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# **Part One**

## **Preparing Presentations**

## Organization of Presentations

### Golden Rule

Human attention is very limited. Don't cram too much information, either in each slide, or in the whole talk. Avoid details: they won't be remembered anyway.

### Organization:

- Have a very clear introduction, to motivate what you do and to present the problem you want to solve. The introduction is not technical in nature, but strategic (i.e. why this problem, big idea).
- If you have a companion paper, mention it during the talk and recommend it for more details. Don't put all the details in the talk. Present only the important ones.
- Use only one idea per slide.
- Have good conclusions slide: put the main ideas, the ones you really want people to remember. Use 1 one "conclusions" slide.
- The conclusion slide should be the last one. Do not put other slides after conclusions, as this will weaken its impact.
- Having periodic "talk outline" slides (to show where you are in the talk) helps, especially for longer talks. At least one "talk outline" slide is very useful, usually after the introduction.

- Don't count on the audience to remember any detail from one slide to another (like color-coding, applications you measure, etc.). If you need it remembered, re-state the information a second time.
- Especially if you have to present many different things, try to build a unifying thread. The talk should be sequential in nature (i.e. no big conceptual leaps from one slide to the next).
- Try to cut out as much as possible; less is better.
- Help the audience understand where you are going. Often it's best to give them a high-level overview first, and then plunge into the details; then, while listening to the details they can relate to the high-level picture and understand where you are. This also helps them save important brainpower for later parts of the talk, which may be more important.

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**Mechanics of Presentation:**

- Use a good presentation-building tool, like MS PowerPoint. Avoid LaTeX, except for slides with formulas. Good looks are important.
- Humor is very useful; prepare a couple of puns and jokes beforehand (but not epic jokes, which require complicated setup). However, if you're not good with jokes, better avoid them altogether. Improvising humor is very dangerous.
- The more you rehearse the talk, the better it will be. A rehearsal is most useful when carried out loud. 5 rehearsals is a minimum for an important talk.
- The more people criticize your talk (during practice), the better it will be; pay attention to criticism, not necessarily to all suggestions, but try to see what and why people misunderstood your ideas.
- When using printed slides, avoid overlay slides; they are awkward to use.
- Not everything has to be written down; speech can and should complement the information on the slides.
- Be enthusiastic and natural.
- Act your talk: explain, ask rhetorical questions, act surprised, etc.



- Give people time to think about the important facts by slowing down, or even stopping for a moment.
- Do not go overtime under any circumstance.
- Listen to the questions very carefully; many speakers answer different questions than the ones asked.

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### **Visual Aids for Presentation:**

- Use suggestive graphical illustrations as much as possible. Don't shun graphical metaphors. Prefer an image to text. In my presentations I try to have 80% of the slides with images.
- Do not put in the figures details you will not mention explicitly. The figures should be as schematic as possible (i.e. no overload of features).
- Do not "waste" information by using unnecessary colors. Each different color should signify something different, and something important. Color-code your information if you can, but don't use too many different colors. Have high-contrast colors.
- A few real photos related to your subject look very cool (e.g. real system, hardware, screen-shots, automatically generated figures, etc.). Real photos are much more effective during the core of the talk than during the intro. I hate talks with a nice

picture during the introduction and next only text; they open your appetite and then leave you hungry.

- For some strange reason, rectangles with shadows seem to look much better than without (especially if there are just a few in the figure).
- Sometimes a matte pastel background looks much better than a white one.
- Exploit animation with restraint. Do not use fancy animation effects if not necessary.
- However, there are places where animation is extremely valuable, e.g., to depict the evolution of a complex system, or to introduce related ideas one by one.
- Use strong colors for important stuff, pastel colors for the unimportant.
- Encode information cleverly: e.g. make arrow widths showing flows proportional to the flow capacity.
- Use thick lines in drawings (e.g. 1 1/2 points or more).

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**Things to remember when making a presentation:**

The seven pointers below offer sound advice that will help you deliver more effective presentations with greater confidence.

**1. Your Audience Wants You to Do Well:**

An audience would rather be entertained than bored; they would rather see you do well than see you fail. Perhaps because they, too, have panicked before a group, people in an audience tend to identify with the presenter, putting out a kind of "wave of good will." All you have to do is surf that wave and you will have an enormous advantage over your fears.

**2. Your Audience is a Collection of Individuals,****Not a Monolithic Thing:**

The temptation to see your audience, as a nameless, faceless wall sets up a situation so intimidating that self-sabotage is practically assured. Fortunately, an audience is not one massive collective consciousness. Each person reacts differently to a presenter.

To help you see your audience as a group of individuals, make eye contact with individual members in the group. Direct individual eye contact neutralizes the audience's ability to intimidate you.

People who have no trouble speaking to one person can go to pieces talking to a group. It might be useful to view the presentation as a series of "simultaneous one-on-ones."

### **3. Direct Eye Contact with Audience:**

Making frequent direct eye contact with audience members lets them see that their attention matters to you. They will invariably repay this with like attention. Making real eye contact with the audience also lets the presenter see whether or not they understand the information being presented. If comprehension doesn't show in the eyes of the audience, the presenter can adjust the message. If the presenter avoids their eyes, the audience instantly senses fear. Their attention - and the presenter's credibility - evaporates.

### **4. Your Script is a Departure Point. You Are Only a Vessel for the Information You Are Delivering:**

If you memorize a script word-for-word and expect it to retain any feeling of real life, you - and your audience - will be disappointed. Audiences are impatient with memorized scripts. Memorization drains the life out of your presentation and prevents the audience from feeling like they know you. This feeling of "knowing you" is what makes an audience like and consequently trust you. If the audience likes and trusts you--which can happen only if they have a sense of the life passing through you - they will

listen to you. A speech memorized word-for-word sends the message that you are not alive.

Having complete familiarity with and an emotional connection to your material puts your attention and energy where it belongs. Add the need to have the audience receive and understand your material, and you won't have time to think about what your hands are doing, whether or not the audience likes you or whether you've gotten a parking ticket during your presentation. You won't have any energy left to devote to the things that can rob you of the connection you're making with your material and your audience.

When a presentation goes particularly well, it is usually because the presenter is concentrating on the message and the audience. When the presenter's concentration is focused in this manner (that is, when the need to think about yourself has been taken away), presenting stops being a form of torture and becomes instead a means of creative expression.

### **5. Oxygen Deprivation Breeds Panic:**

This sounds like an over-simplification. It is not. People who can think on their feet continue to breathe as they present. Stopping your breath is a common fear response. The most common cause of "presenter panic," and the most controllable, is a lack of oxygen to the brain. As the brain becomes oxygen-starved

it starts to shut down. Trying to pursue a train of thought and bring an audience along with you as your brain shuts down puts you at an enormous disadvantage. When the audience can see you breathing, it is a subtle reminder, though one they are unconscious of, that you are a human being. When you stop breathing, they will not be able to consciously pin down what's wrong, but they will start wondering if you are human and will stop identifying with you.

### **6. However You Think Your Presentation Will Go, It Won't:**

Presentations are like real life: Both seldom go exactly as we imagine. From your presentation rehearsals, you will know the essential elements of what you plan to say, i.e., the points you want to cover, what you want from your audience, the general route you plan to take. Learn to be comfortable with this knowledge and with your trial runs.

What happens too often is that in the rehearsal process, presenters fall in love with a vision of how the presentation will go. When the actual presentation doesn't match the imagined version, panic sets in and everything falls apart. In life, when things don't go as we'd imagined, we make the necessary adjustments and move on. Presentations require that same degree of flexibility.

Having knowledge of and an emotional connection to your material will help you forget about expectations and simply take the situation as it comes. It also helps if you have a clear and definite reason for delivering your material to your audience. Audiences know when you are "in the situation" because you seem alive and spontaneous.

If something goes wrong, acknowledge it openly and move on. Your audience will like you for it, and when they like you there is a stronger chance that they will believe you. Minor flubs simply remind them that you are human, just like they are. This reminder of shared humanity is essential if they are to identify with you; and they must, on some level, for that is the only way they will hear your message. If something goes wrong, acknowledge it openly and move on. Your audience will like you for it.

### **7. Don't Confuse Eagerness to Present with Anxiety:**

Give yourself some credit. What you feel before a presentation isn't only fear, though fear is a natural and useful component. Part of your uneasiness is simply the desire to deliver what you have been working on and refining in your mind. You started working on the presentation knowing that at some point you would be sharing it with an audience. When that time approaches, it makes sense to get excited. However, because so

many people get anxious before presenting, this excitement may be mistaken for fear. While fear may be present, so is the eagerness to bring your presentation to its logical conclusion. After all, it is not really a presentation until you share it with an audience.

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### **Handling Questions and Discussions:**

1. Often it is necessary for you to restate the question for the rest of the audience (because they may not have heard it).
2. Answer questions as briefly as possible, sticking to the point.
3. If the question requires a deep and specialized answer off the main track, give a brief answer and offer to answer more fully after the talk.
4. Some questions are "real" questions and you should attempt to answer them. If you don't know the answers, then admit this and offer to find out the answer for the next week.
5. Some questions are not "real" questions but rather are extensive comments that do not require an answer other than "That's interesting".

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**End of Part One**



# **Part Two**

## **Reading Comprehension Passages**

**(1)****The Twins of Siam**

A young mother was lying on a bed. She had just given birth to twin boys. She was tired but happy. A woman was helping her. Suddenly the woman screamed. "What's the matter?" the mother cried. She lifted her head and looked at her babies. The babies were joined at their chests. She couldn't separate them. That happened in Siam – now called Thailand – in 1811. The mother named her babies Chang and Eng. Chang and Eng grew up and became the famous Siamese twins. People came from all over Siam to stare at the twins. One day, when the twins were 18, an American saw them. He thought, "I can make money with the twins." He asked Chang and Eng, "Will you come with me to the United States?" Chang and Eng wanted to go to the United States, so they went with the man. They never saw Siam or their family again. Chang and Eng traveled with the American for ten years. Later they traveled alone. People paid to see them and ask them questions about their lives. Finally, the twins got tired of traveling. They got tired of answering questions. They decided to live quietly in North Carolina. Soon after they moved to North Carolina, the twins met two sisters. The sister's name was Adelaide and Sarah. The twins fell in love with the sisters. Chang married Adelaide and Eng married Sarah. The marriages were

very unusual. Adelaide and Sarah lived in separate houses. The twins lived in one house for four days. Then they went to the other house for four days. The marriages were unusual, but they were long and happy. Chang and Eng had ten children, and Eng and Sarah had eleven children. The twins were happy with Adelaide and Sarah, but they weren't happy with each other. Sometimes they argued and they didn't talk to each other. They asked doctor after doctor, "Please separate us." Every doctor said, "I can't separate you. The operation is too dangerous." So, the twins stayed joined together. One night when the twins were 63, Eng suddenly wake up. He looked at Chang, who was lying beside him. Chang wasn't breathing. Eng screamed for help, and one of his sons came. "Uncle Chang is dead," the young man said. "Then I'm going to die, too," Eng said, and he began to cry. Two hours later Eng was dead. For 63 years the twins of Siam lived together as one. In the end, they also died as one.

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**Questions:****Vocabulary**

- Read the following sentences, and then guess the meaning of the underlined words. Circle the letter of your answer.

1. A woman was helping the young mother. Suddenly the woman screamed. "What's the matter?" the mother cried.

a. yelled in a loud voice.

b. smiled happily.

2. The babies were joined at their chests. She couldn't separate them.

a. take them apart.

b. wake them up.

3. People came all over Siam to stare at the twins.

a. take picture of.

b. look at.

4. The twins weren't always happy with each other. Sometimes they argued.

a. spoke quietly.

b. spoke in angry voices.

**Comprehension: Understanding the Main Idea:**

- Circle the letter of the best answer.
1. This story is about .....
    - a. dangerous operation.
    - b. unusual marriage.
    - c. Siamese twins brothers
  2. The twins talked to many doctors because .....
    - a. the twins were often sick.
    - b. they wanted the doctors to separate them.
    - c. the doctors wanted to study the twins.

**Remembering Details:**

- Read the sentences. One word in each sentence isn't correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.
1. The story happened in Siam – now called China – in 1811.
  2. Chang and Eng grew up and became the famous Siamese doctors.
  3. People came from all over Siam to laugh at the twins.
  4. An Australian asked Chang and Eng to come with him to the United States.
  5. Chang and Eng traveled with American for ten days.
  6. After they moved to North Carolina, the twins met two cousins.
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7. The marriage was unusual, but they were long and unhappy.
8. Every doctor said, "I can separate you because the operation is too dangerous."

**Understanding Reasons:**

- Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on between brackets.
1. The young mother lifted her head (        )
  2. Chang and Eng went to the United States (        )
  3. People paid (        )
  4. The twins went to doctor after doctor (        )
    - a. to ask the twins questions.
    - b. to ask about an operation.
    - c. to travel with the American.
    - d. to look at her babies.

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## The Four Wives

Once upon a time there was a rich merchant who had 4 wives he loved the 4th wife the most. He adorned her with rich robes and treated her to delicacies. He took great care of her and gave her nothing but the best. He also loved the 3rd wife very much. He's very proud of her and always wanted to show her off to his friends. However, the merchant is always in great fear that might run away with some other men.

He too, loved his 2nd wife. She is a very considerate person, always patient and in fact is the merchant's confidante. Whenever the merchant faced some problems, he always turned to his 2nd wife and she would always help him out and tide him through difficult times.

Now, the merchant's 1st wife is a very loyal partner and has made great contributions in maintaining his wealth and business as well as taking care of the household. However, the merchant did not love the first wife and although she loved him deeply, he hardly took notice of her.

One day, the merchant fell ill. Before long, he knew that he was going to die soon. He thought of his luxurious life and told

himself, "Now I have 4 wives with me. But when I die, I'll be alone How lonely I'll be!"

Thus, he asked the 4th wife, "I loved you most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?"

No way!" replied the 4th wife and she walked away without another word. The answer cut like a sharp knife right into the merchant's heart.

The sad merchant then asked the 3rd wife, "I have loved you so much for all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"No!" replied the 3rd wife. "Life is so good over here! I'm going to remarry when you die!" The merchant's heart sank and turned cold.

He then asked the 2nd wife, "I always turned to you for help and you've always helped me out. Now I need your help again. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?"

I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!" replied the 2nd wife. "At the very most, I can only send you to your grave".

The answer came like a bolt of thunder and the merchant was devastated. Then a voice called out: "I'll leave with you. I'll follow you no matter where you go." The merchant looked up and

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there was his first wife. She was so skinny, almost like she suffered from malnutrition. Greatly grieved, the merchant said, "I should have taken much better care of you while I could have!"

**Actually** we all have 4 Wives in our Lives, ..... !!

- The 4th wife is our body. No matter how much time and effort we lavish in making it look good, it'll leave us when we die.
- Our 3rd wife is our possessions, status and wealth. When we die, they all go to others.
- The 2nd wife is our family and friends. No matter how close they had been there for us when we're alive, the furthest they can stay by us is up to the grave.
- The 1st wife is in fact our soul. Often neglected in our pursuit of material wealth and sensual pleasure. It is actually the only thing that follows us wherever we go. Perhaps it's a good idea to cultivate and strengthen it now rather than to wait until we're on our deathbed to lament.

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**(3)****Number Thirteen**

The number thirteen has long been regarded as an omen of misfortune, and examples of the negative superstition attached to this number abound. Most tall buildings in the United States, for example, do not have a thirteenth floor, and airplanes often bypass a thirteenth row. In addition, many towns will give the street between 12th and 14th a name other than 13th. Fear of the number thirteen has even been accorded its own psychological jargon: triskaidekaphobia.

Even though American culture contains numerous examples of its tradition of suspicion of the misfortunes caused by the number thirteen, this number is also held in high esteem. The reason for the esteem that the United States holds for the number thirteen is that the United States consisted of thirteen colonies at its inception. The seal of the United States, found on the back of the modern bill, includes thirteen stars and thirteen stripes as well as a bald eagle holding thirteen arrows in one claw and a laurel branch, with thirteen leaves and thirteen berries in the other. This abundant use of the number thirteen in the seal of the United States, of course, commemorates the country's thirteen original colonies.

**Questions:****1. The main idea of the passage is that .....**

- a. the United States has some positive associations to the number thirteen
- b. there are positive and negative feelings about the number thirteen
- c. it is difficult to treat triskaidekaphobia
- d. there are many negative superstitions about the number thirteen

**2. What is the overall organization of information in the passage?**

- a. An extended definition of triskaidekaphobia is presented.
- b. A chronological history of changing feelings about the number thirteen is outlined.
- c. Two contrasting views of the number thirteen are presented.
- d. Various reasons for negative feelings about the number thirteen are presented.

**3. The first paragraph mainly presents .....**

- a. an explanation and examples of triskaidekaphobia
- b. positive associations with the number thirteen
- c. ways that certain towns react to the number thirteen
- d. various psychological fears, including fear of the number thirteen

**4. What is the topic of the second paragraph?**

- a. Various examples of suspicions about the number thirteen
  - b. Symbolism on U.S. currency
  - c. A history of the thirteen original U.S. colonies
  - d. An explanation for positive feelings about the number thirteen in the United States
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### **A Donkey in the Well**

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up any way; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer looked down the well, and was astonished at what he saw. As every shovel of dirt hit his back, the donkey did something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed, as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off.

#### **The Moral**

"Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the

deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up Shake it off and take a step up!"

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred
2. Free your mind from worries
3. Live simply
4. Give more
5. Expect less

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## The Strange Animal

### Part one

There were many people to tell that boy what to do. There was his mother and his father, his grandfather, and his older brother. And there was also an aunt, who was always saying: 'Do this. Do that.' Every day this aunt would shout at him, and make a great noise that would frighten the birds. The boy did not like his aunt. Sometimes he thought that he might go to some man to buy some medicine to put into her food to make her quiet, but of course he never did this. In spite of his entire aunt's shouting and ordering about, the boy always obeyed her, as his father said he must. 'She has nothing to do but shout at you,' the boy's father explained. 'It keeps her happy.' 'When I'm a big man I'll come and shout in her ear,' the boy said. It was good to think about that. There was a place that the aunt knew where a lot of fruit grew. It was a place which was quite far away, and the boy did not like going there. Near this place there were caves and the boy had heard that a strange animal lived in this caves.

One of his friends had seen this strange animal and had warned people about going near that place. But the aunt insisted on sending the boy to pick fruit there, and so he went, his heart a cold stone of fear inside him. He found the tress and began to pick

the fruit, but a little later he heard the sound of something in the bush beside him. He stopped his task and stood near the tree in case the strange animal should be coming. Out of the bush came the strange animal. It was just as his friend had described it and the boy was very frightened. Quickly he took out the drum which he had brought with him and began to beat it. The strange animal stopped, looked at the boy in surprise, and began to dance. All day the boy played the drum, keeping the strange animal dancing. As long as he played the drum, he knew that there was nothing that the strange animal could do to harm him.

At last, when night came, the strange animal stopped dancing and disappeared back into the bush. The boy knew that it had gone back to its cave and so he was able to walk home safely. When he reached home, though, his aunt had prepared her shouting. 'Here is all the fruit?' She shouted. Thinking that he had eaten it, she then began to beat him until the boy was able to run away from her and hide in his own hut. The boy told his father the next day of the real reason why he had been unable to bring back fruit from the tree. He explained that there had been a strange animal; dancing. The father listened and told the story to the aunt, who scoffed at the boy. 'There are no strange animals at the place,' she said. 'You must be making all this up.' But the father believed the boy and said that the next day they would all go to the fruit place with him. The aunt thought that this was a waste of

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time, but she was not going to miss any chance of shouting, and so she came too.

When the family reached the tree there was no strange animal. The aunt began to pick fruit from the tree and stuff it into her mouth. Calling to the boy to give her his drum, she hung it on the branch of a tree in a place where he would not be able to get at it on the branch of a tree in a place where he would not be able to get at it easily. ‘You must pick fruit,’ she shouted to the boy. ‘You must not play a drum in idleness.’ The boy obeyed his aunt, but all the time he was listening for any sounds to come from the bush. He knew that sooner or later the strange animal would appear and that they would then all be in danger.

## **Part two**

When the strange animal did come, it went straight to the boy’s father and mother and quickly ate them up. Then the aunt tried to run away, but the strange animal ran after her and ate her too. While this was happening, the boy had time to reach up for his drum from the branch of the fruit tree. Quickly he began to play this drum, which made the strange animal stop looking for people to eat and begin to dance. As the boy played his drum faster and faster, the strange animal danced more and more quickly. Eventually the boy played so fast that the animal had to spit out the father and mother. The boy was very pleased with this



and began to play more slowly. At this, the strange animal's dancing became slower. 'You must play your drum fast again,' the boy's father said. 'Then the strange animal will have to spit out your aunt.' 'Do I have to? The boy asked, disappointed that he would not be allowed to leave the aunt in the stomach of the strange animal. 'Yes,' the boy's father said sternly. 'You must.' Reluctantly, the boy again began to play the drum and the strange animal began to dance more quickly. After a few minutes it was dancing so quickly that it had to spit out the aunt. Then darkness came and the strange animal went back to its cave. The aunt she was quiet as well, and she never shouted at the boy again. Being swallowed by a strange animal had taught the aunt not to waste her time shouting; now, all that she wanted to do was to sit quietly in the sun. The boy was very happy.

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**(6)****The Auroras**

The auroras are a phenomenal display of greenish-white light typically visible in the skies above the polar regions of the Earth. This natural light show constantly changes in configuration and can shift dramatically in seconds; it may change from a barely visible glow to blinding sheets of swaying, shimmering light. However, it is not just an enjoyable light show; it is also a phenomenon that bears further study because of its potential impact on civilization.

Richard Carrington, an English physicist and astronomer, was the first person to determine the actual cause of the auroras. On September 1, 1859, Carrington observed a tremendous solar flare on the surface of the Sun. Two nights later, an intense aurora spread over large parts of Europe. Carrington came to the conclusion that the huge solar flares two nights earlier had played a role. Carrington's first hunch has since been scientifically established. It is now known that the solar wind, a continuous flow of charged subatomic particles from the Sun that streams around the Earth, causes the auroras as it passes through the Earth's geomagnetic field.

The auroras are generally a polar phenomenon; however, particularly strong auroras have at times appeared over densely populated areas of the Earth and have wreaked havoc. The 1859 aurora noted by Carrington took out telegraph communication throughout much of Europe by overwhelming the pulses of electromagnets. A century later, in 1958, a tremendous auroral storm above North America overloaded utility circuits and caused a blackout in much of northeastern Canada. Twenty auroral superstorms have been recorded since 1880, and human dependence on electrical devices has been increasing steadily. With this large number of superstorms and ever-widening use of electrical devices, further auroral interference into the lives of humanity seems likely.

### Questions

1. The purpose of this passage is to .....
  - a. provide a biography of Richard Carrington
  - b. explain where the auroras occur
  - c. recount an amazing nineteenth-century event
  - d. describe the cause and impact of a phenomenon
2. Where in the passage does the author describe the mutations that occur during an aurora?
  - a. The second sentence in paragraph 1
  - b. The third sentence in paragraph 2

- c. The fifth sentence in paragraph 2
  - d. The second sentence in paragraph 3
3. Where in the passage does the author note an intense auroral storm that occurred on September 3?
- a. The second sentence in paragraph 1
  - b. The third sentence in paragraph 2
  - c. The first sentence in paragraph 3
  - d. The third sentence in paragraph 3
4. Where in the passage does the author indicate what actually causes the auroras?
- a. The first sentence in paragraph 1
  - b. The first sentence in paragraph 2
  - c. The fifth sentence in paragraph 2
  - d. The third sentence in paragraph 3
5. Where in the passage does the author describe a strong auroral storm that affected Canada?
- a. The first sentence in paragraph 1
  - b. The third sentence in paragraph 2
  - c. The fifth sentence in paragraph 2
  - d. The third sentence in paragraph 3

6. Where in the passage does the author indicate how many super storms have been noted since the later part of the nineteenth century?
- a. The third sentence of paragraph 1
  - b. The second sentence in paragraph 2
  - c. The second sentence in paragraph 3
  - d. The fourth sentence in paragraph 3
7. The tone of this passage is
- a. Sensitive
  - b. Uncaring
  - c. Pretentious
  - d. advisory
8. This passage would most likely be assigned reading in a course on:
- a. Medicine
  - b. Astronomy
  - c. Oceanography
  - d. art

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### **The Woman on the Bus**

It was about four or five years after the war in Vietnam when Jack first came to work in our school. He was a good Spanish teacher: he settled into our routines at once; and he proved to be popular with the students. But he always remained a little distant - not quite fitting in with the group of teachers who gathered in the teachers' lounge at various times during the day. He never had much to do with anyone else, keeping pretty much to himself. We heard through the grapevine that Jack had had a hard time in the war. He ended up in a veterans' hospital and spent two years there after the war. He had little use of his left hand, and he once told us that it had happened while in a prison camp in the north. Jack, however, was reluctant to talk about the matter, and no one felt comfortable pressing him with questions. Conversation with him always dried up after a minute or so. I suppose I knew him as well as anyone.

On several occasions, we had sat near each other to grade exams. We even walked to a fast-food place across the street for lunch a few times. He sometimes talked about his students - who were the best, who had the best pronunciation skills, who were the class clown, etc. But it was all "shoptalk." He also mentioned his wife and family a few times. He had three sons of whom he was

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very proud: Andrew, Nick, and Daniel. His parents lived in upstate New York, and he had gone to college there. But these were the only facts anyone knew about him. It's strange how you can work alongside a person for such a long time and still know so little about him, particularly about what goes on inside his head. But some people are like that. Anyway, Jack came into school on this particular morning quite nervous and excited. He also seemed eager to talk.

### **Comprehension Check**

1. What kind of work do Jack and the narrator of the story do?

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2. What had happened to Jack immediately after the war?

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3. How well did the narrator of the story know Jack?

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4. What did the narrator know about Jack?

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5. What was peculiar about Jack's behavior on the morning of the day when he told his story?

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6. What had happened to him on the bus the afternoon before?

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**(8)****The Oregon Territory**

During the same era when Texas was being annexed by the United States, the Oregon Territory was on the road to statehood, and the settlement of the Oregon Territory played an equally important role in the expansion of the United States. In the late 1700s, in the period after the War of Independence from England, both the United States and England laid claim to the Oregon Territory. Fur traders and missionaries reached the Pacific Northwest and sent back reports of wonderful green and fertile valleys suitable for farming. These reports enticed thousands of settlers to move to the region. Thousands made the trip west, starting in the 1830s. The route that these settlers took became known as the Oregon Trail.

The Oregon Trail began in Independence, Missouri, and went all the way to the Oregon Territory in the Pacific Northwest. The trip along the trail was quite long, particularly considering that many of the settlers accompanied the wagons on foot. It covered more than 2,000 miles and took about six months. The trail was not just on flat land; it traversed the Great Plains region and then crossed over the Rocky Mountains. It was also a rather dangerous trip, but not for the reason that most people assume. Attacks by Native American tribes on travelers moving along the



Oregon Trail were not a major problem. Instead, there was much more danger to travelers from communicable diseases such as cholera and smallpox, from natural forces such as flooded rivers on the plains, or from harsh weather in the Rockies.

Because of the huge number of American settlers who poured into the Oregon Territory in the 1830s and 1840s, England gave up on the idea of adding the Oregon Territory to its empire. In 1846, England gave up control to the United States of all territory in the Pacific Northwest south of the 49th parallel, excluding Vancouver Island, and later turned over the rest of its North American territories to Canada. Today, with the exception of Vancouver Island, the 49th parallel is the boundary between the United States and Canada.

**Questions:**

1. The paragraph preceding the passage most probably discussed:
  - a. the expansion of the United States into Missouri
  - b. the road to Texas statehood
  - c. the War of Independence from England
  - d. the annexation of the Oregon Territory
2. Which of the following best expresses the topic of this passage?
  - a. The expansion of the United States into the Oregon Territory
  - b. The difficulty of traveling on the Oregon Trail
  - c. England's claim for the Oregon Territory

- d. The life of settlers in the Oregon Territory
3. According to the passage, who claimed the Oregon Territory in the late eighteenth century?
- a. The United States and England
  - b. Missouri and Canada
  - c. England and Canada
  - d. The United States and Missouri
4. The word "enticed" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:
- a. Informed
  - b. Forbid
  - c. Attracted
  - d. Forced
5. The pronoun "it" in paragraph 2 refers to:
- a. the Pacific Northwest
  - b. the trip
  - c. settlers
  - d. foot
6. The word "communicable" in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by:
- a. Talkable
  - b. Deadly
  - c. Understandable
  - d. contagious

7. According to the passage, which of the following caused the least trouble for settlers traveling along the Oregon Trail?
- Disease
  - Attack
  - Flood
  - Inclement weather
8. The word "poured" in paragraph 3 could best be replaced by:
- rained heavily
  - served graciously
  - swarmed steadily
  - spread precisely
9. Which of the following can be inferred about Vancouver Island from the passage?
- It is north of the 49th parallel.
  - It belongs to the United States.
  - It is located in Oregon.
  - It is part of Canada today.
10. Where in the passage does the author mention the modes of transportation used by travelers on the Oregon Trail?
- The third sentence in paragraph 1
  - The second sentence in paragraph 2
  - The fifth sentence in paragraph 2
  - The first sentence in paragraph 3

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## The Perfect Peace

There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of "PEACE". Many artists tried. The King looked at all the pictures, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them.

One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains were all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell, in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all.

But when the King looked, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water sat the mother bird on nest .... PERFECT PEACE.

"I choose this one" proclaimed the King. "PEACE does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise trouble, or hard work. PEACE means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the REAL meaning of PEACE".

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**The Lady or the Tiger**

(By Frank R. Stockton)

**Part One**

Long, long ago there lived a king who was crude and very much like a savage. He had learned some manners from his Latin neighbors, but mostly he was barbaric, loud, and gruff. He had none of the grace and polish of his neighbors. He was a man of great fancies and even greater enthusiasm. Because he had so much authority as a king, he was able to force some of these fancies into reality. Or at least he tried to.

His personality was normally calm when everything was in order. When there was a little hitch, however, he was exultant and happy. He loved it when things went wrong because that meant that he could then correct them. He loved to make the crooked straight, to crush down the uneven places in life.

He decided that there should be a way to add culture to the lives of his subjects. His method was the public arena. There, humans and beasts performed before audiences. But his fancies asserted themselves here. The arena that he built was not for the honor and glory of gladiators. It was not for beasts to fight each other to the finish. It was, he believed, for the purpose of widening and developing the mental energies of his people. It was a vast

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amphitheater with encircling galleries, mysterious vaults, and unseen passages. It was to be a means for poetic justice. It was to be a place where crime was punished or virtue rewarded—all by chance.

When the king was interested in people and their crimes, he would dictate that their fate should be decided in the arena. This king knew no traditions from other kingdoms. His only allegiance was to himself and his own fancies. This fancy, the chance-fate decision in the arena, came about because of his romantic, yet barbaric, idealism.

When all the people had gathered in the galleries and the king was seated on his throne high up on one side of the arena, he would give a signal. A door beneath him would open, and the accused person would step out into the amphitheater. Directly opposite the accused there were two doors, exactly alike and side by side. The person on trial had to walk over to these doors and open one of them. He could open whichever door he wanted; he was subject to no pressure from the king or his court. The only influence was that of fate or luck.

If the accused opened one door, a hungry tiger came out. It was the fiercest and most cruel that could be found, and it immediately jumped on him and tore him to pieces as a punishment for his guilt. When the fate of the criminal was thus

decided, sad iron bells were rung, and great wails went up from the hired mourners who were posted outside the arena. The audience went home with bowed heads and doleful hearts, sad that one so young and fair (or so old and respected) should have merited such a fate.

If he opened the other door, a lady came out. The king always chose the ladies himself. He made sure that each was of the same age and station as the accused and that she was beautiful. The rule was that the accused was to marry her immediately. It didn't matter if he were already married and had a family. The lady was a sign of his innocence, so if the accused already loved another, that other was to be forgotten. It was the king's way. He allowed nothing to interfere with his design. Indeed, immediately, after the lady appeared, another door beneath the king opened, and out came a priest, musicians, singers, and a troupe of dancers. In a procession, they all cheerfully marched and sang for the couple standing in the middle of the arena. The bells rang, the audience shouted its approval, and the innocent man, preceded by children strewing flowers in the couple's path, led his new bride to his home.

This was the king's semibarbaric method of administering justice, and its fairness is obvious. The criminal could not know which door the lady was behind. He opened whichever door he

wanted to without knowing whether in the next instant he was to be eaten or married. On some occasions the tiger came out of one door, and on other occasions it came out of the other. In this system, there was instant punishment for guilt and instant reward for innocence – whether the accused wanted the reward or not. There was no escape from the judgment of the king’s arena.

The institution was a popular one. When the people gathered together on one of the trial days, they never knew whether they were to witness a bloody slaughter or a festive wedding. This element of uncertainty usually made the occasion more interesting than it would have been otherwise. The people were entertained, and no one doubted that justice was being served. All believed that the accused had his fate in his own hands.

### **Comprehension**

1. What was the king like?

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2. How was he different from his neighbors?

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3. Why did he build the arena? What did it look like?

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4. How did the system begin on trial days?

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- 5. How did the accused choose which door to open?  
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- 6. What was behind the two doors?  
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- 7. If the accused chose the door with the tiger, what happened?  
How did the people react?  
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- 8. If the accused chose the door with the lady, what happened?  
How did the people react?  
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- 9. Why did the king (and the people) think that this system was a fair one?  
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- 10. Did the people of the kingdom like the system?  
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**Part Two**

The semibarbaric king had a daughter whom he loved deeply. She was as passionate, fanciful, and strong as her father and was devoted to him. As is the case in many fairy tales, this daughter, the apple of her father's eye, was in love with a young man who was below her in station. He was a commoner. He was also brave, handsome, and daring. And he loved the royal daughter with all his being. The princess had enough barbarism in her that their love affair was dramatic .. too dramatic. It was a secret for months, but then the king found out about it.

The king didn't hesitate for a minute. He sent the young man to prison and set a date for his trial in the arena. When the date arrived, everyone in the kingdom wanted to attend. They all knew of the king's interest in the case, and there was excitement in the air.

The king's men searched for the fiercest tiger in the realm. They also searched for the fairest maiden in the land so that he could have a fitting bride in case he was found innocent. Of course, everyone knew that he had committed the "crime" of loving the princess, but the king did not allow the facts of the case to alter his decision. The trial would go on as planned. The youth would be gone no matter what happened; he would either be dead

or married. The king could enjoy the proceedings for the sport of it.

The day arrived. The people were standing in every corner of the arena. All was ready when the moment came. A signal was given and the door opened, allowing the princess lover to enter. The crowd gasped. He was handsome. Half the audience did not know that one so attractive had lived among them; no wonder the princess loved him! How terrible for him to be there!

The princess had thought about this trial day and night for a long time. She knew she couldn't bear to miss the spectacle, but there was another reason for her being there. She had such power, influence, and force of character (as well as plenty of gold) that she did what no one had ever done before; she found out the secret of the doors for that day. She knew in which room stood the hungry tiger and in which waited the lady. She knew, too, that the doors were so thick that there was no way anyone could ever hear some hint from behind them. If she were going to warn her lover, she would have to do it by signal.

She also knew something which made the whole process more complicated. She knew that the lady was one of the most beautiful maidens in the whole country, and the thought of her young man living with this woman enraged her. She hated the lady and hated what might happen.

When the accused bowed to the royal box, as was the custom, he looked only at the princess, and immediately he knew. He had expected her to find out the secret of the doors, and now he knew that she had to find out the secret of the doors, and now he knew that she had the answer. It was only left for her to tell him.

His quick glance at her asked, "Which?" It was as plain as if he had shouted it. There was no time to lose: the quick question had to be answered just as quickly so that the king would not suspect. Her right hand was resting on a pillow in front of her. She raised it slightly and made a small, fast movement to the right. No one but her lover saw her. Every eye in the arena was fixed on him. He turned, and with a firm and rapid step he walked across the empty space. Every heart stopped beating, every breath was held, and every eye was upon him. Without hesitation, he went to the door on the right and opened it. Did the tiger come out of that door, or did the lady? The more we think about this question, the harder it is to answer. It involves a study of the human heart which leads to mazes of passion, love, hate, and excitement. Do not answer this for yourself, but put yourself in the place of the princess.

She was hot-blooded and semibarbaric, and her soul burned with the twin desires of longing and jealousy. She knew that she

had already lost him. But to whom? How often she had lain awake at night imagining the horror of her lover being killed by a tiger! Even in her dreams, she had covered her face with her hands to hide from the cruelty.

But how much more often had she seen him at the other door! In her mind she had screamed and torn her hair when she saw his happy face at opening the door to the lady. Her soul burned in agony as she saw him rush to that woman and then be wedded in the next moment, when all about her were joyous. She lived through the misery of the procession, the happy couple, the singing and dancing, the shouts of the crowd, the laughter of the wandering children. Her tears, of course, were lost in all the joy.

Would it be better for him to die at once? Then he could go to the place after death and wait for her. And yet, that awful tiger, those shrieks, that blood! Her decision had been made in the instant that she moved her hand. She had known that he would ask, but she had put off her decision until the last moment. She finally decided, and without hesitation, she indicated the right-hand door. This is not a question to be taken lightly. Her decision was serious for her, so I do not presume to answer for her. I leave it to all of you. Which came out of the opened door - the lady or the tiger?

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**Comprehension**

1. What was the king's daughter like? How was she similar to her father?  
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2. Why did the king send his daughter's lover to prison?  
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3. Why did he think that he would be rid of the young man no matter what happened?  
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4. Why was the audience surprised when the young man entered the arena?  
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5. What had the princess discovered about the doors?  
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6. Describe the silent communication between the young man and the princess.  
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7. What emotions did the princess feel?  
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8. What did she feel when she imagined her lover opening the door that hid the tiger?  
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9. What did she feel when she imagined him opening the door that hid the lady?  
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## **Part Two**

# **Advanced Reading Passages**

## Passage 16:

A number of staple crops are today quite commonplace in much of the world and feed much of today's population. These staple crops of today originated in different eras and in different parts of the world before spreading throughout the rest of the globe.

Wheat was probably the earliest cereal to have been grown and most likely was a hybrid of wild grasses rather than a single wild grass. It is known to have been cultivated by Mediterranean civilizations 10,000 years ago and was being used as a primary ingredient in baked goods in Mesopotamia as early as 8000 B.C.

Beans are a diverse family of plants that have been cultivated for 8,000 years. Certain types of beans, such as mung and soy, were first cultivated in Asia, while other types of beans, such as string and lima, are thought to have originated in the Americas.

Other crops that originated in the Americas are potatoes and maize, a relative of corn; maize was used extensively beginning around 5000 B.C. in civilizations in what is today Mexico, while the cultivation of the potato developed in civilizations in the Andes at least as early as 100 B.C. Maize and potatoes were staples of the diets of their respective cultures long before they were introduced to Europe in the sixteenth century by European explorers who had discovered them in the Americas.

The cultivation of rice is not as old as the cultivation of wheat, beans, and maize. Rice was first known to have been cultivated in India around 3000 B.C. From there, it later spread to China, Japan, and various countries in Southeast Asia, which are today major producers of the crop.

**1- Which of the following best expresses the subject of the passage?**

A. The history of wheat and rice



- B. How today's world eats
  - C. Which crops feed today's world
  - D. The origin of today's crops
- 2- How is the information in the passage organized?**
- A. Various classifications of crops are described.
  - B. A series of events is presented in chronological order.
  - C. The causes of a certain effect are explained.
  - D. Opposing ideas are contrasted.
- 3- Which paragraph describes the first of the cultivated crops?**
- A- The first paragraph
  - B- The second paragraph
  - C- The third paragraph
  - D- The fourth paragraph
- 4- Which paragraphs discuss crops that originated in the Americas?**
- A- The first and second paragraphs
  - B- The second and third paragraphs
  - C- The third and fourth paragraphs
  - D- The fourth and fifth paragraphs
- 5- What is the topic of the fifth paragraph?**
- A- Where rice is eaten today
  - B- The development of rice as a cultivated crop
  - C- Cultivated crops that are older than rice
  - D- Various crops that developed outside the Americas

Passage 17:

The number thirteen has long been regarded as an omen of misfortune, and examples of the negative superstition attached to

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this number abound. Most tall buildings in the United States, for example, do not have a thirteenth floor, and airplanes often bypass a thirteenth row. In addition, many towns will give the street between 12th and 14th a name other than 13th. Fear of the number thirteen has even been accorded its own psychological jargon: triskaidekaphobia.

Even though American culture contains numerous examples of its tradition of suspicion of the misfortunes caused by the number thirteen, this number is also held in high esteem. The reason for the esteem that the United States holds for the number thirteen is that the United States consisted of thirteen colonies at its inception. The seal of the United States, found on the back of the modern bill, includes thirteen stars and thirteen stripes as well as a bald eagle holding thirteen arrows in one claw and a laurel branch, with thirteen leaves and thirteen berries in the other. This abundant use of the number thirteen in the seal of the United States, of course, commemorates the country's thirteen original colonies.

**1-The main idea of the passage is that**

- A- the United States has some positive associations to the number thirteen
- B- there are positive and negative feelings about the number thirteen
- C- it is difficult to treat triskaidekaphobia
- D- there are many negative superstitions about the number thirteen

**2- What is the overall organization of information in the passage?**

- A- An extended definition of triskaidekaphobia is presented.
- B- A chronological history of changing feelings about the number thirteen is outlined.
- C- Two contrasting views of the number thirteen are presented.

D- Various reasons for negative feelings about the number thirteen are presented.

**3- The first paragraph mainly presents**

- A- an explanation and examples of triskaidekaphobia
- B- positive associations with the number thirteen
- C- ways that certain towns react to the number thirteen
- D- various psychological fears, including fear of the number thirteen

**4- What is the topic of the second paragraph?**

- A- Various examples of suspicions about the number thirteen
- B- Symbolism on U.S. currency
- C- A history of the thirteen original U.S. colonies
- D- An explanation for positive feelings about the number thirteen in the United States

**Passage 18:**

One unusual type of trade that developed in the nineteenth century in America was the export of ice from colder areas in New England to warmer areas of the world. Before the era of refrigeration, ice was not available in areas where water did not freeze during winter months.

In 1805, Frederick Tudor came up with the idea of shipping a cargo of ice from a pond in Massachusetts to the West Indies. This seemed like a viable business opportunity to Tudor because ice was a commodity that was created free of charge by Mother Nature during Massachusetts' cold winters, yet was quite highly valued in tropical areas such as the West Indies in this era before the development of ice-making machinery, which occurred in the 1850s.

Tudor's idea was ridiculed by the citizens of Boston, who were quite sure that the ice would never arrive in the West Indies without melting and would in fact swamp the boat. Although most of the ice did melt on the first trip because it had not been packed

effectively, the boat did not capsize, and Tudor was free to continue developing his ideas.

Tudor kept working to improve his techniques for insulating the ice during long voyages. By 1812, he had learned to pack the ice in sawdust to keep it from melting, and he had built up quite a profitable business. He gradually expanded his trade routes and eventually was shipping cargoes of ice to locations as distant as Calcutta.

**1- The main idea of this passage is that**

- A- many people believed that Tudor's idea was ridiculous
- B- Tudor was able to implement an unusual idea successfully
- C- ice was not available in some areas of the world in the early nineteenth century
- D- the ice that Tudor shipped was superior in quality to other available ice

**2-How is the information in the passage presented?**

- A- A concept is followed by examples.
- B- The causes of a result are presented.
- C- A series of chronological events is outlined.
- D- Two contrasting opinions are presented.

**3- Which paragraph explains why trade in ice developed?**

- A- The first paragraph
- B- The second paragraph
- C- The third paragraph
- D- The fourth paragraph

**4- The second paragraph mainly discusses**

- A- the weather in Massachusetts
- B- trade between Massachusetts and the West Indies
- C- the development of ice-making machinery
- D- the development of a concept

**5- The topic of the third paragraph is**

- A- ridicule for Tudor's early unsuccessful attempt
- B- the sinking of the first boat that Tudor sent
- C- ridicule by the citizens of Boston for a career in shipping
- D- the reason that Tudor gave up on his plan

**6- The last paragraph mainly discusses Tudor's**

- A- methods for insulating ice
- B- innovative ice-making machine
- C- long voyages
- D- eventual success

Passage 19:

Caleb Bradham, called "Doc" Bradham by friends and acquaintances, was the owner of a pharmacy at the end of the nineteenth century. In his pharmacy, Doc Bradham had a soda fountain, as was customary in pharmacies of the time. He took great pleasure in creating new and unusual mixtures of drinks for customers at the fountain.

Like many other entrepreneurs of the era, Doc Bradham wanted to create a cola drink to rival Coca-Cola. By 1895, Coca-Cola was a commercial success throughout the United States, and numerous innovators were trying to come up with their own products to cash in on the success that Coca-Cola was beginning to experience. In his pharmacy, Doc Bradham developed his own version of a cola drink, and Doc's drink became quite popular at his soda fountain. The drink he created was made with a syrup consisting of sugar, essence of vanilla, cola nuts, and other flavorings. The syrup was mixed at the soda fountain with carbonated water before it was served.

The drink that Doc Bradham created was originally called "Brad's Drink" by those in his hometown of New Bern who visited the soda fountain and sampled his product. Those who tasted the drink claimed not only that it had a refreshing and

invigorating quality but also that it had a medicinal value by providing relief from dyspepsia, or upset stomach. From this reputed ability to relieve dyspepsia, Doc Bradham created the name of Pepsi-Cola for his drink. Doc Bradham eventually made the decision to mass-market his product, and in 1902 he founded the Pepsi-Cola Company. The advertising for this new product, of course, touted the drink as an "invigorating drink" that "aids digestion".

**1-Which of the following best expresses the title of the passage?**

- A- Doc Bradham's Cola Creation
- B- Caleb Bradham's Pharmacy
- C- Coca-Cola versus Pepsi-Cola
- D- The Medicinal Value of Pepsi

**2-The passage states that Doc Bradham**

- A- was a member of Caleb Bradham's family
- B- bought his pharmacy from friends and acquaintances
- C- had a water fountain in his pharmacy
- D- enjoyed making up new drink combinations

**3-The second paragraph is mainly about**

- A- the history of Coca-Cola
- B- Doc Bradham's efforts to develop a product
- C- Doc Bradham's pharmacy
- D- effects from drinking Doc Bradham's creation

**4-What is stated in the passage about Coca-Cola?**

- A- It was invented by Doc Bradham.
- B- It was created in 1895.
- C- It had become a successful product by the end of the nineteenth century.
- D- It was originally called Brad's Drink.

**5- Which of the following is NOT listed as an ingredient of Doc Bradham's syrup?**

- A- A sweetener
- B- Vanilla extract
- C- A specific type of nut
- D- Bicarbonate of soda

**6-The pronoun "it" in paragraph 2 refers to**

- A- Sugar
- B- Syrup
- C- soda fountain
- D- carbonated water

**7- What did people who tried Doc Bradham's drink claim about the product?**

- A- It had a stimulating effect.
- B- It caused dyspepsia.
- C- It was not very fresh.
- D- It caused upset stomach.

**8- What is NOT true about the Pepsi-Cola Company, according to the passage?**

- A- It was established early in the twentieth century.
- B- Its purpose was to mass-market Doc Bradham's product.
- C- Doc Bradham purchased it.
- D- It was named by Doc Bradham.

Passage 20:

Opal is a noncrystalline mineral that has been used as a gemstone in numerous cultures for thousands of years. Quantities of high-grade opal have been mined in diverse areas worldwide, including eastern Europe, Australia, and Mexico, as well as in the states of California, Nevada, and Idaho in the United States.

Some varieties of opal contain flashes of a wide spectrum of colors, while others do not. Those types of opal with tiny specks of iridescent color are called precious opal. Varieties without this iridescent coloration throughout are called common opal. It is the precious opal, with its rainbow-like assortment of

colors dotting the stone that has been considered gemstone quality over the ages. Precious opal has numerous colors that serve as a background for the iridescent specks, the most valuable of which are black, white, and blue opal, as well as the reddish-brown stone known as fire opal.

In some cultures, precious opal is recognized not only as a gemstone of great attraction but also as an omen of bad luck. Much of the superstition surrounding opal is now believed to have arisen from the tendency of opal to dry out and crack. Opal is a hydrated mineral with a water content that ranges from 1 percent to 21 percent. The hardness of a particular opal depends upon its water content, which can vary and can be particularly low in dry climates. Throughout its long history, the negative superstition surrounding opal has been related to the tendency of opal to crack seemingly spontaneously, without any noticeable justification. A crack in an opal has been viewed as an indication that bad luck is on its way. In reality, though, a seemingly spontaneous crack in a stone is most likely due to a loss of essential water; it is less likely due to pure bad luck.

**1-According to the passage, how long has opal been in use as a gemstone?**

- A- For a hundred years
- B- For centuries
- C- For a thousand years
- D- For several millennia

**2-It is mentioned in the passage that opal has been mined in all of the following U.S. states EXCEPT**

- A- New Mexico
- B- California
- C- Nevada
- D- Idaho

**3- The pronoun "others" in paragraph 2 refers to**



- A- varieties
- B- flashes
- C- colors
- D- specks

**4- Which of the following statements is true, according to the passage?**

- A- Common opal has specks of color.
- B- Gemstone quality opal has specks of color.
- C- Precious opal does not have specks of color.
- D- Gemstone quality opal does not have specks of color.

**6- Which of the following is NOT listed as a potential background color of the most valuable opal?**

- A- Black
- B- Blue
- C- Red
- D- Yellow

**6-The superstition surrounding precious opal is that it represents**

- A- good luck
- B- a colorful personality
- C- misfortune
- D- strong attraction

**7-What problem does opal have, according to the passage?**

- A- It can cause fires.
- B- It can change its color.
- C- It can develop colors that detract from its value.
- D- It can lose moisture and develop cracks .

**8- According to the passage, what is the most important factor in determining the hardness of an opal?**

- A- The number of specks in the stone
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B- The location where the stone was mined

C- The percentage of water in the stone

D- The depth of color in the stone

**9- The pronoun "it" in paragraph 3 refers to**

A- crack

B- stone

C- loss

D- water

Passage 21:

Weighing a mere 30 to 50 pounds, the wolverine is small, dense, and muscular, yet pound for pound it is the strongest predator in the wilderness of Alaska and Canada. The wolverine belies its family identity, more resembling a small black bear than a member of the weasel family. It has thick, dark fur with golden highlights along its sides and across its broad, stout head and cropped ears.

Traditional legend has typecast the wolverine as a vicious and ravenous carnivore. The Eskimos called this creature {cavik} or "evil one" because of its habit of raiding caches of food. Even its genus name {Gulo} means glutton. However, these stereotypes are not altogether accurate. The wolverine does have a voracious appetite, but like most predators, its life is one of feast and famine. It gorges itself when it locates a ready supply of food and fasts for days on end until it makes its next find. Wolverines prefer fresh meat, but they are not efficient predators. Although they are quite capable of killing larger prey, they are rarely fortunate enough to get close enough to do so. The wolverine is too slow to catch fleet-footed big game, and it looks comical as it bounces along on its stubby legs. In fact, wolverines are primarily scavengers, eating the carrion of wolf kills`bones, pieces of frozen meat, and hide from moose and caribou. The teeth of wolverines are much stronger than those of feline or canine predators such as lynx or wolves, enabling wolverines to gnaw on frozen meat and thick hide without breaking their teeth. The wolverine has interlocking

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molars that look like pinking sheers with which it both sheers and grinds its frozen feast.

Its reputation for fierceness is also greatly exaggerated. In spite of its notoriety for bravado, the wolverine is incredibly reclusive around man. In fact, one might live a lifetime in wolverine country and never once catch a glimpse of this elusive creature. When confronted by a larger predator such as a bear, the wolverine will square off, raise its hackles, and let out a hissing roar that sounds like a small jet engine. Snarling and baring its teeth, it appears so menacing that even a grizzly bear is loathe to tangle with the much smaller rival, though its posturing is for the most part bluff.

**1- Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?**

- A- Predatory Habits of the Wolverine
- B- Dispelling Misconceptions about a Much-Maligned Predator
- C- The History of Wolverine Research
- D- The Fiercest Animal in North America

**2- It is stated in the passage that a wolverine**

- A- has a small appetite
- B- eats continuously
- C- may spend days without eating
- D- lives on plant food

**3- According to the passage, wolverines are not good predators because**

- A- they lack speed
- B- they are not strong enough
- C- they prefer carrion
- D- they can stalk prey effectively

**4- What is stated in the passage about a wolverine's manner of running?**

- A- A wolverine runs very quickly.
- B- A wolverine looks graceful when it runs.
- C- A wolverine runs very smoothly.
- D- A wolverine looks funny when it runs.

**5- The pronoun "those" in paragraph 2 refers to**

- A- moose and caribou
- B- teeth
- C- wolverines
- D- predators

**7- All of the following are mentioned in the passage as predators EXCEPT**

- A- lynx
- B- bears
- C- moose
- D- wolverines

**7- All of the following are mentioned about wolverines EXCEPT for their**

- E- powerful teeth
- F- shy character
- G- noises
- H- ability to endure cold

**8- The pronoun "it" in paragraph 3 refers to**

- A- bear
- B- wolverine
- C- roar
- D- jet engine

**9- How is the information in the passage organized?**

- A- Myths are presented and then dispelled.
- B- The history of a traditional legend is outlined.
- C- The causes of a certain type of action are described.
- D- Several different classifications of animals are described and contrasted.

**Passage 22:**

The next animal is the hippopotamus, which is the third largest land animal and is smaller than only the elephant and the rhinoceros. Its name comes from two Greek words which mean "river horse." The long name of this animal is often shortened to the easier to handle term "hippo."

The hippo has a natural affinity for the water. It does not float on top of the water; instead, it can easily walk along the bottom of the water. The hippo commonly remains underwater for three to five minutes and has been known to stay under for up to half an hour before coming up for air.

In spite of its name, the hippo has relatively little in common with the horse and instead has a number of interesting similarities in common with the whale. When a hippo comes up after a stay at the bottom of a lake or river, it releases air through a blowhole, just like a whale. In addition, the hippo resembles the whale in that they both have thick layers of blubber for protection and they are almost completely hairless.

**1- The paragraph preceding the passage most likely discusses**

- A- where the hippopotamus comes from
- B- the major characteristics of the river horse
- C- an animal other than the hippopotamus
- D- ways that the hippopotamus differs from the whale

**2- It can be inferred from the passage that the rhinoceros is**

- A- smaller than the hippo
- B- equal in size to the elephant
- C- a hybrid of the hippo and the elephant
- D- one of the two largest types of land animals

**3- It can be inferred from the passage that the hippopotamus is commonly called a hippo because the word "hippo" is**

- A- simpler to pronounce

- B- scientifically more accurate
- C- the original name
- D- easier for the animal to recognize

**4- A hippo would probably NOT**

- A- walk on the bottom of a river
- B- stay underwater for an hour
- C- release air through a blowhole
- D- spend five minutes underwater in a lake

**5- A whale would be least likely to**

- A- release air through a blowhole
- B- have a thick layer of blubber
- C- grow hair ~for protection
- D- swim underwater

Passage 23:

Schizophrenia is often confused with multiple personality disorder yet is quite distinct from it. Schizophrenia is one of the more common mental disorders, considerably more common than multiple personality disorder. The term "schizophrenia" is composed of roots which mean "a splitting of the mind," but it does not refer to a division into separate and distinct personalities, as occurs with multiple personality disorder. Instead, schizophrenic behavior is generally characterized by illogical thought patterns and withdrawal from reality. Schizophrenics often live in a fantasy world where they hear voices that others cannot hear, often voices of famous people. Schizophrenics tend to withdraw from families and friends and communicate mainly with the "voices" that they hear in their minds.

It is common for the symptoms of schizophrenia to develop during the late teen years or early twenties, but the causes of schizophrenia are not well understood. It is believed that heredity may play a part in the onset of schizophrenia. In addition, abnormal brain chemistry also seems to have a role; certain brain

chemicals, called neurotransmitters, have been found to be at abnormal levels in some schizophrenics.

**1-The paragraph preceding the passage most probably discusses**

- A- the causes of schizophrenia
- B- multiple personality disorder
- C- the role of heredity in mental illness
- D- possible cures for schizophrenia

**2- It can be inferred from the passage that a "schism" is**

- A- a division into parts
- B- a mental disease
- C- a personality trait
- D- a part of the brain

**3- It can be inferred from the passage that a schizophrenic would be LEAST likely to**

- A- think in an illogical way
- B- hear voices that are not real
- C- meet with famous people
- D- spend time alone

**4-It can be inferred from the passage that it would be least common for schizophrenia to develop at the age of**

- A- eighteen
- B- twenty
- C- twenty-three
- D- thirty

**5- The paragraph following the passage most likely discusses**

- A- further symptoms of schizophrenia
- B- neurotransmitters in patients with multiple personality disorder
- C- dealing with the behavior of schizophrenics
- D- unusual levels of brain chemicals in schizophrenics

Passage 24:

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The era of modern sports began with the first Olympic Games in 1896, and since the dawn of this new era, women have made great strides in the arena of running. In the early years, female runners faced numerous restrictions in the world of competitive running. Even though women were banned from competing in the 1896 Olympics, one Greek woman ran unofficially in the men's marathon. She had to stop outside the Olympic stadium, finishing with a time of 4 hours and 30 minutes. Four years later, women were still prohibited from Olympic competition because, according to members of the International Olympic Committee, it was not appropriate for women to compete in any event that caused them to sweat. In the 1928 Olympics, women were finally granted permission to compete in running events. However, because some of the participants collapsed at the finish of the 800-meter race, it was decided to limit women runners to races of 200 meters or less in the Olympics four years later. The women's 800-meter race was not reintroduced to the Olympic games until 1960. Over a decade later, in 1972, the 1500-meter race was added. It was not until 1984 that the women's marathon was made an Olympic event.

Before 1984, women had been competing in long-distance races outside of the Olympics. In 1963, the first official women's marathon mark of 3 hours and 27 minutes was set by Dale Greig. Times decreased until 1971, when Beth Bonner first broke the three-hour barrier with a time of 2:55. A year later, President Nixon signed the Title IX law, which said that no person could be excluded from participating in sports on the basis of sex. This was a turning point in women's running and resulted in federal funding for schools that supported women athletes. In 1978, Greta Waitz set a new world marathon record of 2:32 at the New York City Marathon. Joan Benoit broke that record by ten minutes in 1983 and went on to win the first-ever women's Olympic marathon in 1984; since then, performances by women in the Olympic marathon have continued to improve with each staging of the Olympics.



**1-The passage mainly discusses**

- A- the Olympic games
- B- health benefits to women runners
- C- increased participation by women in running competitions
- D- the history of the marathon from its earliest days

**2- What is NOT mentioned in the passage about a female runner in the 1896 Olympics?**

- A- She had a faster official time than many of the men.
- B- Her participation was not officially sanctioned
- C- She did not enter the stadium at the end of the race.
- D- She completed the race in under five hours.

**3- What can be inferred from the passage about the status of women at the 1900 Olympic Games?**

- A- They participated fully in all running events.
- B- They participated in some running events.
- C- They ran unofficially in a number of events.
- D- They were not allowed to participate in any events.

**4- The pronoun "them" in paragraph 1 refers to**

- A- Members
- B- Women
- C- Events
- D- Olympics

**5-What reason was given for banning the women's 800-meter race?**

- A- The women were sweating.
- B- The women looked tired.
- C- Some of the women fell down.
- D- One of the women won.

**6- It can be inferred from the passage that from 1960 to 1984, the races that women were allowed to compete in at the Olympics**

- A- fluctuated randomly in length
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- B- were the same as the races run by men
- C- increased steadily in distance
- D- became more limited

**7- According to the passage, which of the following women recorded the first marathon time under three hours?**

- A- Beth Bonner
- B- Dale Greig
- C- Greta Waitz
- D- Joan Benoit

**8- It can be inferred from the passage that the Title IX law was**

- A- financially unimportant
- B- approved by President Nixon
- C- dedicated to exclusion from participation in sports
- D- presented by the Olympic Committee

**9- The paragraph following the passage most likely discusses**

- A- further benefits of Title IX
- B- outstanding results by women in non-Olympic marathons
- C- the history of events other than running at the Olympics
- D- the participation of women in the Olympic marathon since 1984

Passage 25 :

The locations of stars in the sky relative to one another do not appear to the naked eye to change, and, as a result, stars are often considered to be fixed in position. Many unwitting stargazers incorrectly assume that each star has its own permanent home in the nighttime sky.

In reality, though, stars are always moving, but because of the tremendous distances between the stars themselves and from stars to Earth, the changes are barely discernible here on Earth. An example of a rather fast-moving star demonstrates why this misconception prevails; it takes around 200 years for Bernard's

star, a relatively rapidly moving star, to move a distance in the skies equal to the diameter of the Earth's moon. When the apparently negligible movement of the stars is contrasted with the movements of the planets, the stars are seemingly motionless.

**1-The expression "relative to" in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by**

- A- in the family of
- B- compared with
- C- connected to
- D- limited by

**2- The expression "naked eye" in paragraph 1 most probably refers to**

- A- a telescope
- B- a scientific method for observing stars
- C- unassisted vision
- D- a camera with a powerful lens

**3- The word "fixed" in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by**

- A- repaired
- B- mobile
- C- changing
- D- stationary

**4- The word "unwitting" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to which of the following?**

- A- Unknowledgeable
- B- Funny
- C- empty-handed
- D- serious

**5- The word "tremendous" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to**

- A- unknown
- B- huge
- C- varied

D- changing

**6- The word "discernible" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to**

A- noticeable

B- persuasive

C- conceivable

D- astonishing

**7- A "misconception" in paragraph 2 is most likely**

A- an enacted law

B- a stated fact

C- an incorrect idea

D- a detailed study

**8- The word "around" in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by**

A- circularly

B- precisely

C- adjacently

D- approximately

**9- What is remarkable about "Bernard's star" in paragraph 2?**

A- It moves faster than many other stars.

B- It is a stationary star.

C- It seems to move faster than the planets.

D- It appears to move very rapidly.

**10- The word "negligible" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to**

A- Negative

B- Slight

C- Gliding

D- Evident

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**End of Part Two**

# **Part Three**

# **Grammar Exercises**

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## SECTION ONE

### GRAMMAR

• *Fill in the blanks with the appropriate answer:*

1. We swam ..... the river.
  - a. over
  - b. across
  - c. through
2. Whenever I talk, she cuts me .....
  - a. short
  - b. shortly
  - c. shortening
3. I have been watching a lot of film .....
  - a. late
  - b. lately
  - c. either could be used here
4. They searched far and .....
  - a. wide
  - b. widely
5. She spent the ..... day in bed.
  - a. whole
  - b. all
  - c. either could be used here

6. Prices keep ..... .
- a. arising
  - b. rising
  - d. either could be used here
7. I don't think that she got your letter. You had better write ..... .
- a. back
  - b. again
  - c. either could be used here
8. I have ..... to see my parents twice since January.
- a. gone
  - b. been
  - c. either could be used here
9. My sister always ..... me at chess.
- a. wins
  - b. beats
  - c. either could be used here
10. I almost never ..... when I play chess with my sister.
- a. win
  - b. beat
  - c. either could be used here
11. I finished early ..... I worked fast.
- a. because
  - b. because of
  - c. so

12. .... your stupidity, we are in trouble now.
- a. Because
  - b. Because of
  - c. Either could be used here
13. It's time you ..... that stereo repaired.
- a. get
  - b. got
  - c. had got
14. She acts ..... she knows his secrets.
- a. as if
  - b. as though
  - c. either could be used here
15. It is time she ..... a job.
- a. finds
  - b. found
  - c. has found
16. I wish I ..... longer hair.
- a. have
  - b. had
  - c. have had
17. It seems ..... the cat was injured in the fall.
- a. as if
  - b. as though
  - c. either could be used here
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18. It is high time she ..... smoking.
- a. gives up
  - b. gave up
  - c. give up
19. It would have been better if you ..... a doctor.
- a. consult
  - b. consulted
  - c. had consulted
20. It would be better if you ..... the police.
- a. inform
  - b. informed
  - c. had informed
21. I prefer classical music ..... heavy metal.
- a. to
  - b. than
  - c. over
22. I ..... wait than leave.
- a. prefer
  - b. rather
  - c. would rather
23. I prefer calling my friends ..... writing to them.
- a. to
  - b. than
  - c. rather than

24. I ..... riding to driving.
- a. would rather
  - b. prefer
  - c. rather
25. She ..... to marry her boyfriend next month.
- a. is expecting
  - b. is expected
  - c. has expected
26. Dinosaurs ..... to have lived several million years ago.
- a. are thought
  - b. are thinking
  - c. have thought
27. The authorities ..... to be working on a new industrial policy.
- a. have known
  - b. are known
  - c. are knowing
28. I ..... by airplane.
- a. never traveled
  - b. have never traveled
  - c. am never traveling
29. I ..... my homework yet.
- a. did not finish
  - b. have not finished
  - c. am not finishing

30. He ..... since I last saw him.
- a. grew
  - b. has grown
  - c. had grown
31. I ..... how to ride a bicycle.
- a. learned
  - b. have learned
  - c. had learned
32. It ..... yesterday.
- a. hasn't rained
  - b. didn't rain
  - c. didn't rained
33. The army ..... at dawn.
- a. attacked
  - b. has attacked
  - c. had attacked
34. She speaks fluent German because she ..... in Germany for six years.
- a. lived
  - b. has lived
  - c. was living
35. When I ..... home, the children ..... computer games.
- a. reached, played
  - b. reached, were playing
  - c. was reaching, were playing
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36. I ..... my first car five years ago.
- a. bought
  - b. have bought
  - c. had bought
37. This time yesterday, I ..... in my garden.
- a. am working
  - b. was working
  - c. will be working
38. This time tomorrow, I ..... my homework.
- a. am doing
  - b. will do
  - c. will be doing
39. My grandfather ..... own six cars.
- a. used to
  - b. would
  - c. Either could be used here
40. I will call you when I ..... ready.
- a. am
  - b. will be
  - c. would be
41. Although he was the most deserving candidate, he ..... the job.
- a. do not get
  - b. did not get
  - c. had not got

42. She ..... many national and international awards for her work.
- a. has won
  - b. is won
  - c. had won
43. We ..... the project by the end of this month.
- a. will deliver
  - b. will be delivering
  - c. will have delivered
44. She told me that she ..... her homework.
- a. did
  - b. has done
  - c. had done
45. He ..... jobless for six months.
- a. is
  - b. has been
  - c. is being
46. He ..... stray dogs for many years.
- a. has been feeding
  - b. is feeding
  - c. have been feeding
47. I looked around but I ..... anyone.
- a. didn't see
  - b. hadn't seen
  - c. haven't seen

48. I said that I ..... in that offer.
- a. am not interested
  - b. was not interested
  - c. was not interesting
49. They are preparing the report. / The report ..... by them.
- a. is prepared
  - b. was prepared
  - c. is being prepared
50. They took the child to hospital. / The child ..... to hospital.
- a. was taken
  - b. has taken
  - c. is taken
51. She answered the question. / The question ..... by her.
- a. is answered
  - b. was answered
  - c. has answered
52. She has written four novels. / Four novels ..... by her.
- a. were written
  - b. have written
  - c. have been written
53. The dacoit killed the traveler. / The traveler ..... by the dacoit.
- a. has killed
  - b. was killed
  - c. had killed

54. They robbed him at gunpoint. / He ..... at gunpoint.
- a. is robbed
  - b. was being robbed
  - c. was robbed
55. He has won a lottery. / A lottery ..... by him.
- a. was won
  - b. has been won
  - c. had been won
56. She called me a liar. / I ..... a liar.
- a. called
  - b. am called
  - c. was called
57. He sells newspapers at the railway station. / Newspapers ..... by him.
- a. are sold
  - b. have sold
  - c. are being sold
58. He bought the painting at an auction. / The painting ... at an auction.
- a. has bought
  - b. was bought
  - c. had been bought

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## SECTION TWO

### Capitalization and Punctuation

Understanding the basic rules of capitalization is important, and knowing how to punctuate sentences correctly will help you to write more clearly. This first section consists of five sets of questions that test your skill at finding mistakes in capitalization and punctuation. In the first set, you will be looking for errors in capitalization only. In the second and third sets, the errors are in punctuation only. Sets 4 and 5 ask you to find mistakes in both capitalization and punctuation.

#### SET 1:

- *For the following questions, choose the lettered part of the sentence that contains a word that needs a capital letter. If no additional words should be capitalized, choose answer e.*

1. My physician, /dr. Holly Watts, told me that/ I was healthy enough/ to run  
a b c  
in the Boston marathon. / None

d e

2. At the party, / I made myself sick / by eating glazed doughnuts/ and  
a b c  
english toffee. / None

d e

3. Alan Farnham, jr., was so lazy/ that no one wanted to / be on the  
a b c  
committee/ with him. /None

d e



4. Doug shouted angrily, / “why am I the one/ who always has to /

do the dishes?”/ None

a b c  
d e

5. The constitution of / the United States certainly / cannot be considered /

an ordinary constitution. / None

a b c  
d e

6. Tommy’s Bar and grill was / conveniently located on / one of the main

streets / in downtown Waynesburg. / None

a b c  
d e

7. My peach-colored dog, / whose name is yep, / is a fine example of / an

intelligent, brave, and loyal toy poodle. / None

a b c  
d e

8. Her name used to be Heather, / but she changed it / after the movie

*heathers* / came out a few years ago. / None

a b c  
d e

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**SET 2:**

- *Choose the punctuation mark that is needed in each of the following sentences. If no additional punctuation is needed, choose answer e.*

1. "I can't believe it!" shouted Karen. My blue socks have holes in them!"  
a. .            b. ,            c. !            d. "            e. none
2. My three cats, Bubba, Dave, and Roy like liver flavored kitty treats best.  
a. ;            b. —            c. !            d. ,            e. none
3. The following are my favorite foods biscuits, gravy, mashed potatoes, and French-cut green beans.  
a. :            b. ,            c. .            d. ;            e. none
4. Max was so angry he stalked out fifteen minutes later he came back.  
a. ;            b. ,            c. ?            d. :            e. none
5. We were all surprised when Bonita—a petite, conservatively dressed woman heaved a chair through the plate glass window.  
a. ;            b. ,            c. —            d. :            e. none

6. Jack's hair, usually so neatly combed, is a mess today, as if he slept on it strangely.
- a. '                      b. ,                      c. ;                      d. .                      e. none
7. After his vacation in the Rockies, Ramon decided to give up mountain-climbing for good.
- a. ,                      b. ;                      c. —                      d. .                      e. none
8. "I wonder" Syad mused, "if he knew what he did was wrong."
- a. ?                      b. ,                      c. :                      d. ;                      e. none
9. Big Bob Bailey our basketball coach, is the toughest man alive.
- a. :                      b. ;                      c. —                      d. ,                      e. none
10. My favorite books are ones about skeet shooting it's my favorite sport.
- a. ,                      b. ?                      c. ;                      d. !                      e. none

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**SET 3:**

- *Choose the answer that shows the best punctuation for the underlined part of the sentence. If the sentence is correct as is, choose e.*
1. Cats make wonderful pets even though they seem closer to being wild than dogs are.
    - a. pets, even though, they
    - b. pets, even though they
    - c. pets. Even though they
    - d. pets; even though they
    - e. correct as is
  2. Many people believe in UFO's however I've never seen one.
    - a. UFO's however: I've
    - b. UFO's, however, I've
    - c. UFO's however, I've
    - d. UFO's; however, I've
    - e. correct as it is
  3. "Am I crazy," asked Samantha, "Am I the only one who thinks volleyball is a waste of time?"
    - a. crazy?" asked Samatha. "Am
    - b. crazy?" asked Samatha, "Am
    - c. crazy," asked Samatha? "Am
    - d. crazy?" asked Samatha, "Am
    - e. correct as it is
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4. Some scientists maintain that we are born with a fear of snakes.
- maintain, that we
  - maintain that, we
  - maintain: that we
  - maintain—that we
  - correct as it is
5. After the dog frightened the mail carrier, the dogs owner apologized over and over.
- carrier the dogs
  - carrier, the dog's
  - carrier, the dogs'
  - carrier the dogs'
  - correct as is
6. The people who are at the back of the line should move to the front.
- people, who are at the back of the line
  - people who are at the back of the line,
  - people, who are at the back of the line,
  - people who, are at the back of the line,
  - correct as is
7. The students asked whether I thought there would be a woman president within the next decade?
- president within the next decade!
  - president, within the next decade.

- c. president within the next decade.  
d. president, within the next decade?  
e. correct as is
8. This is the first time you have ever been to a major league baseball game, isn't it?  
a. game isn't it?  
b. game, is'nt it?  
c. game, isn't it.  
d. game isn't it.  
e. correct as is
9. Chicken pox a virus is very contagious.  
a. pox, a virus,  
b. pox, a virus  
c. pox, a virus—  
d. pox a virus,  
e. correct as is
10. I was born on May 17,1962 in Corvallis, Oregon.  
a. May 17 1962 in Corvallis, Oregon.  
b. May 17 1962, in Corvallis Oregon.  
c. May 17,1962 in Corvallis, Oregon.  
d. May 17,1962, in Corvallis, Oregon.  
e. correct as is

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**SET 4:**

- *For each question, find the sentence that has a mistake in capitalization or punctuation. If you find no mistakes, mark choice d.*
1.
    - a. My favorite season is Spring.
    - b. Last Monday, Aunt Ruth took me shopping.
    - c. We elected Ben as treasurer of the freshman class.
    - d. No mistakes.
  2.
    - a. My best friend is moving to another city.
    - b. "What time does the movie begin?" he asked.
    - c. The boys' wore identical sweaters.
    - d. No mistakes.
  3.
    - a. She asked me, to show her how to make an apple pie.
    - b. He shouted from the window, but we couldn't hear him.
    - c. Occasionally, someone will stop and ask for directions.
    - d. No mistakes.
  4.
    - a. Science and math are my two best subjects.
    - b. We met senator Moynihan at a conference last June.
    - c. Did you see the movie *Babe*?
    - d. No mistakes.

5. a. When you come to the end of Newton Road, turn left onto Wilson Blvd.  
b. A small river runs alongside the highway.  
c. We learned that cape Cod was formed 20,000 years ago.  
d. No mistakes.
6. a. The tour guide asked us if we had any questions?  
b. Lauren's father is an auto mechanic.  
c. We asked if he could give us change for a dollar.  
d. No mistakes.
7. a. Did you read that article in *Newsweek*?  
b. My Uncle took us to Yankee Stadium.  
c. Christina has a Persian cat named Snow ball.  
d. No mistakes.
8. a. "I'll come and stay with you, grandma," I said.  
b. "Don't ever tell a lie, he warned.  
c. "Why won't you play with us?"he asked.  
d. No mistakes.
9. a. I always have a hard time getting up in the morning.  
b. We took: a tent, a cooler, and a sleeping bag.  
c. The fog was as thick as potato soup.  
d. No mistakes.



10. a. This is someone else's coat.
- b. Which of these songs was recorded by Bruce Springsteen?
- c. That book must be yours.
- d. No mistakes.
11. a. Don't stand in my way.
- b. Cecilia and I fought our way through the crowd.
- c. The vegetables were old rubbery and tasteless.
- d. No mistakes.
12. a. Remember to walk the dog.
- b. "Don't run"! Mr. Ellington shouted.
- c. It's supposed to snow today and tomorrow.
- d. No mistakes.
13. a. Charleen's parents worried whenever she drove the car.
- b. Who designed the Brooklyn Bridge?
- c. Diseases like Smallpox and Polio have been eradicated.
- d. No mistakes.
14. a. Can you find the Indian ocean on this map?
- b. Which river, the Nile or the Amazon, is longer?
- c. Lerner Avenue runs into the Thompson Parkway.
- d. No mistakes.

15. a. He's the best dancer in the school.  
b. We were planning to go, but the meeting was canceled.  
c. "Okay," she said, I'll go with you."  
d. No mistakes.
16. a. Does Judge Parker live on your street?  
b. Twenty government officials met to deal with Wednesday's crisis.  
c. The Mayor spoke at a news conference this morning.  
d. No mistakes.
17. a. My brother Isaac is the best player on the team.  
b. Because of the high cost; we decided not go.  
c. Where's your new puppy?  
d. No mistakes.
18. a. I have learned to appreciate Mozart's music.  
b. My cousin Veronica is studying to be a Veterinarian.  
c. Mr. Shanahan is taller than Professor Martin.  
d. No mistakes.
19. a. "You look just like your mother," Ms. Jones told me.  
b. "Please be careful," he said.  
c. Tyler asked, "why do I have to go to bed so early?"  
d. No mistakes.

20. a. Do you prefer root beer over orange soda?  
b. In which year did world war II end?  
c. I like to study the geography of the Everglades.  
d. No mistakes.
21. a. Colds like many other viruses are highly contagious.  
b. Call me when you feel better.  
c. Did you wash your hands, Michael?  
d. No mistakes.
22. a. The industrial revolution began in Europe.  
b. Is Labor Day a national holiday?  
c. General Patton was a four-star genera.  
d. No mistakes.
23. a. Carmen brought bread, and butter, and strawberry jam.  
b. Let's look at the map.  
c. Be sure to thank Aunt Helen for the gift.  
d. No mistakes.
24. a. My Aunt Georgia loves to read Eighteenth-Century novels.  
b. Eli's sister's cousin lives in Alaska.  
c. Is that a German shepherd?  
d. No mistakes.

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**SET 5:**

- *Questions 1 – 4 are based on the following passage. First read the passage, and then choose the answer that shows the best capitalization and punctuation for each underlined part.*

Madam Helena P. 1) Blavatsky born in Russia on May 8, 1831, claimed to have psychic powers and to be capable of performing feats of clairvoyance and telepathy. During her 60 years, she traveled to many 2) countries—including the United States, England, India, and Egypt, in order to study the occult. Although many considered her a 3) fake throughout her lifetime she was surrounded by faithful believers, including such influential persons as British statesman Allen O. Hume and Swedish countess Constance Wachtmeister. To this day, followers commemorate the date of her 4) death calling May 8 "White Lotus Day."

1. a. Blavatsky: born  
b. Blavatsky—born  
c. Blavatsky, born  
d. Blavatsky. Born  
e. correct as it is

2. a. countries, including  
b. countries: including  
c. countries. Including  
d. countries including  
e. correct as it is
3. a. fake, throughout  
b. fake. Throughout  
c. fake: throughout  
d. fake; throughout  
e. correct as it is
4. a. death. Calling  
b. death, calling  
c. death calling  
d. death calling  
e. correct as it is

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- *Questions 5 – 8 are based on the following passage. First read the passage, and then choose the answer that shows the best capitalization and punctuation for each underlined part.*

January 2, 1996

Nina Pride

407 Willow Way

Iowa City, Iowa 52245

Bill 5) Fork, general manager

Bill's Overhead Door Opener Company

1297 Kentucky Way

Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Dear 6) Mr. fork;

I wish to complain about the door opener you installed in my garage on December 18, 1995. On January 1, 7) 1996 at 3:00 a.m. I returned home from a celebration at Tucker's Tavern in downtown Iowa City. When I attempted to enter my garage, the device you installed 8) malfunctioned and my car crashed into the kitchen of my house. I hope you will make restitution without my having to take legal action.

Sincerely yours,

Nina Pride

5. a. Fork, general Manager  
b. fork, General Manager  
c. Fork, General Manager  
d. Fork, General manager  
e. correct as is
6. a. Dear Mr. Fork.  
b. Dear, Mr. fork,  
c. dear Mr. Fork:  
d. Dear Mr. Fork:  
e. correct as it is
7. a. 1996 at: 3:00 am, I  
b. 1996 at 300 a.m., I  
c. 1996 at, 3:00 a.m., I  
d. 1996, at 3:00 am, I  
e. correct as it is
8. a. malfunctioned, and my  
b. malfunctioned: and my  
c. malfunctioned? And my  
d. malfunctioned and, my  
e. correct as it is

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**SECTION THREE****UNIT TWO**

- **Choose the appropriate answer from a, b, c, or d:**
1. John Butterfield ..... the Southern Overland Mail Company with two stagecoaches in 1858.
    - a. he set up
    - b. setting up
    - c. set up
    - d. the setup
  
  2. The radiation piercing the atmosphere ..... of tanning or burning in humans.
    - a. it is the cause
    - b. causing it
    - c. is the cause
    - d. the cause
  
  3. The ..... during an earthquake are caused by seismic waves.
    - a. actually vibrate
    - b. actual vibrations
    - c. vibrations happen
    - d. from the actual vibrations
  
  4. During the Middle Ages, ....., large sets of bells with as many as 70 bells, first became popular.
    - a. with carillons
    - b. carillons are
    - c. carillons have
    - d. carillons



5. ...., an author probably most famous for his tales of terror, also dabbled in some science fiction.
- To Edgar Allen Poe
  - Edgar Allen Poe
  - Edgar Allen Poe was
  - For Edgar Allen Poe to be
6. Humans living at high elevations ..... to the lower level of oxygen in the air by producing more red blood corpuscles.
- Adjust
  - to adjust
  - the adjustment
  - adjusting
7. By 1870, over 30 nations ..... their own postage stamps.
- the issue
  - were issuing
  - issuing
  - they issued
8. The Statue of Liberty, completed in Paris in 1884, ..... in New York Harbor in 1886.
- the unveiling
  - to unveil
  - it unveiled
  - was unveiled
9. Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign to keep young people from using drugs, .....
- annually in October
  - annually in October each year
  - takes place annually in October
  - taking place annually in October

10. In a triathlon, the ....., bike, and run.
- athlete swims
  - athletes swim
  - swim athletically
  - the swimming athlete
11. The Mayflower Compact, signed by the Pilgrims upon their arrival in Massachusetts in 1620, ..... their political and religious beliefs.
- the statement of
  - stating
  - with a statement of
  - stated
12. .... alcoholism are the slow destruction of the liver and possible death.
- Dangerously,
  - The eventual effect of
  - The long-term effects of
  - Chronic and eventual
13. The ....., the first daily newspaper in the United States, first appeared in 1783.
- two-page {Pennsylvania Evening Post}
  - {Pennsylvania Evening Post} is two pages long
  - {Pennsylvania Evening Post} was
  - two-page {Pennsylvania Evening Post's}
14. On November 19, 1863, Abraham Lincoln, speaking from notes on an old ..... the famous Gettysburg Address in only two minutes time.
- gave the envelope
  - envelope giving
  - envelope, gave

- d. gift of an envelope
15. .... runs parallel to the coast of California for more than 600 miles.
- a. The San Andreas Fault is long
  - b. On the San Andreas Fault
  - c. The San Andreas Fault
  - d. Along the San Andreas Fault
16. ...., one of the most famous presidents, was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.
- a. For Abraham Lincoln
  - b. Abraham Lincoln was
  - c. Of all the presidents
  - d. Abraham Lincoln
17. ...., Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.
- a. Excellent speed and running ability
  - b. The outstanding track athlete runs
  - c. An outstanding ~track athlete
  - d. He had excellent speed and running ability
18. Thomas Jefferson, ..... a personally designed and constructed lap-top desk, wrote the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776.
- a. he used
  - b. had used
  - c. the use of
  - d. using
19. The Great Plains in the Midwest of the United States ..... a rich, fertile farming area.
- a. definitely making
  - b. from the beginning

- c. the pioneers planted  
d. makes up
20. Parent flamingos lose their intense pink coloring until .....
- a. weaning young  
b. their youths  
c. they wean their young  
d. young
21. Champagne can be purchased by the balthazar, .....  
cannot be purchased in this amount.
- a. Brandy  
b. But  
c. because brandy  
d. but brandy
22. .... has a beautiful red coat, the red panda is called  
"hun-ho" or "fire fox" in China.
- a. It  
b. Because it  
c. On it  
d. As soon as
23. .... long enough, every Down's syndrome individual  
gets Alzheimer's disease.
- a. The person lives  
b. If the person living  
c. If the person lives  
d. Because the life
24. Although Congress passed an income tax law in 1894, in  
1895 ..... the law unconstitutional.
- a. the ruling of the Supreme Court  
b. was ruled by the Supreme Court  
c. if the Supreme Court ruled
-

- d. the Supreme Court ruled
25. When San Diego's summer heat has withered most flowers,  
..... bloom.
- a. as soon as lilies
  - b. lilies
  - c. of lilies
  - d. by the time lilies start
26. .... dugout canoes where the floodplains have dried  
into long stretches of dry sand.
- a. Because oxen pull
  - b. Oxen pull
  - c. For oxen to pull
  - d. Oxen pulling
27. Like a mountain, the Empire State Building creates its own  
updrafts, ..... have been observed to fall up.
- a. and snow and rain
  - b. snow and rain
  - c. of snow
  - d. but snow
28. .... perceives the color black ~provided there is a  
complete lack of stimulation of the retina.
- a. When a person
  - b. A person will
  - c. If a person
  - d. A person
29. Elephant poaching ..... the international ban on  
ivory was established.
- a. has diminished since
  - b. it has diminished

- c. since diminishing  
d. it has diminished since
30. A little fat is essential for humans ..... retain body heat, gives muscles energy, and keeps skin soft.
- a. as it helps  
b. although it  
c. it helps  
d. in helping
31. Gustave Eiffel is famous for building the Eiffel Tower, ..... for designing the framework of the Statue of Liberty.
- a. he is remembered  
b. is remembered  
c. yet he is seldom remembered  
d. yet remembered
32. Further changes in the celestial constellations ..... the International Astronomical Union has been formed.
- a. are unlikely now that  
b. unlikely whenever  
c. are unlikely  
d. they are unlikely
33. .... can consume 30,000 plant species, 90 percent of the human diet consists of only 20 of the available species.
- a. Humans  
b. In contrast humans  
c. Providing for humans  
d. While humans
34. The reservoir created by the Three Gorges Dam will flood almost 1,400 villages, ..... to relocate the villages' nearly two million inhabitants.
- a. the government plans  
b. so the governments plans
-

- c. so the government plans  
d. the governments plans
35. .... walking properly and has enough area to walk in, it should wear down the hoof as it regrows.
- a. If the animal is  
b. The animal is  
c. Although the animal  
d. Although
36. Change, both good and bad, can create stress, ....., if sufficiently severe, can lead to illness.
- a. and stress  
b. and stressed  
c. stress  
d. that stress
37. Caffeine is primarily consumed in coffee and tea, ..... also found in cocoa, cola, and other soft drinks.
- a. But  
b. but it  
c. but it is  
d. it is
38. .... farmers extra hours of light by which to harvest crops before frost and winter come.
- a. The harvest moon  
b. Whenever the harvest moon allows  
c. During the harvest moon  
d. The harvest moon gives
39. .... built in 1931, the Empire State Building has actually shrunk six inches.
- a. It was  
b. Because it

- c. Until it was  
d. Since it was
40. For every disease-carrying toxin, there is an antitoxin which ..... out the effect of the toxin.
- a. Cancels  
b. the cancellation  
c. to cancel  
d. cancelling
41. Galileo's observations of the phases of Venus proved ..... formed the center of the planetary system.
- a. that the Sun  
b. the Sun is  
c. it is the Sun  
d. what is the Sun
42. Skin color is determined by a chemical called melanin, ..... in greater or lesser amounts.
- a. which human skin contains  
b. human skin contains  
c. in human skin contains  
d. there is in human skin
43. Environmentalists are earnestly trying to determine ..... of the ozone layer over the poles.
- a. is causing the deterioration  
b. what the cause of the deterioration  
c. what is causing ~the deterioration  
d. the deterioration is causing
44. Historical records ..... were used in China for centuries before spreading to Europe.
- a. suggesting that fireworks  
b. fireworks
-



- c. that fireworks
  - d. suggest that fireworks
45. The first mention of the cultivation of tea ..... in a Chinese dictionary which dates about the year 350.
- a. Finding
  - b. to be found
  - c. it is found
  - d. can be found
46. The anteater has a long sticky tongue, ..... capture ants and termites from their nests.
- a. which the use
  - b. uses it to
  - c. it is used
  - d. which it uses to
47. .... global climate is warming has been well documented.
- a. There is the
  - b. It is the
  - c. The
  - d. That the
48. Bank employees collect worn-out dollar bills, ..... to a central office to be destroyed in a furnace.
- a. who send them
  - b. which are sent
  - c. who are sent
  - d. are sent
49. .... such a challenging science is that all theory is based on observations that cannot be replicated in a controlled environment.
- a. It is astronomy
  - b. Astronomy is
  - c. What makes astronomy
-

- d. Why is astronomy
50. The blue-ringed octopus, ..... found in tropical lagoons, is so venomous that it can paralyze or kill a person in a matter of minutes.
- a. is
  - b. who is
  - c. that
  - d. which is
51. .... floats or sinks is determined by its density rather than its weight.
- a. Whether an object
  - b. An object if it
  - c. Because an object
  - d. An object
52. Edmund Halley, who had discovered Halley's comet in 1682, ..... before he could again see the comet whose return he had accurately predicted.
- a. died
  - b. dying
  - c. on his death
  - d. to die
53. Bees perform a complex dance ..... other bees about the location of a good source of nectar.
- a. tells
  - b. tell
  - c. it tells
  - d. that tells
54. Some radioisotopes which ..... as radioactive waste are now being used in experimental cancer therapies.
- a. once discarded by scientists
  - b. scientists discarded
  - c. to discard by scientists

- d. were discarded scientists
55. Although seismologists know ....., they are unable to predict with accuracy when or where a tremor might occur.
- what causes earthquakes
  - what earthquakes
  - causes earthquakes
  - that the quaking of the Earth
56. The abundant grain harvests of North America can be credited to Norman Borlag, a little-known scientist ..... modern strains of high-yield wheat.
- which cultivated
  - cultivated
  - who cultivated
  - the cultivation of
57. .... in the atmosphere is the temperature falling below freezing.
- Frost is produced
  - Frost produces
  - What produces frost
  - What is frost
58. Subduction is the process ..... the ocean floor recycles itself.
- That
  - which is
  - by which
  - how
59. .... in so perfectly with their environment is what makes Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture so distinctive.
- That the buildings blend
  - The buildings blend

- c. Since the buildings blend  
d. Build and blend
60. The surgeon operating without delay on an inflamed appendix ..... a far more serious complication, which is the rupture of a germ-laden appendix.
- a. which prevents  
b. preventing  
c. prevents  
d. prevention
61. Unless ..... as injury-free as possible, older athletes can have their activity and quality of life affected.
- a. the remnants of  
b. to remain  
c. remaining  
d. remain
62. .... famous civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.
- a. A  
b. Which was  
c. He was a  
d. Was a
63. The four-character drama {Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?} , ..... by Edward Albee, opened on Broadway.
- a. it was written  
b. who was written  
c. written  
d. was written
64. After ..... seven years to journey to Saturn, the spacecraft {Cassini} will spend four years exploring Saturn, its rings, and its icy moons.
- a. takes  
b. taken
-

- c. was taken
  - d. taking
65. Although applied for in October of 1793, Eli Whitney's patent for his cotton gin ..... until March of the following year.
- a. Granting
  - b. it was not granted
  - c. to grant
  - d. was not granted
66. ...., honoring the African tradition of celebrating the harvest, is held December 16 through January 1 in the United States.
- a. For Kwanzaa
  - b. Kwanzaa was celebrated
  - c. Kwanzaa celebrations
  - d. Kwanzaa
67. While repositioning, cruise ships ..... passengers for what is called a line voyage.
- a. the embarkation of
  - b. embark
  - c. embarking
  - d. they embark
68. .... New York and New Jersey, the George Washington Bridge opened to traffic in 1931.
- a. Connecting
  - b. Which was connected
  - c. Connects
  - d. It connects
69. While ..... those who are not working members of the press, press pins provide access to a press box for media members.

- a. kept out                                      b. keeping out  
c. the keeper                                    d. was kept out
70. Although ..... their jobs, a majority of workers expect to move on to other jobs within five years of starting their current jobs.
- a. to enjoy  
b. enjoy  
c. the enjoyment  
d. enjoying
71. Most adults, including 78 percent of men and 61 percent of women, ..... that gender roles in marriage today are more equal than traditional.
- a. say    b. they say  
c. saying                                        d. to say
72. If introduced into avocado groves, the seed and stem weevils, seed moth, and fruit fly ..... the avocado industry in California.
- a. the ending  
b. may end  
c. to end  
d. they will end
73. .... Lake Erie and the Hudson River, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York in 1825.
- a. Linking  
b. It was linked  
c. Have been linking  
d. They linked
74. While ....., Chu developed a way of trapping thousands of gas atoms using lasers.
- a. to work at Bell Laboratories  
b. working at Bell Laboratories

- c. worked at Bell Laboratories
  - d. was working at Bell Laboratories
75. Though racing toward the Milky Way galaxy at 300,000 miles an hour, the Andromeda galaxy ..... with the Milky Way for about five billion years.
- a. Colliding
  - b. will not collide
  - c. to collide
  - d. the collision
76. On October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, ..... in New York Harbor by President Cleveland.
- a. to dedicate
  - b. it dedicated
  - c. was dedicated
  - d. was dedicating
77. While making the embarrassing mistake of wearing a scarlet garment instead of somber black, ....., the atomic chemist and Quaker, discovered that he was color-blind.
- a. in John Dalton's laboratory
  - b. John Dalton was
  - c. John Dalton
  - d. John Dalton and
78. The birth of swing music can be traced to Battle of the Bands competitions ..... at the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem.
- a. Held
  - b. were held
  - c. the holdings
  - d. to hold

79. In the halcyon days of the civil rights movement, a small group of dedicated lawyers, mostly black, ..... carefully craft the strategy that led to the destruction of legal segregation.
- a. which is able to
  - b. was able to
  - c. able to
  - d. were able
80. Scientists now know that the lack of an embryonic thumb in birds is why ..... almost impossible for birds and dinosaurs to be related.
- a. is
  - b. it is
  - c. is it
  - d. it
81. There ..... launched in 1958 that fell back to Earth and burned up in the atmosphere.
- a. a lunar probe was
  - b. was a lunar probe
  - c. a lunar probe
  - d. with a lunar probe
82. Rarely ..... now used for battle purposes.
- a. in the band
  - b. military bands are
  - c. banded
  - d. are military bands
83. In addition to quitting smoking and controlling blood pressure and diet, people need to think about how ..... stress to avert potentially fatal heart problems.
- a. can they manage
  - b. the management
  - c. they manage
  - d. managing
-



84. Only recently ..... popular all over the country.
- have indoor climbing gyms become
  - in becoming indoor climbing gyms
  - indoor climbing gyms have become
  - indoor climbing gyms
85. A motionless atom is colder than .....
- in the movement
  - to be moved
  - the atom moving
  - is a moving atom
86. In the sand off the northern California coast .....  
{San Agustin}, which is said to be loaded with gold.
- the galleon is lying
  - lies the galleon
  - the galleon
  - the galleon which lies
87. According to a recent survey, were ..... of  
telecommuters to lose their jobs, they would look for other  
telecommuting positions.
- to major
  - if a majority
  - a majority
  - in the major
88. When ..... chest pain, some doctors recommend that  
they take one full 325-milligram aspirin.
- patients feel
  - feel impatient
  - do patients feel
  - as patients feel

89. There ..... called Epstein-Barr which leaves people feeling chronically fatigued and feeling as if they have a recurring case of the flu.
- a viral
  - in a disease
  - a virus is
  - is a virus
90. Only in the Civil War ..... killed or wounded.
- soldiers in America
  - were so many American soldiers
  - many in America
  - so many American soldiers were
91. Lifestyle is more important ..... in a person's lifespan.
- as genetics are
  - with genes
  - genetically
  - than are genetics
92. A collision with another galaxy may be what ....., the Milky Way, may experience.
- Earth's galaxy is
  - is Earth's galaxy
  - Earth's galaxy
  - for Earth's galaxy
93. Should ..... help keeping their weight, blood pressure, pulse, and cholesterol down, swimming is an excellent activity.
- adults need
  - needy adults
  - to need

- d. need adults
94. In the vessels of the vascular system of the giraffe .....  
of valves that ensures a needed supply of blood to the head.
- a. are series
  - b. is serious
  - c. is a series
  - d. a series is
95. There has been a string ~of recent technology advances aimed  
at building new engines which are more clean and efficient  
than .....
- a. to engineer
  - b. are current engines
  - c. in engines currently
  - d. current
96. Daylight saving time seems to reduce people's exposure to  
crime, so were people to get home from work and school and  
complete more errands and chores in daylight, ..... safer.
- a. for being
  - b. to be
  - c. they
  - d. they would be
97. Scarcely ..... started building his theme park when he  
launched his first television program titled {Disneyland}.
- a. Walt Disney
  - b. Walt Disney had
  - c. had Walt Disney
  - d. Walt Disney was
98. Orthopedic and sports medicine specialists now realize that  
..... people to get prolonged bed rest for acute and  
chronic back problems, they would heal less quickly.
- a. were
  - b. if
  - c. the
  - d. of

99. The hunting season for firearms is more restricted than ..... because hunting with firearms is more dangerous and less challenging.
- a. to season
  - b. is the archery season
  - c. for archery
  - d. is seasoning
100. John Denver ..... in October 1997 during a flight in his new aircraft near Monterey, California.
- a. unfortunately killing
  - b. he was killed
  - c. to kill
  - d. was killed
101. Iodine, needed for the thyroid gland to function properly, ..... from iodized salt or seafood.
- a. obtaining
  - b. can be obtained
  - c. to obtain
  - d. it is obtained
102. Some experts feel that children lose a great deal of what ..... during the school year over the long summer vacation.
- a. they learn
  - b. do they learn
  - c. learner
  - d. learning
103. Many thousands and sometimes even millions of ..... in a single colony.
- a. ants living
  - b. the lives of ants
  - c. ants live
  - d. living ants

104. The Pilgrims felt that cold ocean water was bad for their health, ..... ate fish when food supplies were low.
- they only
  - when only
  - so they only
  - because they
105. Our ability to see greatly influences ..... we perceive the world around us.
- us
  - and
  - how
  - in which
106. Recovery time after surgery has decreased ..... have been developed.
- procedures are less invasive
  - less invasive procedures
  - to proceed less invasively
  - now that ~less invasive procedures
107. The Cheetah, the fastest bicycle in the world, cruises at nearly 70 mph, ..... reaches speeds up to only 30 mph.
- the convention of a bicycle
  - the conventional bicycle
  - whereas the conventional bicycle
  - conventionally, a bicycle
108. The koala never drinks water because it gets all the liquid that ..... from the leaves of eucalyptus trees.
- the need for it
  - needing it
  - it needs
  - it needs is

109. The stomach also secretes ammonia, a powerful alkali,  
..... as a neutralizing agent to the gastric acid.
- which acts
  - it acts
  - acts
  - that act
110. In 1848, men from the Miwok and other Indian tribes  
..... half of the 4,000 miners working in the Gold  
Country of California.
- and made up
  - to make up
  - which they made up
  - made up
111. Once ..... as a state in 1850, California imposed  
a tax of \$20 a month on foreign miners.
- instituting
  - instituted
  - the institution
  - to institute
112. Were ....., they would miss up to 30 percent of their  
required calories.
- not allow young children to snack
  - with snacks for young children
  - no snacks be allowed for young children
  - young children not allowed to snack
113. .... away from the Sun is the pressure of the solar wind.
- The tail of a comet always points
  - What keeps ~the tail of a comet always pointing
  - Why does it keep the tail of a comet pointing
  - The tail of a comet that always points

114. Motorists spend four times more on car repairs resulting from bad roads than ..... state highway departments on maintaining the roads.
- doing
  - from
  - to do from
  - do
115. Even identical twins ..... fingerprints.
- Distinct
  - with distinct
  - having distinct
  - have distinct
116. During an introduction, ..... helpful to say something interesting and polite to make the conversation easier.
- is
  - it is
  - to it
  - its
117. The substance holding every atom together .....  
{gluon} because it acts like a kind of cosmic glue.
- calling
  - and calling
  - is called
  - with the call of
118. One of the most committed ..... shouted, "Give me liberty or give me death!" in a stirring speech just prior to the start of the American Revolution.
- Patrick Henry was a patriot
  - Patriotic Patrick Henry
  - patriot was Patrick Henry

- d. patriots, Patrick Henry,
119. Though rain forests ..... about ten percent of the Earth's surface, today one half of the rain forests are gone.
- a. once covered
  - b. one cover
  - c. coverage at once
  - d. covering once
120. .... trees that are too large for them to haul to a nearby stream.
- a. Beavers, which often fell
  - b. The fall of beavers and
  - c. Beavers often fell
  - d. How beavers fell
121. Nearly 100 years ago, doctors in the United States started recommending peanut butter as a good source of protein, yet nobody ..... who first invented it.
- a. knowing
  - b. with the knowledge
  - c. knows
  - d. who knows
122. Mike Fink was a colorful American frontiersman whose adventures ..... of numerous folktales and legends.
- a. served as a basis
  - b. as the basis serving
  - c. the basis to serve
  - d. to serve the basis
123. Apogee, a variety of wheat being developed for growth in space, grows only 18 inches high, ..... up to 1,000 bushels per acre under constant high light.
- a. it yields
  - b. yet yielding
  - c. yet it yielded
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- d. yet it yields
124. Nowhere in the United States but in New Jersey .....  
so many people per square mile.
- a. there
  - b. there are
  - c. there is
  - d. are there
125. The new electric cars run partially on free energy .....  
installed at businesses have no means by which to measure or  
bill for the electricity used.
- a. with rechargers
  - b. as rechargers
  - c. recharging
  - d. using rechargers
126. When ..... in the early 1940s, the sun's corona was  
found to be a baffling 2.7 million degrees Fahrenheit.
- a. measuring
  - b. was measured
  - c. measured
  - d. in measuring
127. .... used to lure children into behaving better can  
work at first, but the results are often temporary.
- a. Rewards are
  - b. Rewards
  - c. To reward
  - d. Rewards which
128. We can determine the family that a bird falls into by  
..... like.
- a. what are the shape and behavior of a bird
  - b. what the bird's shape and behavior
  - c. the shape and behavior of a bird

- d. what the shape and behavior of a bird are
129. At no time ..... Susan B. Anthony pay the fine she was charged for voting in a presidential election in 1872.
- a. did suffragist
  - b. the suffragist
  - c. to the suffragist
  - d. was suffragist
130. Oxygen is necessary for the survival of most organisms, but ..... these organisms.
- a. damaged
  - b. it can also damage
  - c. is damaging
  - d. the damage
131. .... from the flax plant can be made into linen.
- a. Fibers
  - b. They are fibers
  - c. With fibers
  - d. Fibers are
132. About 5,000 years ago, ..... was developed simultaneously and independently by both the Chinese and the Egyptians.
- a. the fan
  - b. fans
  - c. they were fans
  - d. it fanned
133. Jean-Claude Van Damme, usually ..... in hit movies as the hero, surprisingly is the villain in the movie {No Retreat, No Surrender}.
- a. stars
  - b. to star
  - c. starring

- d. is the star
134. Lotto winners ..... their winnings in one lump sum, are now being paid in equal annual payments.
- a. originated the pay of
  - b. were originally paid
  - c. originally paid
  - d. the pay was originally
135. Although the strawberry ..... a fruit, it is actually the base of the strawberry flower.
- a. a look like
  - b. like a look
  - c. liking to look
  - d. looks like
136. Hardly ever ..... out of the loop at work; on the contrary, they often get more work done and see more of their families.
- a. telecommuters feel
  - b. do telecommuters feel
  - c. the telecommuters
  - d. the feeling of telecommuters
137. Data about butterflies accumulate each Fourth of July as ..... all over the United States participate in an annual butterfly count.
- a. butterfly watching
  - b. and watching butterflies
  - c. so butterflies watch
  - d. butterfly watchers
138. .... is lubricated can affect the longevity of the moving parts that rub together.
- a. How often machines
  - b. A machine often
  - c. Often a machine
-

- d. How often a machine
139. In the Civil War, about two-thirds of the property .....  
by Southerners was lost, their economy was wrecked, and  
much of their land was devastated.
- a. was owned
  - b. owned
  - c. to own
  - d. it will own
140. A fluorescent lamp contains ..... glows with white  
light when electricity passes through it.
- a. a glass tube
  - b. a tube is made of glass
  - c. a glass tube that
  - d. a glass tube that it
141. Dogs have more scent receptors than ....., so dogs  
can be trained to smell many things that humans cannot smell.
- a. do humans
  - b. with humans
  - c. too humane
  - d. humanly
142. When the Hubble Space Telescope focused for ten days on  
a dark patch of sky the size of a grain of sand, what initially  
appeared to be empty space ..... thousands of distant  
galaxies.
- a. turned out to be filled with
  - b. it turned out to be filled
  - c. turning out to be filled with
  - d. and it turned out to fill
143. Though ..... on millions of people, "Black  
Thursday," the stock market collapse of October 24, 1929, did  
not cause the economic depression that followed.
- a. having depressing effects
  - b. to affect depressingly
  - c. have depressing effects

- d. have depressed effectively
144. Should ..... early injections against diseases, they might have a lower risk of infection in late preschool and early school age.
- a. receive
  - b. children's reception
  - c. be receiving
  - d. children receive
145. With 36 black keys and 52 white keys, ..... a total of 88 keys.
- a. a piano having
  - b. a piano has
  - c. to have a piano
  - d. have a piano
146. John Chapman of Massachusetts, known as Johnny Appleseed, ..... 100,000 square miles of the early United States planting apple trees as he traveled.
- a. trekking more than
  - b. he trekked as much as
  - c. to trek
  - d. trekked over
147. When warm air rises, ..... and cools.
- a. it expands
  - b. so it expands
  - c. the expansion of it
  - d. its expansion
148. No one knows when ..... to make bread.
- a. the first use of yeast
  - b. yeast was first used
  - c. the first yeast used

- d. was yeast first used
149. The intestines are the lower portion of the alimentary canal ..... of an upper long winding part and a lower shorter wider part.
- a. consist
  - b. they consist
  - c. consisting
  - d. it consists
150. .... to live at high altitudes, so it is essential to nomadic families in the Himalayas in spite of its stubbornness.
- a. The yak is able
  - b. The ability of the yak
  - c. For the yak to be able
  - d. Because the yak

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**End of Part Three**

## **Part Four**

# **Translation of English Proverbs**

## English Proverbs

A proverb is a short sentence, usually known by many people, stating something commonly experienced or giving advice. Proverbs are also known as sayings. Every language and culture has its own proverbs. Here are some English proverbs.

1. Like father like son
2. Forbidden fruit is sweet
3. Birds of a feather flock together.
4. One man's meat is another man's poison.
5. East or west home is the best
6. A bird in the hand is worth than ten in the bush
7. When the cat is away the mice will play
8. A bad workman blames his tools
9. A burnt child dreads fire
10. A cat has nine lives
11. A friend in need is a friend indeed
12. A cock crows on his own dunghill
13. A drowning man will clutch a straw
14. Fine feathers make fine birds
15. A fox is not taken twice in the same snare



16. A jack-of-all trades master of none
17. A living dog is better than a dead lion
18. A penny saved is a penny gained
19. A tree is known by its fruit
20. Believe not all that you see nor half what you hear
21. Blood is thicker than water
22. Charity begins at home
23. Deeds not words
24. Diamond cut diamond
25. Do as you would be done by
26. Easy come easy go
27. Every cloud has a silver lining
28. Grasp all lose all
29. Half a loaf is better than no bread
30. Out of sight out of mind

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**End of the Course**

## Important Links for Some Linguistic Drills

### Improving English Language:

1. Part One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUZLQg-LZOc&t=559s>
2. Part Two: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2DY\\_CYt\\_FU&t=430s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2DY_CYt_FU&t=430s)

### Essay Writing:

1. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvaXf\\_i33ow&t=213s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvaXf_i33ow&t=213s)

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