

Writing Test: Multiple-Choice Section

TIME: 30 Minutes

38 Questions

Part A

SUGGESTED TIME: 10 Minutes

21 Questions

Directions: Some of the following sentences are correct. Others contain problems in grammar, usage, idiom, diction, punctuation, and capitalization.

If there is an error, it will be underlined and lettered. Find the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct and choose the corresponding letter on your answer sheet. Mark **E** if the sentence contains no error.

- The invitation asked that I come to the birthday party at the restaurant in formal dress. No error
- People who write letters frequently recount the same experience to different people. No error
- The effect of the libraries campaign to encourage children's reading has been overwhelmingly successful, according to the fact-finding team. No error
- The welfare of labor is conditioned by several factors unique to the United States and occurring only in this country. No error
- Huong and yourself will attend the conference on behalf of the entire company and report the latest technological advances to us next week. No error
- To help students understand and use the concepts of science, science educators place much emphasis on observation, discovery, and the inquiry method. No error
- The music had scarcely begun than the guests started to fill the dance floor, most of them gyrating out of time with the music. No error

8. The policeman spoke calmly and firmly
A
 to we spectators as he directed the
B C D
 crowd out of the football stadium.
No error
E
9. The theme of the works demonstrated a
A
recognition yet a departure from the
B C
 past masters of epic poetry, whose
D
 characters were greater than life.
No error
E
10. Either this afternoon or tomorrow
A
 morning the state legislature must
B
 decide whether or not to enact a new
C D
 tax cut. No error
E
11. The scope of the community-
A
 redevelopment project has been
B
 enlarged and will require a minimum of
C
 twenty-three new workers, more or less.
D
No error
E
12. Yesterday several members of the class
A
presented opinion papers based on their
B C
 research and respective points of view.
D
No error
E
13. Students who write formal term papers,
A B
even the most hardworking, sometimes
C
 have difficulty with placement and
D
 order of footnotes. No error
E
14. The arguments for rent control and the
A
 arguments against rent control
expressed by those in opposition to it
B
 did not convince the city council
C
one way or another. No error
D E
15. When the home team players scored
A
 three baskets in the final two minutes of
 the game and allowed no offsetting
B
 points to the visiting team, they literally
C D
 broke the back of the opposition.
No error
E
16. The movie received an Oscar,
A
a coveted award, for its extraordinary
B C
 achievement in special affects. No error
D E
17. The cause of the accident being that
A B
 the intoxicated driver lost control of the
C
wheel and veered into an oncoming
C D
 truck. No error
E

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18. The typical plantation mansion had
A
a high-columned porch that not
B
only shaded the first-floor rooms but
C
gave the mansion an appearance of
grandeur. No error
D E
19. Rachel Carson, a great American
A
writer and marine biologist, produced
a series of books that tells what
B
people are doing to the delicate
balance of the earth's life forms on the
C
land and in and near the sea. No error
D E

20. Charles hated to play chess with anyone
A
who was better than he. No error
B C D E
21. To keep calm, to think clearly, and
A
answering all the questions that are easy
B C
for him or her are three goals of any
D
effective and well-prepared test taker.
No error
E

Part B

SUGGESTED TIME: 20 Minutes

17 Questions

Directions: Some part of each sentence below is underlined; sometimes the whole sentence is underlined. Five choices for rephrasing the underlined part follow each sentence. The first choice, *A*, repeats the original, and the other four are different. If choice *A* seems better than the alternatives, choose answer *A*; if not, choose one of the others.

For each sentence, consider the requirements of standard written English. Your choice should be a correct, concise, and effective expression, not awkward or ambiguous. Focus on grammar, word choice, sentence construction, and punctuation. If a choice changes the meaning of the original sentence, do not select it.

22. The school-age child faces a formidable task when during the first few years of classroom experiences he or she is expected to master the printed form of language.
- A. he or she is expected to master the printed form of language
 - B. he or she expects to master the printed form of language
 - C. he or she faces expectations of mastering the printed form of language
 - D. mastery of the printed form of language is expected of him or her
 - E. mastery of print is expected by his or her teacher
23. He came to the United States as a young man, he found a job as a coal miner.
- A. man, he found
 - B. man and found
 - C. man and there he was able to find
 - D. man and then finding
 - E. man and had found
24. To a large degree, poetry, along with all the other arts, is a form of imitation.
- A. poetry, along with all the other arts, is
 - B. poetry along with all the other arts is
 - C. poetry, along with all the other arts, are
 - D. poetry, and other arts, is
 - E. poetry and art are
25. Delegates to the political convention found difficulty to choose a candidate from among the few nominated.
- A. difficulty to choose
 - B. it difficult in making the choice of
 - C. it difficult to choose
 - D. choosing difficult when selecting
 - E. making a choice difficult in selecting

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26. Reading in any language can be viewed as a developmental task much the same as learning to walk, to cross the street independently, to care for one's possessions, or accepting responsibility for one's own decisions.
- A. accepting responsibility for one's own decisions
 - B. accepting one's own decisions responsibly
 - C. to accept responsibility for one's own decisions
 - D. accepting responsibility and making one's own decisions
 - E. to make one's own decisions
27. Sea forests of giant kelp, which fringe only one coastline in the Northern Hemisphere, is native to shores throughout the Southern Hemisphere.
- A. is native to shores
 - B. is native to most shores
 - C. are native only in shores
 - D. are native
 - E. are native to shores
28. A university's board of regents and alumni association are two separate entities, each having specialized areas of responsibility and kinds of authority.
- A. university's board of regents and alumni association are two separate entities
 - B. university's board of regents and alumni association are separate entities
 - C. university's board of Regents and alumni Association are two separate entities
 - D. university's board of regents and alumni association is separate entities
 - E. university's board of regents and alumni association are entities
29. Like so many characters in Russian fiction, Crime and Punishment exhibits a behavior so foreign to the American temperament that many readers find the story rather incredible.
- A. *Crime and Punishment* exhibits
 - B. those in *Crime and Punishment* exhibit
 - C. those in *Crime and Punishment* exhibits
 - D. often exhibiting
 - E. characterized by

30. *Don Quixote* provides a cross section of Spanish life and thought and portrays the feelings of many Spaniards at the end of the chivalric age.
- portrays the feelings of many Spaniards
 - portrayal of the feelings of many Spaniards
 - feelings portrayed by Spaniards
 - feelings
 - Spanish feelings
31. An infant, whether lying alone in the crib or enjoying the company of adults, is consistently fascinated at the movement of toes and fingers.
- whether lying alone in the crib or enjoying the company of adults, is consistently fascinated at
 - alone or in company, is consistently fascinated at
 - whether lying alone in the crib or enjoying the company of adults, is constantly fascinated at
 - whether lying alone in the crib or enjoying the company of adults, is consistently fascinated by
 - lonely in the crib and enjoying the company of adults is consistently fascinated at
32. A policeman of proven valor, the city council designated him the "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."
- the city council designated him
 - the city council's designating him
 - the city council will designate him
 - he designated the city council
 - he was designated by the city council
33. If the room would have been brighter, I would have been more successful in my search for the lost earrings.
- If the room would have been brighter
 - If the room was brighter
 - If rooms were brighter
 - If the room could have been brighter
 - If the room had been brighter
34. After announcing that no notes could be used during the final exam, the instructor was compelled to fail two students because they used notes anyway.
- two students because they used notes anyway
 - two students because of their notes
 - two students because of them using notes
 - two students whose notes were used
 - two students due to the use of their notes

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35. The respiratory membranes, through which exchange of gases occurs, are the linings of the lungs.
- A. through which exchange of gases occurs
 - B. through which exchange of gas occurs
 - C. after gases are exchanged
 - D. occurs through the exchange of gases
 - E. through which gas is exchanged
36. Jeff is one of those who tends to resist any attempt at classification or regulation.
- A. who tends to resist any attempt at
 - B. whose tendency to resist any attempt at
 - C. who tend to resist any attempt at
 - D. who tends to resist any attempt to
 - E. who tends to resistance of any attempt at
37. The amount of water in living cells vary, but it is usually 65 percent and in some organisms may be as high as 96 percent or more of the total substance.
- A. The amount of water in living cells vary
 - B. The amount of water varies
 - C. The amount of water in cells vary
 - D. The amount of water in living cells varies
 - E. The amounts of water varies in living cells
38. The belief of ancient scientists was that maggots are generated from decaying bodies and filth and are not formed by reproduction.
- A. The belief of ancient scientists was
 - B. The ancient scientists beliefs were
 - C. The ancient scientists believe
 - D. The belief of ancient scientists were
 - E. The ancient belief of scientists was

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS SECTION ONLY. DO NOT WORK ON ANY OTHER SECTION IN THE TEST.

