

## SECTION 5

Time — 25 minutes

35 Questions

**Turn to Section 5 (page 5) 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 ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E

1. The library is older than it but still just as beautiful as the courthouse.
- (A) older than it but still just as beautiful as the courthouse
  - (B) older and it is just as beautiful as the courthouse
  - (C) older than the courthouse; it is just as beautiful as it
  - (D) older than the courthouse but just as beautiful
  - (E) just as beautiful as the courthouse and it is older than it

2. Winslow Homer, one of America's foremost artists, spent his last 27 years and painted on the scenic Maine coast.
- (A) spent his last 27 years and painted
  - (B) spent his last 27 years having painted
  - (C) spent his last 27 years painting
  - (D) having spent his last 27 years doing his painting
  - (E) spending his last 27 years painting
3. Researchers are experimenting with various techniques for preventing the accumulation in water of high levels of nitrogen, which can kill plants and animals.
- (A) nitrogen, which can kill plants and animals
  - (B) nitrogen; plants and animals can be killed
  - (C) nitrogen, that is what can kill plants and animals
  - (D) nitrogen, they could kill plants and animals
  - (E) nitrogen, and they can kill plants and animals
4. When the news spread how new goldfields were discovered in Nome, Alaska, thousands abandoned Dawson, the site of the previous gold rush.
- (A) how new goldfields were discovered
  - (B) how there was discovery of new goldfields
  - (C) about new goldfields, which they discovered
  - (D) about new goldfields, and they were discovered
  - (E) about new goldfields that had been discovered
5. When the Berlin Wall, long a symbol of the Cold War, began to be torn down in 1989, five million people went to Berlin to celebrate that.
- (A) to celebrate that
  - (B) for its celebration
  - (C) to celebrate
  - (D) in celebration of that
  - (E) in celebrating

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6. To complete the music program, a student must present one vocal performance, one instrumental performance, and composing one original work.
- (A) and composing one original work  
(B) and one original composition  
(C) with one original composition  
(D) and to compose one original work  
(E) as well as the student's original composition
7. Zookeepers have expanded one's definition of care to include concern for the animal's mental state as well as for its physical well-being.
- (A) have expanded one's definition of care to include  
(B) have expanded one's definition of care, including  
(C) expand their definition of care, they include  
(D) expanding the definition of care to include  
(E) have expanded their definition of care to include
8. The time and the place for such a large event is subject to approving from the mayor's office.
- (A) The time and the place for such a large event is subject to approving from the mayor's office.  
(B) For such a large event, the time and the place are subject to the mayor's office's approving them.  
(C) The time and the place for such a large event are subject to the approval of the mayor's office.  
(D) The time and place for such a large event are subject to be approved by the office of the mayor.  
(E) Subject to the approval of the mayor's office are the time and place for such a large event taking place.
9. New Zealand's Kaikoura Peninsula, a ruggedly beautiful spit of land, borders an undersea canyon that is home to the sperm whale and the giant squid.
- (A) borders an undersea canyon that is  
(B) bordering an undersea canyon,  
(C) and it borders an undersea canyon, which is  
(D) which borders an undersea canyon,  
(E) is the border of an undersea canyon, being
10. In similarity with some other great works, the enduring horror tale *Frankenstein* was first published anonymously; its author, Mary Shelley, wrote the novel when she was not quite nineteen years old.
- (A) In similarity with  
(B) As  
(C) Like what happened with  
(D) Like the case with  
(E) Like
11. The book is useful because it offers not just philosophy and theory but also tells you what and how to live every day.
- (A) but also tells you what and how to live every day  
(B) but also it gives ways of everyday living  
(C) but also advice for everyday living  
(D) but also it gives practical advice for everyday life  
(E) and also tells you what to do and how to live every day



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)

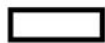
12. The country found that its economy was growing  
   A  
more stronger, with an improved outlook and more  
                                   B                                   C  
 opportunities for training and employment. No error  
   D                                   E

13. The iris, the colored part of the eye, contains delicate  
   A  
 patterns that are unique to each person, offering a  
                                   B                   C  
 powerful means of identification. No error  
                                   D                                   E

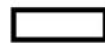
14. The newly elected Prime Minister, to the dismay  
                                   A                                   B  
 of opponents from other parties, have argued for  
   C  
the strict regulation of campaign financing. No error  
                                   D                                   E
15. Studies have suggested that eating nuts—almonds  
                                   A  
 in particular—might help to lower blood cholesterol  
   B  
 levels in humans and reducing the risk of heart disease  
   C  
by protecting the blood vessels. No error  
                                   D                                   E
16. In English literature James Boswell is the prime  
                   A  
 example of a biographer who, by ensuring the  
   B  
 immortality of another author, has achieved  
   C  
 immortality for himself. No error  
                                   D                                   E
17. Because the garden was untended, the windows  
   A  
had no shutters, and the lawn overrun by weeds,  
                                   B                                   C  
 people passing by the old house assumed that  
                                   D  
 it was unoccupied. No error  
                                   E



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18. Until recently, most people entering politics feel that  
A B  
loss of privacy was a fair price to pay for the chance  
C D  
to participate in policy making. No error  
E
19. Only by tapping their last reserves of energy were the  
A B  
team members able to salvage what was beginning  
C D  
to look like a lost cause. No error  
E
20. When Doris Lessing published *The Golden Notebook*  
in 1962, it instantly established herself as one of  
A B C  
the most important literary voices of her generation.  
D  
No error  
E
21. Not many authors have described the effects  
A B  
of environmental pollution as effective as  
C  
Rachel Carson, whose work is still a model for  
D  
nature writers. No error  
E
22. It was a Chinese American grower who finally  
A  
succeeded with adapting the now familiar  
B C  
orange tree to the American climate. No error  
D E
23. The survey indicated that workers in the United States  
hope that his or her wages will keep pace with  
A B C  
the rising cost of living. No error  
D E
24. In Angkor, Cambodia's ancient city, a clever  
A  
designed reservoir, five miles long and one mile wide,  
supplied fish and helped farmers to produce  
B C D  
three crops of rice annually. No error  
E
25. Last summer, when Mary's aunt and uncle  
flew from Turkey to visit their relatives and tour  
A B  
the United States, Mary invited Sandhya and I to  
C  
her house to meet them. No error  
D E



26. Ongoing research by several scientists suggest that  
A B

regular periods of meditation reduce blood pressure  
C

and are likely to contribute to other improvements  
D

in health. No error  
E

27. Because the American Indian rodeo includes games

and exhibitions developed as early as the seventeenth  
A

century, they predate by a few hundred years  
B C

the form of rodeo now seen on television. No error  
D E

28. Five years in the writing, her new book is  
A

both a response to her critics' mistrust with  
B C

her earlier findings and an elaboration of her  
D

original thesis. No error  
E

29. Despite its cultural importance, the *Daily Gazette*  
A

lost 70 percent of its subscribers since 1920 and,  
B

by 1955, was losing as much as \$200,000 a year.  
C D

No error  
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) No one owns Antarctica. (2) The nations of the world agreed—some of them reluctantly—that all countries would share the continent for the purposes of scientific research. (3) Governed by the Antarctic Treaty, written in 1959 and adopted in 1961, which has been signed by 27 countries. (4) Another 17 countries have agreed to abide by the treaty in order to participate in research being done in Antarctica.

(5) In Antarctica, relations among the researchers and their countries are both simpler and more complicated than in the rest of the world. (6) Relations are simpler because each country has only a few scientists on this isolated continent. (7) Treaty clauses assure that the research there is nonmilitary. (8) On the other hand, when conflicts do arise, there is no clear process for dealing with them. (9) Decisions that can make or break the preservation of Antarctica's unique environment and its scientific opportunities depend on a political system designed to have nobody in command.

(10) Clear decision making has become a more urgent challenge as more tourists are attracted to Antarctica. (11) Scientists living on Antarctica were not always as careful to preserve the pristine environment as they are now. (12) Tour operators are working with treaty members to devise regulations, and there are plans to assess the environmental impacts of tours. (13) But regulations and assessment plans may prove difficult to settle on and enforce in a place where jurisdiction is unclear.

30. What must be done to sentence 3 ?

- (A) Combine it with sentence 2, putting a comma after "research".  
(B) Begin it with the words "Antarctica is".  
(C) Replace the comma after "1961" with a semicolon.  
(D) Place the words "it was" before "written".  
(E) Change "1961, which" to "1961. It".

31. What should be done with sentence 7 ?

  - (A) Change “assure” to “make sure”.
  - (B) Change “Treaty clauses” to “The clauses agreed to by the diverse countries represented there”.
  - (C) Place sentence 7 before sentence 6.
  - (D) Combine sentence 7 with sentence 6 by changing the period after “continent” to a comma.
  - (E) Combine sentence 7 with sentence 6 by changing “continent. Treaty” to “continent and also because treaty”.

32. In context, which is the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 9 (reproduced below) ?

*Decisions that can make or break the preservation of Antarctica’s unique environment and its scientific opportunities depend on a political system designed to have nobody in command.*

  - (A) create or destroy
  - (B) support or dispute
  - (C) be determined by
  - (D) be critical to
  - (E) be an adjustment to

33. The purpose of the second paragraph is to

  - (A) present a situation that has contradictory elements
  - (B) offer a solution to a problem discussed in the first paragraph
  - (C) present an argument and its final resolution
  - (D) examine a theory in light of new discoveries
  - (E) discuss a theory that will be refuted in the third paragraph

34. Which sentence should be deleted?

  - (A) 1
  - (B) 2
  - (C) 11
  - (D) 12
  - (E) 13

35. The third paragraph would be improved if which of the following sentences were added?

  - (A) Scientists collect ice cores by driving a hollow tube deep into the miles-thick ice sheets.
  - (B) If the West Antarctic ice sheet melted, global seas would rise by 15 to 20 feet.
  - (C) It is the driest place in the world, yet it contains 70 percent of Earth’s freshwater.
  - (D) One cruise ship encountered 30-foot waves all the way across the Drake Passage.
  - (E) Last year, more than 10,000 tourists visited Antarctica, bringing soiled boots, climbing gear, and trash to many locations.

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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.

# Correct Answers and Difficulty Levels

## Critical Reading

Section 4			Section 7			Section 8		
COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.			COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.			COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.		COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.
1. E 1		13. A 3	1. D 1		13. C 3	1. B 1		11. C 3
2. C 1		14. B 4	2. D 1		14. E 3	2. D 2		12. B 3
3. A 4		15. B 3	3. A 2		15. C 3	3. E 3		13. B 3
4. E 2		16. D 1	4. C 5		16. C 3	4. D 3		14. A 2
5. D 4		17. C 3	5. B 5		17. D 2	5. E 5		15. E 3
6. E 4		18. E 5	6. E 3		18. D 2	6. D 5		16. D 2
7. B 5		19. A 3	7. B 1		19. E 4	7. A 3		17. C 4
8. A 5		20. B 4	8. C 4		20. E 5	8. C 3		18. C 3
9. C 3		21. A 4	9. A 5		21. A 4	9. D 3		19. E 3
10. C 2		22. B 2	10. B 3		22. D 3	10. D 3		
11. A 2		23. D 3	11. B 5		23. B 3			
12. E 1		24. B 3	12. A 3		24. E 3			

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## Math

Section 2		Section 6			Section 9	
COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.	COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.	Multiple-Choice Questions COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.	Student-Produced Response Questions COR. ANS.	DIFF. LEV.	COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.	COR. DIFF. ANS. LEV.
1. D 1	11. E 3	1. A 1	9. 12	1	1. A 1	9. C 3
2. B 1	12. E 2	2. C 1	10. 2	2	2. B 1	10. A 3
3. D 1	13. E 3	3. B 2	11. $120 < x < 125$	2	3. D 1	11. D 3
4. C 1	14. A 4	4. B 2	12. 2035	3	4. C 1	12. E 4
5. B 2	15. A 4	5. A 3	13. 5	3	5. C 3	13. B 4
6. A 2	16. B 4	6. E 5	14. 89	3	6. A 2	14. C 4
7. A 2	17. B 5	7. E 4	15. $13/2$ or 6.5	4	7. D 3	15. C 5
8. C 3	18. D 4	8. A 4	16. $5/9$ , .555 or .556	4	8. E 3	16. E 5
9. C 3	19. C 5		17. 700	5		
10. D 2	20. D 5		18. 120	4		

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## Writing

Section 5				Section 10		
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1. D 1	10. E 3	19. E 3	28. C 5	1. C 1	6. B 2	11. A 3
2. C 1	11. C 3	20. A 3	29. B 5	2. C 1	7. E 1	12. C 4
3. A 1	12. B 1	21. C 3	30. B 3	3. A 1	8. D 3	13. E 5
4. E 1	13. E 3	22. B 3	31. E 3	4. C 2	9. A 3	14. E 5
5. C 1	14. C 2	23. B 3	32. D 3	5. B 1	10. D 3	
6. B 1	15. C 2	24. A 3	33. A 3			
7. E 2	16. E 3	25. C 4	34. C 4			
8. C 2	17. C 3	26. B 3	35. E 3			
9. A 2	18. B 3	27. B 4				

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**NOTE:** Difficulty levels are estimates of question difficulty for a reference group of college-bound seniors. Difficulty levels range from 1 (easiest) to 5 (hardest).

## SAT Score Conversion Table

Raw Score	Critical Reading Scaled Score	Math Scaled Score	Writing Multiple-Choice Scaled Score*	Raw Score	Critical Reading Scaled Score	Math Scaled Score	Writing Multiple-Choice Scaled Score*
67	800			31	510	560	54
66	800			30	500	550	54
65	800			29	500	540	53
64	780			28	490	530	52
63	760			27	480	530	51
62	750			26	480	520	50
61	730			25	470	510	49
60	720			24	460	500	48
59	710			23	460	490	47
58	700			22	450	480	47
57	690			21	450	470	46
56	680			20	440	460	45
55	670			19	430	450	44
54	660	800		18	430	440	43
53	650	800		17	420	430	42
52	640	780		16	410	420	41
51	640	760		15	410	420	41
50	630	740		14	400	410	40
49	620	730	80	13	390	400	39
48	610	720	78	12	380	390	38
47	610	710	75	11	380	380	37
46	600	700	73	10	370	370	36
45	590	690	71	9	360	360	35
44	590	680	69	8	350	350	34
43	580	670	67	7	340	330	33
42	580	660	66	6	330	320	32
41	570	650	65	5	320	310	31
40	560	640	64	4	310	290	30
39	560	630	62	3	300	280	28
38	550	620	61	2	280	260	27
37	540	620	60	1	270	240	25
36	540	610	59	0	250	210	24
35	530	600	58	-1	230	200	22
34	530	590	57	-2	210	200	20
33	520	580	56	-3	200	200	20
32	510	570	55	and below			

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\*The writing multiple-choice score is reported on a 20-80 scale. Use the table on the following page for the writing composite scaled score.