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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.

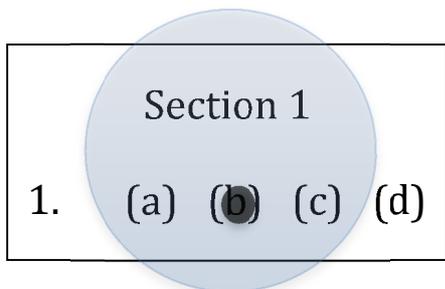
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

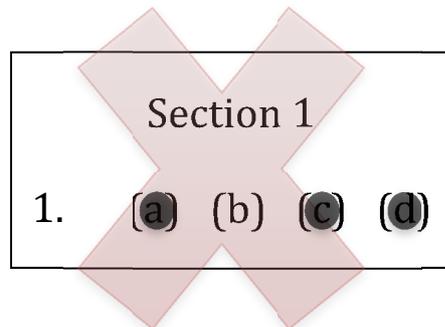
- a) Everyone knows
- b) more smaller
- c) than Tokyo
- d) no mistake

The answer is b (more smaller).

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



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ZERO points

If you have a problem, please ask for help.

1) I have five people in my families. My mother, father, my twin sisters and me.

- a) I have five
- b) my families
- c) my twin sisters and me
- d) no mistake

2) My hobbies are watching movies, listening to music and playing karate.

- a) My hobbies are
- b) listening to music
- c) playing karate
- d) no mistake

3) You don't like the strawberry ice cream from that restaurant? Me too neither!

- a) don't like the
- b) from that restaurant?
- c) Me too neither!
- d) no mistake

4) The bullet train stopped at the station for at least a hour.

- a) stopped
- b) at the station
- c) a hour
- d) no mistake

5) I think Tokyo is much more bigger than Kobe.

- a) much
- b) more
- c) than
- d) no mistake

Section 1: Error identification

6) I had to stay at school until 6pm so I went back to home late.

- a) I had to stay
- b) so I went
- c) to home
- d) no mistake

7) How do you spelling your last name?

- a) How
- b) you spelling
- c) last name
- d) no mistake

8) When I went to New Zealand, I saw many sheeps in the countryside.

- a) When I went
- b) many sheeps
- c) countryside
- d) no mistake

9) I have been living in Osaka since I was nine years old.

- a) have been living
- b) since
- c) was nine years old
- d) no mistake

10) The hospital is between the post office and the veterinary clinic.

- a) hospital
- b) between
- c) veterinary clinic
- d) no mistake

11) The most cheapest way to go to Himeji is by train.

- a) most
- b) way to go
- c) by train
- d) no mistake

12) Yesterday, I taked off my jacket and left it in the gymnasium.

- a) taked off
- b) left it
- c) the gymnasium
- d) no mistake

13) The teacher told me that I shouldn't use katakana when taking notes in English class.

- a) told me
- b) shouldn't use
- c) taking notes in English class
- d) no mistake

14) When I got to my class, the teacher had already started the lesson.

- a) When I got
- b) had already
- c) started the lesson
- d) no mistake

15) I was so embarrassing! I forgot to bring my project to school.

- a) embarrassing
- b) forgot
- c) my project to school
- 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.

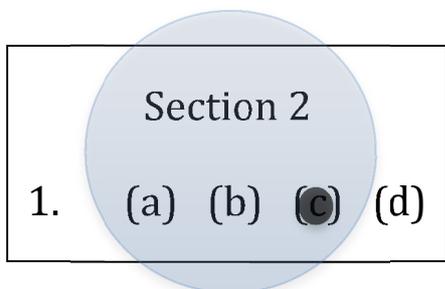
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e.g. 'Everyone knows that Osaka is _____ Tokyo.'

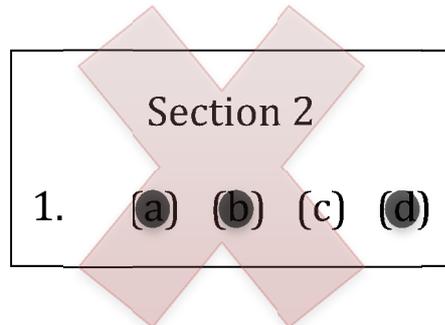
- a) not bigger as
- b) not same
- c) smaller than
- d) more small than

The answer is c (smaller than).

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



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1) Singapore is one of the cities which _____ experience extreme weather changes.

- a) is
- b) am
- c) are
- d) will

2) _____ pencil case is this?

- a) Whose
- b) Who's
- c) What's
- d) Where's

3) I can't believe you _____ my parents last night!

- a) spoke
- b) call
- c) called
- d) calling

4) The team was happy _____ the game at 2-2!

- a) to tie
- b) to win
- c) to lose
- d) to defeat

5) Jessica _____ her glasses so she cannot see the blackboard.

- a) has losed
- b) had losed
- c) has lost
- d) have lost

Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

6) Texas is so big! It's _____ Hokkaido!

- a) more bigger than
- b) much bigger than
- c) as bigger as
- d) the biggest

7) I _____ my teeth at least twice a day.

- a) brush
- b) blush
- c) brush off
- d) blush at

8) _____, I won't be able to go to your birthday party this year.

- a) Understandingly
- b) Unfortunately
- c) Regretting
- d) Remorse

9) I _____ late to school today because I have a test in the morning!

- a) have to be
- b) has to be
- c) ought to be
- d) mustn't be

10) I'm so tired today. I _____ got any sleep last night.

- a) awfully
- b) barely
- c) sometimes
- d) a little

11) How long _____ in Japan?

- a) have you live
- b) are you stay
- c) have you been living
- d) is you living

12) Where is the clock? It's not _____ today.

- a) on the wall
- b) in the wall
- c) above the wall
- d) front of the wall

13) I _____ what the answer is to that question.

- a) am certain that
- b) am knowing
- c) am not know
- d) am not really sure

14) The 2020 Tokyo Olympics will _____ of money to host.

- a) spend a huge
- b) take a large number
- c) be requiring a massive
- d) cost a considerable amount

15) We are going on a school trip to NAIST today. NAIST _____ the Nara Institute of Science and Technology.

- a) is meaning
- b) stands for
- c) is short
- d) representing

Section 3: Choosing the best response to the prompt

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the best response to the prompt.

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

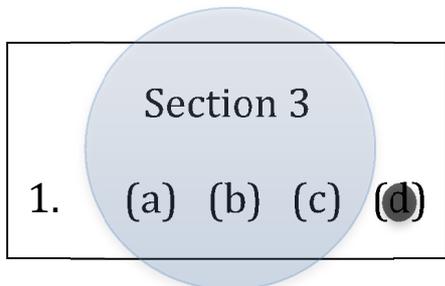
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

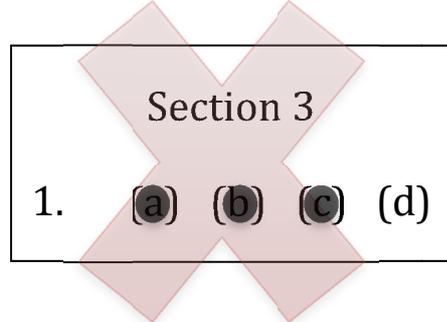
- a) Osaka is not as big as New York.
- b) The city is bigger.
- c) Osaka and Tokyo are bigger than Nagoya.
- d) Tokyo is bigger than Osaka.

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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1) How long have you lived in Nara?

- a) I have been living in Namba for a long time.
- b) I haven't lived in Nara for 5 years.
- c) I have lived in Nara for 6 months.
- d) I was there for an hour.

2) Do you have any siblings?

- a) No, I just have a brother.
- b) Yes, I have a brother and a sister.
- c) Yes, I'm an only child.
- d) No, both my brothers are older than me.

3) Where do you live in Japan?

- a) I lived there for 11 years.
- b) I was born in Nara city.
- c) I do live in Nara.
- d) I live in Ikoma, between Nara and Osaka.

4) How was the school festival? Did you enjoy it?

- a) The birthday party was great! I really enjoyed it.
- b) I wasn't able to go because I was sick.
- c) It was on Saturday and Sunday last week.
- d) Yes, I went to the festival.

5) Have you ever climbed Mount Fuji?

- a) No, I have ever climbed Mount Fuji.
- b) No, I have never climbed Mount Everest.
- c) Yes, I have ever climbed Mount Fuji.
- d) Yes, I climbed it last summer with my parents.

6) You didn't fail the history test, did you?

- a) Yes, I didn't fail.
- b) Yes, I failed the math test.
- c) No, I didn't fail the test.
- d) Of course not! I failed every test.

7) Do you have as much free time as your younger sister?

- a) I don't have as much free time as her.
- b) We don't have as much free time.
- c) She has as many free time as me.
- d) Her free time is much as mine.

8) Do you have to do any housework?

- a) The house is already working.
- b) I don't work on the house.
- c) Yes, I have many homeworks to do.
- d) No, I don't have to do any chores.

9) Nishiyamoto Gakuen is not a very old school but has managed to grow quickly in a very short amount of time.

- a) It was founded 350 years ago and it is the largest school in Kansai.
- b) Nishiyamoto Gakuen has shrunk considerably in size since it was established in 1986.
- c) It was established in 1986 and has both a Junior High School and a Senior High School.
- d) Nishiyamoto Gakuen is a prestigious, though relatively small school with a very long history.

10) Matthew Calbraith Perry played a leading role in the successful opening up of Japan. He was told by the American President to open the Japanese ports to American trade.

- a) He was unable to successfully start trade relations with Japan.
- b) He decided to turn back when it was clear that Japan would not open itself to outside trade.
- c) Japan resumed trade with the United States and other countries after his visit to Japan.
- d) He successfully helped close off Japan to outside trade.

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Reading Comprehension

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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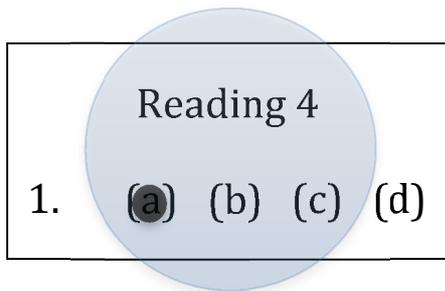
1 Osaka is a large city about 500 kilometers from Tokyo. It is bigger than other cities in the region but it still is much smaller than Tokyo.

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

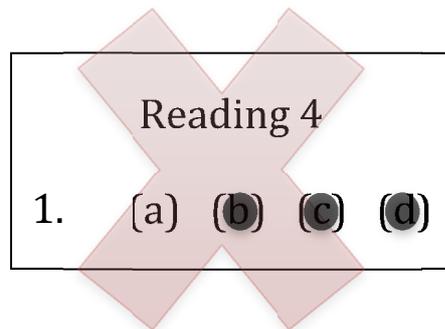
- a) Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo.
- b) Cities in Japan are large.
- c) Tokyo is a wonderful city.
- d) Osaka isn't particularly far from Tokyo.

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

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Reading A

Mount Everest

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. Mount Everest is the world's tallest mountain. No single country can lay claim to Everest. In fact, the border between Nepal and the autonomous region of Tibet runs across its summit. For five years, between 2005 and 2010, there was an argument between China and Nepal regarding the actual height of Everest. China claimed that the rock height should be used, and Nepal wanted to use the snow height. Eventually, the height of the mountain was established as 8,848 meters, but Nepal recognizes that the rock height is 4 meters less. There are a variety of names for Everest, and so when the time came to choose an English name, a British surveyor in India chose to use the name of his predecessor, Sir George Everest.

2. Several people have achieved international fame climbing Everest's lofty peak. Perhaps the most famous among these is Sir Edmund Hillary – a beekeeper from New Zealand who, along with his Nepalese sherpa Tenzing Norgay in 1953, was the first recorded climber to reach the summit. Although Hillary always claimed that he and his sherpa reached the summit simultaneously, Norgay later wrote in his journals that Hillary was the first to set foot on the top. After this climb, Hillary was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. His climbing career was not very long, however, because he discovered that he was susceptible to altitude sickness.

3. Another famous name in Everest climbing lore is Reinhold Messner, an Italian. Some claim that Messner is the greatest of the Everest climbers because he managed to do so without the use of supplemental oxygen. He felt that using oxygen to climb was a form of "cheating." Before his ascent, many doctors claimed that oxygen canisters were necessary because the thin air near the summit would lead to such severe altitude sickness that organ damage would result. Messner defied these warnings, and he also successfully made it to the summit of each of the world's 14 tallest peaks of over 8,000 meters.

4. Not all attempts to reach the summit of Everest end in tales of glory, however. Every year there are multiple deaths due to avalanches, sudden blizzards, and crevasses. Overcrowding is also an issue. Inexperienced climbers and guides pose a danger to themselves and others on the slopes. In recent years, this problem has become particularly pronounced as more and more people want to conquer the mountain. The statistics speak for themselves: in 1990, 72 people made it to the summit, where as in 2016 there were 641 who did so. Everest clearly appeals to the human desire to face and overcome great obstacles.

Questions

1. Which of the following does this essay describe?

- a) the dangers of climbing Everest
- b) the general location of Everest
- c) great climbers who have climbed Everest
- d) all of the above

2. According to the first paragraph, which of the following is true?

- a) Mount Everest is completely within the borders of Nepal.
- b) The rock height of Everest is 8848 meters.
- c) There was a dispute about the height of Everest.
- d) none of the above

3. According to the second paragraph, what words perhaps best describe Tenzing Norgay's character?

- a) honest and tough
- b) funny and relaxed
- c) highly competitive
- d) lazy but intelligent

4. Why was Reinhold Messner special?

- a) He was the first person to climb Everest.
- b) He was the first person to climb Everest without oxygen.
- c) He has climbed all the major mountains in Asia.
- d) He was Sir Edmund Hillary's teacher.

5. What is the general purpose of the final paragraph?

- a) to describe the dark side of climbing Everest
- b) to explain what happened in 1990 on the peak of Everest
- c) to describe the health benefits of climbing Everest
- d) to describe problems famous climbers have had

Reading B

Ultramarathons

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. Everyone has heard of marathons, but have you ever heard of an ultramarathon? An ultramarathon, or "ultra," by definition, is any foot race that is longer than 42.195 km – the distance for a standard marathon. There are two basic types of ultramarathons. The first one covers a set distance – usually 50 kms or 100 kms. The second type of ultramarathon takes place within a time limit – often 12 hours or 24 hours. There are even multi-day events. In this second category of ultramarathons, the athlete who covers the most distance will claim victory. Some of these races take place on paved roads, but others are held on rugged terrain, high elevation, or even in inclement weather. Many countries around the world have their own ultramarathon organizations, including Japan.
2. Naturally, completing an ultramarathon is an extremely challenging endeavor. Some ultras, however, are especially difficult. Take Peru's famous Jungle Ultra, for example. Although the run is mainly downhill, the 230 km course winds its way through the Amazon rain forest. Not only is the humidity brutal, but there are plenty of bugs looking to bite. If you think this is bad, you may not have heard of the Badwater Ultra. This 220 km race is held every year in Death Valley - the hottest location in the United States. This race also takes place in July, the hottest month. To make matters worse, Badwater ultramarathoners have to cross two mountain ranges. Other famous ultramarathons have extremely provocative names: there is the Hardrock 100, the Grand to Grand Ultra, and don't forget Greece's notorious Spartathlon.
3. One of the most famous ultramarathoners is a man named Karl Meltzer. In 2016, he set the record for running the Appalachian Trail. Meltzer, 48, covered the 3,525 kilometers in 14 states in 45 days, 22 hours, and 38 minutes. Meltzer has also won 38 160-kilometer ultramarathons – this is more than anyone else in the world. Although some ultramarathoners are extremely careful about their diets, Meltzer is not. Most of his runs are fueled by a steady intake of pizza, chocolate bars, bacon, and energy drinks. Once his crew found him asleep on the Appalachian Trail run, and they gave him a pint of ice cream to get him back on his feet.
4. People are likely drawn to ultramarathons for a variety of reasons. Some might like the challenge and the bragging rights, others might want to achieve peak levels of physical fitness. To be sure though, ultramarathons must take a heavy toll on the bodies of the runners. Some develop knee problems, and others have had a heart attack mid-run. Nevertheless, the feeling of accomplishment when you reach the finish line must be incredible. Would you like to try an ultramarathon?

Questions

1. What is the main purpose of this article?
 - a) to describe the health benefits of ultramarathons
 - b) to give a brief introduction about ultramarathons
 - c) to explain why ultramarathons may be harmful
 - d) none of the above

2. Which of the following statements about the first paragraph is false?
 - a) Not all ultramarathons take place on paved roads.
 - b) There are two basic types of ultramarathons.
 - c) An ultramarathon could be shorter than a marathon.
 - d) Japan has an ultramarathon organization.

3. According to the second section, what is the "Badwater Ultra"?
 - a) an ultramarathon that is held in uncomfortable weather conditions
 - b) an ultramarathon that goes through the jungle
 - c) one of the world's easiest ultramarathons
 - d) a run that is 10 times as long as a typical marathon

4. Which of the following is not mentioned in the third paragraph?
 - a) Karl Meltzer's running achievements
 - b) Karl Meltzer's diet
 - c) Karl Meltzer's running philosophy
 - d) a possibly funny experience that Karl Meltzer had

5. What is the main purpose of the final paragraph?
 - a) to warn the reader against doing ultramarathons
 - b) to discuss the possible results of doing an ultramarathon
 - c) to describe the writer's own experience doing ultramarathons
 - d) to explain why ultramarathons are becoming more popular in America

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