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Section 1: Error identification

INSTRUCTIONS

Find the mistakes in the following sentences.

If there is no mistake, choose option d) (no mistake).

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

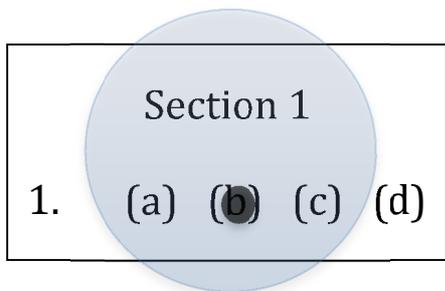
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e.g. 'Everyone knows that Osaka is more smaller than Tokyo.'

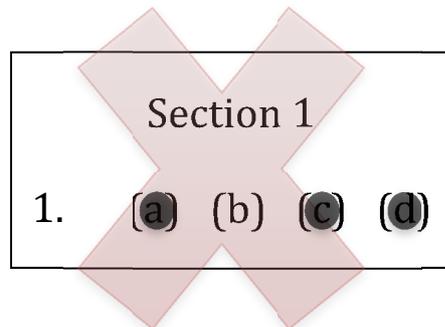
- a) Everyone knows
- b) more smaller
- c) than Tokyo
- d) no mistake

The answer is b (more smaller).

Mark your answer on the sheet provided as indicated below (on the left).



THE CORRECT WAY
FULL points



THE INCORRECT WAY
ZERO points

If you have a problem, please ask for help.

1) Your not the only one going to the swimming pool tomorrow.

- a) Your
- b) only one
- c) swimming pool
- d) no mistake

2) What time did you ate dinner when you were in America?

- a) What time
- b) ate
- c) when you were
- d) no mistake

3) I think that most people feel that Nara is a nicer place to visit than Osaka.

- a) I think that
- b) people feel that
- c) nicer place to visit
- d) no mistake

4) Which subjects do you think were the most beneficial for you at your school?

- a) Which subjects
- b) were the most
- c) beneficial for you
- d) no mistake

5) It seems highly unlikely that we be able to finish this assignment on time.

- a) highly unlikely
- b) we be able
- c) on time
- d) no mistake

Section 1: Error identification

6) The day before yesterday, I drove to the café in the corner of First Avenue and Second Street.

- a) The day before yesterday
- b) drove
- c) in the corner
- d) no mistake

7) The two containers have as same amount of water as each other.

- a) The two containers
- b) as same amount
- c) as each other
- d) no mistake

8) You weren't born in England, were you?

- a) You weren't
- b) born in
- c) were you?
- d) no mistake

9) After buying a reusable water bottle, Sally has less plastic bottles to recycle.

- a) buying
- b) reusable
- c) less plastic
- d) no mistake

10) Everyone's favorite teachers are in the English Department.

- a) Everyone's
- b) teachers are
- c) English Department
- d) no mistake

11) If a movie is popular it means that alot of people enjoyed watching the film.

- a) it means that
- b) alot
- c) enjoyed watching
- d) no mistake

12) By the time I arrived at the train station, the express train had already leave.

- a) By the time
- b) arrived at
- c) the express train already leave
- d) no mistake

13) My father is the man that has a beard and is wearing a blue sweater in the photo.

- a) My father is the man
- b) that has a beard
- c) wearing a blue sweater
- d) no mistake

14) There parents were not at the graduation ceremony because they had to attend a funeral.

- a) There parents
- b) at the graduation ceremony
- c) attend a funeral
- d) no mistake

15) If I had known that he spoke English too, I would have been able to tell him about my problem.

- a) If I had known
- b) I would have
- c) tell him about my problem
- d) no mistake

Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the appropriate word(s) to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

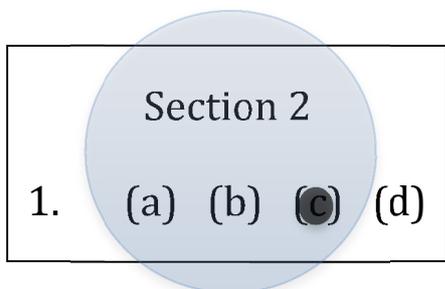
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e.g. 'Everyone knows that Osaka is _____ Tokyo.'

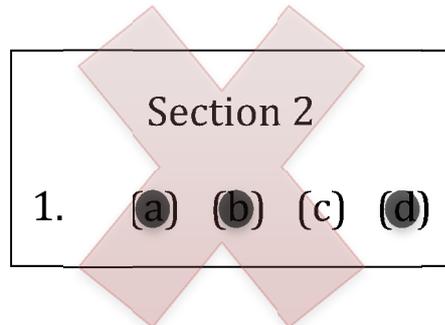
- a) not bigger as
- b) not same
- c) smaller than
- d) more small than

The answer is c (smaller than).

Mark your answer on the sheet provided as indicated below (on the left).



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1) I have to get my commuter pass renewed because it _____ tomorrow.

- a) activates
- b) conceives
- c) expires
- d) interferes

2) If you want to sew a shirt, you should _____ have a pattern.

- a) first
- b) firstly
- c) beginning
- d) and then

3) Once you have your supplies, _____ you can begin creating your project.

- a) than
- b) then
- c) after
- d) second

4) _____ bag is this?

- a) Who's
- b) Whose
- c) Which is
- d) What's

5) Once the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle are _____, it will make a beautiful picture.

- a) put all together
- b) put altogether
- c) together put
- d) made

Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

6) _____ it rained, she had brought an umbrella.

- a) In case
- b) Unfortunately
- c) As long as
- d) Even though

7) Lately, many people like to _____ pictures of their lives and post them on social media platforms like Instagram or Facebook.

- a) taking
- b) take
- c) took
- d) click

8) Even though there were only seven Harry Potter books, there are nine movies and they are probably _____ more.

- a) going to made many
- b) going to make much
- c) going to make many
- d) gonna make

9) The post office is _____ Fifth Avenue and Main Street.

- a) in the corner of
- b) with the corner of
- c) on the corner of
- d) at the corner

10) Nowadays, movies have amazingly _____.

- a) realistic special affects
- b) realistic special effects
- c) real special effect
- d) realistic special effect

11) I know someone _____ amateur ballroom dancer.

- a) whose cousin is an
- b) who's cousin is an
- c) whose brother is a
- d) who's related to a

12) English is confusing because _____ variety of other languages such as Latin and Greek.

- a) its roots come from a
- b) its origins are a mixture of
- c) the words are derived
- d) the words are from

13) Mayflies have the shortest lives of any insect, most of which die within a day while _____ live for up to half an hour.

- a) a few only
- b) many only
- c) few of them
- d) sometimes

14) With all of the hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and more, people were often surrounded by different _____ and had trouble figuring out which was most important to them.

- a) crisis
- b) crises
- c) crises
- d) crisi

15) Bitcoin is a digital currency that works without banks or administrators. In 2017, the value of this currency _____. Despite this, overall its value has risen considerably.

- a) grew in value steadily
- b) has dropped in value, and is expected to continue dropping in value
- c) has increased in value dramatically
- d) fluctuated wildly throughout the year

Section 3: Choosing the best response to the prompt

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the best response to the prompt.

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

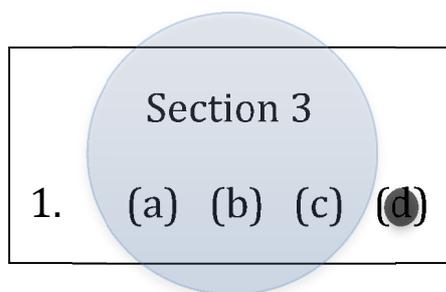
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e.g. 'Which city is bigger, Osaka or Tokyo?'

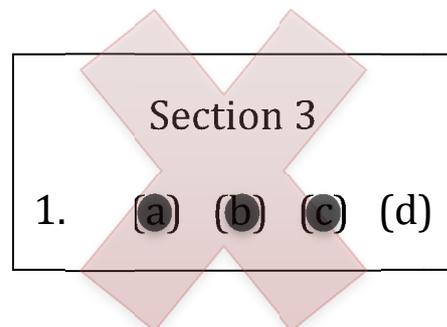
- a) Osaka is not as big as New York.
- b) The city is bigger.
- c) Osaka and Tokyo are bigger than Nagoya.
- d) Tokyo is bigger than Osaka.

The answer is d (Tokyo is bigger than Osaka).

Mark your answer on the sheet provided as indicated below (on the left).



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If you have a problem, please ask for help.

1) The teacher from America told us he gets homesick around Christmas time.

- a) The teacher gets sick from eating too much at Christmas parties.
- b) The teacher had to go home because he got sick in America.
- c) Christmas in America made the teacher sick.
- d) The teacher misses his family back in America around Christmas time.

2) You don't know where the homeroom teacher is, do you?

- a) Yes, I don't know where she is.
- b) No, I don't know where she is.
- c) No, I do know where our homeroom is.
- d) Yes, no one knows where the homeroom teacher is now.

3) How long will it take for you to finish all of your assignments?

- a) The deadline is next Friday.
- b) Our teacher didn't tell us when it was due.
- c) I was assigned my work a long time ago.
- d) I'm not sure how long it will take.

4) If you won a million dollars, what would you do with the money?

- a) If I won the money, I would give it all to charity.
- b) When I win a million dollars, I will buy my family a new house.
- c) I have never won a million dollars.
- d) If I won a million dollars, I go crazy.

5) The Japanese government has announced that gasoline prices will increase next year.

- a) Higher fuel prices will stimulate the purchase of bigger, gas-guzzling cars.
- b) There will be many happy drivers in Japan.
- c) Although it is more expensive, people are driving less.
- d) Drivers are already complaining about the cost of driving.

6) Why do you want to enroll at Nishiyamato Gakuen?

- a) Nishiyamato Gakuen is close to Tokyo so I want to be a student there.
- b) Nishiyamato Gakuen has a good reputation and I want to go to a 'super-science' school.
- c) My parents want to me to go to high school.
- d) Nishiyamato Gakuen doesn't need students to enroll at the school.

7) In 2016, Donald Trump won the US Presidential election with a total 279 Electoral College votes. Counterintuitively, this didn't mean more people voted for him than Hillary Clinton.

- a) According to independent analysis of the election, Hillary Clinton had almost 3 million more votes.
- b) More people voted for Donald Trump, as evidenced by his victory in the Electoral College.
- c) Donald Trump had an overwhelming majority of the popular vote and Electoral College vote.
- d) The results of the election were a reflection of the popular vote.

8) Galileo is one of the most famous figures in science. During his time, his work was quite controversial as his model of the universe contradicted the Catholic Church-backed view of the world.

- a) The agreement between the Church and his model led to mainstream adoption of his theories.
- b) Everyone at the time agreed that his model, like Copernicus, was the correct way to view the world.
- c) Galileo helped the Church persecute other heretics who dared to challenge their wisdom.
- d) Galileo's model had the Earth revolving around the sun, while the Church disapproved of this theory.

9) Kazuo Ishiguro won the 2017 Nobel Prize for literature. He was born in Japan but he grew up in England. He reportedly said that he was touched by the reaction of the people in Japan about his victory.

- a) He never felt a connection to Japan because he left Japan when he was just 5 years old.
- b) It touched a nerve with him that people in Japan weren't happy with his success.
- c) He thought that Japanese people could feel proud of his victory.
- d) His victory was not widely reported by the Japanese press because he grew up in England, not Japan.

10) Kim Jong Un has repeatedly threatened other countries with some aggressive military actions. However, some pundits are doubtful that his sabre-rattling will amount to much.

- a) These pundits don't believe that Kim Jong Un can be reasoned with and that he will attack soon.
- b) These experts believe that Kim Jong Un's rhetoric and actions will not result in war.
- c) They are worried that his actions will precipitate further military action and maybe even war.
- d) These pundits are scared that Kim Jong Un will launch missiles at neighboring countries like Japan.

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Reading Comprehension

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the passages carefully and answer the questions on the following page.

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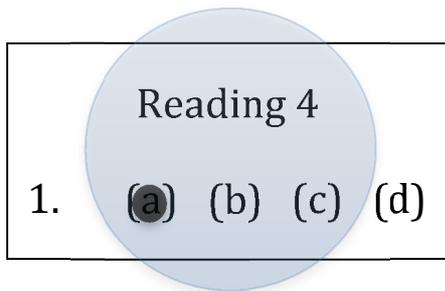
1 Osaka is a large city about 500 kilometers from Tokyo. It is bigger than other cities in the region but it still is much smaller than Tokyo.

e.g. 'Which sentence best summarizes the content of the passage?'

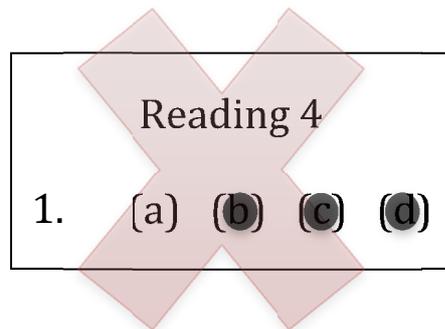
- a) Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo.
- b) Cities in Japan are large.
- c) Tokyo is a wonderful city.
- d) Osaka isn't particularly far from Tokyo.

The answer is a (Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo).

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Reading A

The Watergate Scandal

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. The Watergate scandal was a major event that occurred in American history during the administration of the Republican president Richard Nixon. The term "Watergate" refers to the Watergate office complex in Washington DC where, in 1972, the national committee of the Democratic party - the rival party to the Republicans - had its headquarters. The Watergate scandal not only refers to the break-in at the headquarters, but also to the other illegal activities conducted by the Nixon administration.
2. The 1960s was a tumultuous period in American politics. By the end of the decade, the optimism that had characterized the early part of the 60s was withering away. There were many high-level assassinations as well as bitter confrontations between ordinary citizens and authorities about civil rights and war. In 1972, Richard Nixon was running for re-election, and the US was enmeshed in the Vietnam War - one of the most controversial conflicts in US history. Nixon and his advisers knew that an aggressive campaign was called for. Ultimately, this campaign would resort to illegal espionage.
3. In the early hours of June 17, 1972, a group of burglars attempting to wiretap phones and steal documents from the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate building was arrested. These criminals were found to have connections with the Committee to Re-Elect the President (derisively termed "CREEP" by Nixon opponents). Historians are still divided about whether or not Nixon ordered the break-in. What is not up for debate, however, is that Nixon attempted to cover up the crime, both by destroying evidence and by pressuring the CIA to prevent the Federal Bureau of Investigation from investigating Watergate. This was "obstruction of justice," a much more serious crime than the original break-in. The Washington Post played a key role in shedding light on Nixon's activities.
4. Much of the Watergate scandal's controversy centered around the Oval Office tapes - recordings of every conversation Nixon had had in the White House. He initially refused to provide these recordings to the court, but eventually he was ordered to do so. These tapes provided clear evidence of his involvement in the scandal, and just before certain impeachment in the US senate, Nixon resigned. His successor Gerald Ford pardoned the former president, and Nixon lived out the remainder of his life in California, dying in 1994.
5. The Watergate Scandal contributed a great deal to the souring of public trust in the American political system and in its politicians. Indeed, this atmosphere of cynicism and distrust has continued to the present day. In 2017, for example, many Americans compared Trump's relationship with the FBI (investigating Russian collusion in the 2016 election) to Nixon's hostile attitude towards Watergate investigators in the 1970s.

Questions

1. Which of the following best summarizes the reading?

- a) America has completely recovered from the Watergate scandal.
- b) Richard Nixon is still involved in politics today.
- c) The negative effects of the Watergate scandal continue today.
- d) The decade of the 1970s was an optimistic period in American history

2. Which of the following sentences about the first paragraph is false?

- a) "Watergate" is the name of a building and an event.
- b) The Watergate scandal occurred when Nixon was president.
- c) The Nixon administration was involved in Watergate.
- d) The Democrats and Republicans were not political competitors.

3. Which of the following sentences about the third paragraph is true?

- a) After Watergate, Nixon did some unacceptable things related to the break-in.
- b) The Watergate burglars stole money from the Democrats.
- c) The acronym "CREEP" was a joke among Nixon's friends.
- d) Richard Nixon definitely ordered the Watergate break-in.

4. Which sentence best describes the end of Richard Nixon's political career?

- a) He died in office.
- b) He was impeached by the Senate.
- c) He decided to quit the presidency.
- d) He was fired by Gerald Ford.

5. According to the final paragraph, what is the effect of the Watergate scandal?

- a) There has been no major impact.
- b) There was a rise in political optimism in the 1980s.
- c) Americans are more suspicious of their politicians.
- d) It created an opportunity for the rise of Trump.

Reading B

The Tomb of Tutankhamun

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. The pharaohs of ancient Egypt were like kings, but the ancient Egyptians viewed them as gods. After these pharaohs died, they were buried in elaborate tombs, often inside pyramids containing paintings, writing, and exquisite treasure. In the 19th century, archaeologists from all over the world were becoming increasingly interested in Egypt, and some of them uncovered these tombs and the treasures hidden within.
2. As a child, British archaeologist Howard Carter had grown up beside the Amherst mansion, a building containing a large number of valuable ancient Egyptian antiquities. These mysterious treasures sparked Carter's interest in ancient Egypt, and this boyhood fascination continued to fuel his yearning for discovery after he arrived in Egypt in 1891. Before Carter arrived, many of the ancient tombs had either already been located by other archaeologists, or they had been stripped of their treasures by looters. Carter, however, was convinced that at least one tomb remained - that of a pharaoh named Tutankhamun, colloquially known as "King Tut," who lived around 1400BC and who died before reaching adulthood.
3. Carter searched for the tomb of King Tut for many years, and at one point he had to convince Lord Carnarvon, his financial backer, to continue providing funds despite the seemingly obvious likelihood of failure. Nevertheless, in 1922, Carter and his team found secret steps near the entrance to another tomb. Carter and his men followed these steps to a doorway which bore the name "Tutankhamun." They opened the door and found that it still remained untouched after thousands of years. They explored the interior chambers, and in February of 1923 they opened the door of the last chamber.
4. The first item they saw in this chamber was an elaborate sarcophagus that had three coffins, one inside the other. Inside the smallest coffin was the mummified corpse of King Tut. The mummy was perfectly preserved - the first such one ever discovered. This was a valuable find, but the explorers also found statues, jewelry, and clothing. Nearly everything was perfectly preserved. It was an incredible find.
5. The items inside this final chamber were carefully catalogued and removed for inclusion in a traveling exhibition called "Treasures of Tutankhamun." For many years after the discovery, rumors persisted about the "Curse of the Pharaohs." Fueled by newspaper gossip, the rumors suggested that many of the explorers who had uncovered the tomb of King Tut had died unexpectedly after their discovery. This was said to be "revenge" for disturbing the king's afterlife. These rumors have more basis in imagination than in reality, however. Twelve years after the tomb was entered, only 8 of the 58 explorers had died. Carter himself died of lymphoma in 1939.

Questions

1. Which of the following best summarizes the first paragraph?

- a) The pharaohs of Egypt were a source of fascination for archaeologists.
- b) We know almost nothing about the ancient pharaohs.
- c) All of the treasures of ancient Egypt have been stolen.
- d) Nobody is interested in ancient Egypt these days.

2. Which of the following statements about the second paragraph is true?

- a) Lord Carnarvon tried to prevent Carter from succeeding.
- b) Carter never learned about the tomb of King Tut.
- c) Carter's interest in Egypt began when he was a child.
- d) Carter visited Egypt as a child.

3. Which of the following statements about the third paragraph is false?

- a) Carter nearly had to give up his search for Tutankhamun's tomb.
- b) It is unlikely that anyone visited King Tut's tomb before Carter.
- c) Tutankhamun's tomb was not easy to find.
- d) Carter and his men were never able to locate the tomb of King Tut.

4. Which of the following is not mentioned in the fourth paragraph?

- a) The mummified body was in excellent condition.
- b) Tutankhamun's coffin was sealed within other coffins.
- c) Besides Tutankhamun's body, there were other interesting finds.
- d) Tutankhamun's brain had been removed.

5. Which of the following best summarizes the final paragraph?

- a) All of the members of the King Tut archaeological team died soon after the discovery.
- b) The "Curse of the Pharaohs" is likely untrue.
- c) Many newspapers praised Carter and his discovery.
- d) Carter had many health problems after visiting Egypt.

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