



SECTION 3

Time — 25 minutes
35 Questions

Turn to Section 3 (page 4) of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

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

The following sentences test correctness and effectiveness of expression. Part of each sentence or the entire sentence is underlined; beneath each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined material. Choice A repeats the original phrasing; the other four choices are different. If you think the original phrasing produces a better sentence than any of the alternatives, select choice A; if not, select one of the other choices.

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

EXAMPLE:

Laura Ingalls Wilder published her first book and she was sixty-five years old then.

- (A) and she was sixty-five years old then
- (B) when she was sixty-five
- (C) at age sixty-five years old
- (D) upon the reaching of sixty-five years
- (E) at the time when she was sixty-five

(A) ● (C) (D) (E)

1. The poet Claude McKay was a native of Jamaica who spent most of his life in the United States but writing some of his poems in the Jamaican dialect.
 - (A) The poet Claude McKay was a native of Jamaica who spent most of his life in the United States but writing
 - (B) Being that he was a Jamaican who spent most of his life in the United States, the poet Claude McKay writing
 - (C) Although a native of Jamaica, the poet Claude McKay spent most of his life in the United States, he wrote
 - (D) Although the poet Claude McKay spent most of his life in the United States, he was a native of Jamaica and wrote
 - (E) Because he was a native of Jamaica who spent most of his life in the United States, the poet Claude McKay writing
2. Many ancient Eastern rulers favored drinking vessels made of celadon porcelain because of supposedly revealing the presence of poison by cracking.
 - (A) because of supposedly revealing the presence of poison
 - (B) for being supposed that it would reveal the presence of poison
 - (C) because of being supposed to reveal poison in it
 - (D) for it was supposed to reveal that there is poison
 - (E) because it was supposed to reveal the presence of poison
3. John believes that plants respond to human attention, which causes his talking to his African violets every night.
 - (A) attention, which causes his talking
 - (B) attention and talking is what is done
 - (C) attention and his talks
 - (D) attention; for this reason has been his talking
 - (E) attention; he therefore talks
4. All the demands on soprano Kathleen Battle for operatic performances, solo concerts, and special guest appearances, tempting her to sing too often and straining her voice.
 - (A) appearances, tempting her to sing too often and straining
 - (B) appearances not only tempt her to sing too often plus they strain
 - (C) appearances tempts her not only into singing too often but then she strains
 - (D) appearances, tempting her into singing too often and she therefore strains
 - (E) appearances tempt her to sing too often and strain

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5. One reason that an insect can walk on walls while a human cannot is that the mass of its tiny body is far lower than humans.
- (A) far lower than humans
(B) far lower than that of a human's body
(C) lower by far than humans
(D) far lower than a human
(E) far lower than is a human's body
6. In the 1980's, the median price of a house more than doubled, generally outdistancing the rate of inflation.
- (A) generally outdistancing the rate of inflation
(B) generally this outdistanced the rate of inflation
(C) and the result was the general outdistancing of inflation
(D) the general rate of inflation was thus outdistanced
(E) thus generally inflation had been outdistanced
7. In the nineteenth century, reproductions of cathedrals or castles made entirely of ice was often a popular feature in North American winter carnivals.
- (A) was often a popular feature
(B) often were popular features
(C) often was featured popularly
(D) often being popular features
(E) have been featured popularly
8. A fine orchestral performance will exhibit the skills of the musicians, their abilities to work as an ensemble, and how he or she responds to the conductor.
- (A) how he or she responds
(B) how to respond
(C) their responding
(D) their responses
(E) they respond
9. The African tsetse fly does not need a brain, everything it has to do in life is programmed into its nervous system.
- (A) brain, everything
(B) brain due to everything which
(C) brain, for everything
(D) brain; since, everything
(E) brain whereas everything
10. She was concerned about how Hank would react to the incident, but in searching his face, he did not seem to be at all embarrassed or troubled.
- (A) in searching his face, he did not seem to be
(B) by searching his face, it showed that he was not
(C) a search of his face showed that he seemed not
(D) searching his face, he did not seem to be
(E) his face being searched showed that he was not
11. Explaining modern art is impossible, partly because of its complexity but largely because of it rapidly changing.
- (A) of it rapidly changing
(B) it makes rapid changes
(C) of the rapidity with which it changes
(D) changing it is rapid
(E) it changes so rapid



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

EXAMPLE:

The other delegates and him immediately
A B C
accepted the resolution drafted by the
D
neutral states. No error
E

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

12. The ambassador was entertained lavish by
A
Hartwright, whose company has a monetary
B C
interest in the industrial development of the
D
new country. No error
E
13. Among the discoveries made possible by
A B
the invention of the telescope they found that
C D
dark spots existed on the Sun in varying numbers.
No error
E
14. This liberal arts college has decided requiring
A B
all students to study at least one non-European
C D
language. No error
E

15. Twenty-five years after Alex Haley's *Roots* stimulate
A B
many people to research their family histories, new
C
technology has been developed to make the task
easier. No error
D E
16. For months the press had praised Thatcher's handling
of the international crisis, and editorial views changed
A
quickly when the domestic economy worsened.
B C D
No error
E
17. Experiments have shown that human skin provides
A B
natural protection against a surprising large
C
number of infectious bacteria. No error
D E
18. In the aggressive society created by William Golding
A
in *Lord of the Flies*, both Ralph and Jack emerge
early on as the leader of the lost boys. No error
B C D E
19. More than forty years have passed since a quarter
A B
of a million people marched on Washington, D.C.,
in an attempt to secure civil rights for Black
C D
Americans. No error
E

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20. Careful analysis of pictures of the Moon reveal that
A
parts of the Moon's surface are markedly similar to
B C
parts of the Earth's . No error
D E

21. London differs from other cities, such as Paris and
A B
New York, in that its shopping areas are so widely
C D
spread out. No error
E

22. The architect's research shows that even when builders
construct houses of stone , they still use the hammer
A B C
more than any tool . No error
D E

23. Of the two options, neither the system of appointing
A B
judges to the bench nor the process of electing judges
C
are entirely satisfactory. No error
D E

24. Carlos cherished the memory of the day when him
A
and his sister Rosa were presented with awards
B
in recognition of meritorious service to the
C D
community. No error
E

25. The famous filmmaker had a tendency of changing
A B
his recollections, perhaps out of boredom at having
C D
to tell interviewers the same story over and over.
No error
E

26. Norwegian writer Sigrid Undset is like the novelist Sir
A
Walter Scott in her use of historical backgrounds, but
B
unlike his books , she dwells on the psychological
C
aspects of her characters. No error
D E

27. The television station has received many complaints
A
about the clothing advertisements, which some
B C
viewers condemn to be tasteless. No error
D E

28. The relationship between goby fish and striped shrimp
are truly symbiotic, for neither can survive without
A B C D
the other. No error
E

29. Winston Churchill, unlike many English prime
A
ministers before him , had deep insight into the
B C
workings of the human mind. No error
D E



Directions: The following passage is an early draft of an essay. Some parts of the passage need to be rewritten.

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

Questions 30-35 are based on the following passage.

(1) My father has an exceptional talent. (2) The ability to understand people. (3) When I have a problem that I think no one else will understand, I take it to my father. (4) He listens intently, asks me some questions, and my feelings are seemingly known by him exactly. (5) Even my twin sister can talk to him more easily than to me. (6) Many people seem too busy to take the time to understand one another. (7) My father, by all accounts, sees taking time to listen as essential to any relationship, whether it involves family, friendship, or work.

(8) At work, my father's friends and work associates benefit from this talent. (9) His job requires him to attend social events and sometimes I go along. (10) I have watched him at dinner; his eyes are fixed on whoever is speaking, and he nods his head at every remark. (11) My father emerges from such a conversation with what I believe is a true sense of the speaker's meaning. (12) In the same way, we choose our friends.

(13) My father's ability to listen affects his whole life. (14) His ability allows him to form strong relationships with his coworkers and earns him lasting friendships. (15) It allows him to have open conversations with his children. (16) Furthermore, it has strengthened his relationship with my mother. (17) Certainly, his talent is one that I hope to develop as I mature.

30. Of the following, which is the best way to revise and combine sentences 1 and 2 (reproduced below) ?

My father has an exceptional talent. The ability to understand people.

- (A) My father has an exceptional talent and the ability to understand people.
- (B) My father has an exceptional talent that includes the ability to understand people.
- (C) My father has an exceptional talent: the ability to understand people.
- (D) My father has an exceptional talent, it is his ability to understand people.
- (E) Despite my father's exceptional talent, he still has the ability to understand people.

31. Of the following, which is the best way to phrase sentence 4 (reproduced below) ?

He listens intently, asks me some questions, and my feelings are seemingly known by him exactly.

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) Listening intently, he will ask me some questions and then my exact feelings are seemingly known to him.
- (C) As he listens to me and asks me some questions, he seems to be knowing exactly my feelings.
- (D) He listened to me and asked me some questions, seeming to know exactly how I felt.
- (E) He listens intently, asks me some questions, and then seems to know exactly how I feel.

32. In sentence 7, the phrase *by all accounts* is best replaced by

- (A) however
- (B) moreover
- (C) to my knowledge
- (D) like my sister
- (E) but nevertheless

33. Which of the following sentences should be omitted to improve the unity of the second paragraph?

- (A) Sentence 8
- (B) Sentence 9
- (C) Sentence 10
- (D) Sentence 11
- (E) Sentence 12

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34. In context, which of the following is the best way to phrase the underlined portion of sentence 16 (reproduced below) ?

Furthermore, it has strengthened his relationship with my mother.

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) Further strengthening
- (C) But it strengthens
- (D) However, he is strengthening
- (E) Considering this, he strengthens

35. A strategy that the writer uses within the third paragraph is to

- (A) make false assumptions and use exaggeration
- (B) include difficult vocabulary
- (C) repeat certain words and sentence patterns
- (D) argue in a tone of defiance
- (E) turn aside from the main subject

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