shall see, it is virtually impossible to show how children could learn a language unless you assume they have a considerable amount of nonlinguistic cognitive machinery in place before they start.

All humans talk but no house pets or house plants do, no matter how pampered, so heredity must be involved in language. But a child growing up in Japan speaks Japanese whereas the same child brought up in California would speak English, so the environment is also crucial. Thus there is no question about whether heredity or environment is involved in language, or even whether one or the other is "more important." Instead, language acquisition might be our best hope of finding out how heredity and environment interact. We know that adult language is intricately complex, and we know that children become adults. Therefore something in the child's mind must be capable of attaining that complexity. Any theory that posits too little innate structure, so that its hypothetical child ends up speaking something less than a real language, must be false. The same is true for any theory that posits too much innate structure, so that the hypothetical child can acquire English but not, say, Bantu or Vietnamese.

And not only do we know about the output of language acquisition, we know a fair amount about the input to it, namely, parents' speech to their children. So even if language acquisition, like all cognitive processes, is essentially a "black box," we know enough about its input and output to be able to make precise guesses about its contents.

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- The scientific study of language acquisition began around the same time as the birth of cognitive science, in the late 1950s. We can see now why that is not a coincidence. The historical catalyst was Noam Chomsky's review of Skinner's *Verbal Behavior*. At that time, Anglo-American natural science, social science, and philosophy had come to a virtual consensus about the answers to the questions listed above. The mind consisted of sensorimotor abilities plus a few simple laws of learning governing gradual changes in an organism's behavioral repertoire. Therefore language must be learned; it cannot be a module; and thinking must be a form of verbal behavior, since verbal behavior is the prime manifestation of "thought" that can be observed externally. Chomsky argued that language acquisition falsified these beliefs in a single stroke: children learn languages that are governed by highly subtle and abstract principles, and they do so without explicit instruction or any other environmental clues to the nature of such principles. Hence language acquisition depends on an innate, species-specific module that is distinct from general intelligence. Much of the debate in language acquisition has attempted to test this once-revolutionary, and still controversial, collection of ideas. The implications extend to the rest of human cognition.
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17. This passage as a whole is best described as
- (A) a history of a new academic discipline
 - (B) a comparison of the traits of different species
 - (C) a discussion of a particular human ability
 - (D) biographical sketches of several scientists
 - (E) a refutation of an experimental method
18. The "data" mentioned in line 13 most likely include information regarding
- (A) the literacy levels of different countries
 - (B) the best methods for teaching infants to speak
 - (C) the ability of primates and other mammals to communicate
 - (D) the structure of the human brain
 - (E) the intricacy of the expression of human language
19. The sentence "Anyone ... direction" (lines 22–24) indicates that
- (A) Most parents are concerned about their children's ability to read and write correctly.
 - (B) Language theorists tend to focus on language acquisition more than later language development.
 - (C) Scientists are inclined to disregard evidence that suggests that nonhuman animals can use language.
 - (D) More should be done to help children who have difficulty learning language.
 - (E) Poor parenting usually leads to weak oral language skills in children.
20. The statement "Babies can think before they can talk" (line 39) is intended to show that
- (A) learning to talk can sometimes be difficult
 - (B) verbal skill is not necessary to cognition
 - (C) psychologists should take into account the desires of infants
 - (D) speakers of different languages conceptualize the world in different ways
 - (E) all cognitive skills develop according to a rigid timeline

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