



SECTION 7

Time — 25 minutes

35 Questions

Turn to Section 7 (page 6) of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

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

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. Teddy bears comforted and amused children throughout the twentieth century, and it will be cherished to those born in the future as well.

- (A) it will be cherished to
- (B) they are still cherished to
- (C) it is still cherished by
- (D) being still cherished by
- (E) they will be cherished by

2. The film was full of suspense, this made Riya keep her hands gripped tightly to her seat.

- (A) The film was full of suspense, this made Riya keep her
- (B) The film, which was full of suspense, keeping Riya's
- (C) The suspenseful film made Riya keep her
- (D) Because of how suspenseful the film was, this is what kept Riya's
- (E) Being full of suspense, Riya found that the film made her keep her

3. In his old age, the painter James McNeill Whistler walked to the beach almost every day, and he was carrying a small easel and his paints in order to paint the sky, the water, and the shore.

- (A) and he was carrying
- (B) when he carries
- (C) where he carried
- (D) carrying
- (E) to carry

4. The ideas for songs, games, and skits that fill the *Cub Scout Leader's Guide* is invaluable for scout leaders when they try to find creative activities for the children.

- (A) is invaluable for scout leaders when they try to find creative activities
- (B) are invaluable for scout leaders trying to find creative activities
- (C) are those with the invaluable creative activities scout leaders try to find
- (D) for scout leaders trying to find creative activities, is invaluable
- (E) and which is invaluable for scout leaders who try to find creative activities



5. In researching an individual's life, the biographer must sift through facts, opinions, untruths, and different accounts of the same events.
- (A) different accounts of the same events
 - (B) different people telling different accounts of the same events
 - (C) events told in different ways by different people
 - (D) accounts about events that are different
 - (E) people that tell different accounts of events
6. Although talking while gesturing with one's hands was once considered undesirable, researchers have now found that to use gestures when you converse makes it easier for many people to think and speak.
- (A) to use gestures when you converse makes it easier for many people to think and speak
 - (B) to make thinking and speaking easier for many people during conversations you should use gesturing
 - (C) for the ease of many people during conversations one should gesture to think and speak
 - (D) using gestures during conversation makes thinking and speaking easier for many people
 - (E) thinking, as well as to speak, are easier for many people when gesturing while conversing
7. There is increasingly widespread reliance on electronic mail, some people still resist using it, especially those who prefer handwritten letters.
- (A) There is
 - (B) There are
 - (C) Because there are
 - (D) Although there is
 - (E) In that there is
8. The ancient Egyptians had a varied diet and ate no refined sugar, they did not suffer from the tooth decay associated with the consumption of processed sugar.
- (A) The ancient Egyptians had a varied diet and ate no refined sugar, they
 - (B) The ancient Egyptians, who had a varied diet and did not eat refined sugar, and
 - (C) With a varied diet and them not eating refined sugar, the ancient Egyptians
 - (D) What with a varied diet and being free of refined sugar, the ancient Egyptians
 - (E) Because the ancient Egyptians had a varied diet that was free of refined sugar, they
9. When visiting a rain forest, the preservation of the environment should be the tourist's concern.
- (A) the preservation of the environment should be the tourist's concern
 - (B) the environment and its preservation should be the tourist's concern
 - (C) the preservation of the environment should be what concerns tourists
 - (D) the tourist should be concerned with the preservation of the environment
 - (E) the tourist, regarding the preservation of the environment, should be concerned
10. Government regulations aimed at encouraging fuel economy requires automakers to produce one fuel-efficient vehicle for every inefficient one.
- (A) requires automakers to produce
 - (B) require automakers to produce
 - (C) require automakers producing
 - (D) that requires automakers to produce
 - (E) are requiring automakers producing
11. A severe northeastern storm struck Boston on New Year's Day, 1900, slowing down the loading of ships in the harbor, the city was caught off guard because of the Weather Bureau being closed for the holidays.
- (A) harbor, the city was caught off guard because of the Weather Bureau being closed for the holidays
 - (B) harbor, because the Weather Bureau was closed for the holidays, the city was caught off guard
 - (C) harbor; catching the city off guard because the Weather Bureau was closed for the holidays
 - (D) harbor; the city was caught off guard because the Weather Bureau was closed for the holidays
 - (E) harbor and catching the city off guard, which was caused by the Weather Bureau being closed for the holidays



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. Many years after Ernest Just received the NAACP's

Spingarn medal for his groundbreaking discoveries
A B
in cell biology, the nation issuing a postage stamp
C
to honor him . No error
D E

13. Many jazz enthusiasts would have to admit that

A
their having unjustly overlooked the music of
B C
Bennie Nawahi, who popularized the Hawaiian
D
steel guitar sound in the early 1930's. No error
E

14. Joseph Pulitzer, a Hungarian-born immigrant to the

A
United States and an innovator in the field of popular
B
journalism, who established the Pulitzer Prizes in
C D
journalism and literature. No error
E

15. Ethel Payne, the tough investigative reporter which
A
is well known for her coverage of the Civil Rights
B
movement, first received critical acclaim for a diary
C
she kept while living in Japan after the Second World
D
War. No error
E

16. By incorporating Pueblo figures into her
A
strongly geometric and abstract work is why
B C
Pueblo artist Helen Hardin has had a significant
impact on contemporary Native American art.
D
No error
E

17. There are a short but substantive list of
A B
major innovations in American education that
resulted from the efforts of mathematician
C D
Winifred Merrill. No error
E

18. The bus would not have had to take the long
A
detour instead of the main highway if the bridge
B
did not become treacherous in the aftermath of
C D
an ice storm. No error
E

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19. Although one of the most frequently taught of
A
William Faulkner's works, *Light in August* remains
B
one of the least understood, one of the hardest to bring
C
into either intellectual or aesthetic focus. No error
D E
20. By using electromagnetic sensors to record
A
the frequency of lightning strikes throughout
B
the United States, meteorologists have
determined that it occurs at the rate of
C D
2,000 per hour. No error
E
21. Despite research on the diagnosis of heart disease and
A
the use of increasingly sophisticated technology
B
in its treatment, the condition of coronary arteries is
C D
still difficult to assess precisely. No error
E
22. The African violet is among the most popular house-
A
plants because their flowers bloom throughout the
B
year and come in a wide array of colors. No error
C D E
23. No one but a fool would readily lend money to
A B
a person who is known to be a frequent gambler.
C D
No error
E
24. The plans proposed by the students for the home-
coming celebrations are perfectly clear and it is well
A B
within our budget; however, the plans are not likely
C
to be approved by the administration. No error
D E
25. It was obvious that all of the candidates had planned
carefully for the televised debate, for each answer to
A B C
the opening question showed evidence of having been
D
rehearsed. No error
E
26. For any mayor of a vast metropolitan area, an
A
understanding of current issues in all districts
B
is not only desirous but also vital. No error
C D E



27. Because of the exceptionally hilly terrain, the
A B
final miles of the racecourse were difficult for
C
the other runners and me . No error
D E
28. The seven-month-old baby was considered precocious
to her family because she was already able to grasp
A B
tiny items delicately between her thumb and
C D
forefinger. No error
E
29. To those of us who had heard the principal of
A B
the high school talk about the budget, the news
C
of the staff cuts was not surprising. 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 refer to the following passage.

(1) Many people believe that failure can be the source of success. (2) Although it may sound ludicrous to some, there is much truth to it, as those who have experienced such failures can attest. (3) To fail, one must first make an attempt. (4) In that attempt, experience expands, new ideas blossom, and viewpoints change. (5) And yet, even if one does not always accomplish what he or she sets out to do, one gains new knowledge from the attempt. (6) Taking medication, for example. (7) Drugs have to be tested and proven effective before being approved and dispensed. (8) Almost all drugs go through strict testing before approval and failing at least once. (9) Such trial and error is behind nearly every new idea and method. (10) The idea that success arises from failure is one of the basic truths behind the scientific method. (11) When a scientist collects data and forms a hypothesis, he or she hopes that the hypothesis is correct. (12) However, a result contradicting the educated guess can be just as welcome. (13) Even disappointing results can increase scientific knowledge. (14) A scientist who finds that a hypothesis is false can then try to develop a new one based on the information obtained.

30. In context, which is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 2 (reproduced below) ?

Although it may sound ludicrous to some, there is much truth to it, as those who have experienced such failures can attest.

- (A) (as it is now)
(B) to be told about it
(C) from the source
(D) to this sentiment
(E) to be perceived



31. Which of the following is the best version of sentence 3 (reproduced below) ?

To fail, one must first make an attempt.

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) To fail, you must first have been making an attempt.
- (C) In failing one must make an attempt first.
- (D) First, you must make an attempt to have failed.
- (E) One must make an attempt first, to fail.

32. In context, which of the following is the best replacement for “And yet” in sentence 5 ?

- (A) Nevertheless
- (B) In other words
- (C) However
- (D) In contrast
- (E) Supposedly

33. In context, which of the following is the best way to revise the underlined portion of sentences 6 and 7 (reproduced below) in order to combine the sentences?

Taking medication, for example. Drugs have to be tested and proven effective before being approved and dispensed.

- (A) Taking medication, one sees that drugs
- (B) One example is medication: drugs
- (C) Take as an example medication, for instance, drugs
- (D) We see medication as one example; it shows us that drugs
- (E) Regarding medication, drugs

34. Which of the following is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 8 (reproduced below) ?

Almost all drugs go through strict testing before approval and failing at least once.

- (A) (as it is now)
- (B) approval, failing
- (C) approval; failure occurring
- (D) approval; they failed
- (E) approval but they have failed

35. Which of the following is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 14 (reproduced below) ?

A scientist who finds that a hypothesis is false can then try to develop a new one based on the information obtained.

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) A scientist, finding a hypothesis is false, can have tried to develop
- (C) Finding a hypothesis as false, a scientist would try to develop
- (D) A false hypothesis can have a scientist now try to develop
- (E) Hypotheses that are false can teach a scientist; they develop

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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.