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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.

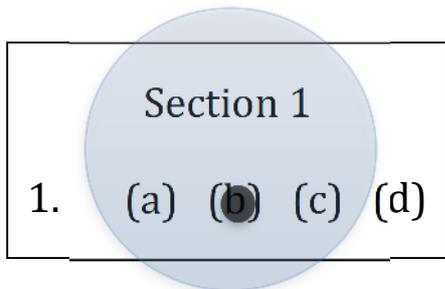
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

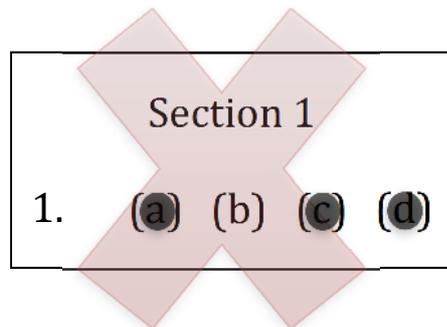
- a) Everyone knows
- b) more smaller
- c) than Tokyo
- d) no mistake

The answer is b (more smaller).

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



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If you have a problem, please ask for help.

1) Where have you been all this time? We were worry about you.

- a) have you been
- b) all this time
- c) worry about you
- d) no mistake

2) I spent very much money on my new guitar. It was the most expensive one in the store!

- a) very much money
- b) the most expensive
- c) one in the store
- d) no mistake

3) They're not as good as the other baseball team in Hokkaido.

- a) They're
- b) as good as
- c) other baseball team
- d) no mistake

4) The hurricane did a significantly amount of damage to the school gym.

- a) The hurricane did
- b) significantly amount
- c) damage to the school gym
- d) no mistake

5) The results of the school election are in. Kosuke will be the new student body president.

- a) school election are in
- b) will be
- c) student body president
- d) no mistake

## Section 1: Error identification

6) We're not going to play baseball in the rain, aren't we?

- a) We're
- b) play baseball in the rain
- c) aren't we?
- d) no mistake

7) The teacher had the students clean the classroom before the bell sounded.

- a) had the students
- b) clean the classroom
- c) bell sounded
- d) no mistake

8) Your going to an American high school for a year? How exciting!

- a) Your going
- b) for a year
- c) How exciting!
- d) no mistake

9) The new teacher is awfully strict on his students. He won't allow anyone to talk back to him.

- a) awfully strict
- b) won't allow anyone
- c) talk back to him
- d) no mistake

10) We had too many homeworks to do during our summer vacation. We didn't really have a break!

- a) too many homeworks
- b) during our summer vacation
- c) really have a break!
- d) no mistake

11) Recently, our new English teacher went to Mexico for there spring vacation.

- a) Recently
- b) went to
- c) there spring vacation
- d) no mistake

12) I'm nearly always at home on the weekend. I hardly ever go out.

- a) nearly always
- b) hardly ever
- c) go out
- d) no mistake

13) Ken cheated the test and he managed to get away with it.

- a) cheated the test
- b) managed
- c) get away with it
- d) no mistake

14) Just in case something bad happens while we're on holiday, my mother buys travel insurance.

- a) Just in case
- b) while we're on holiday
- c) buys travel insurance
- d) no mistake

15) My sister got married with an American. They have two kids now and are living happily in the U.S.

- a) got married with
- b) have two kids
- c) living happily
- 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.

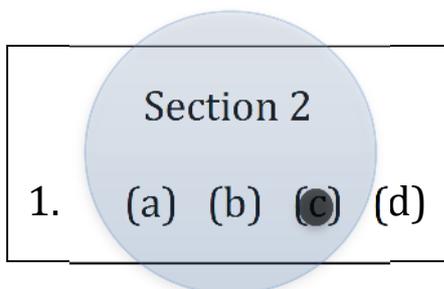
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e.g. 'Everyone knows that Osaka is \_\_\_\_\_ Tokyo.'

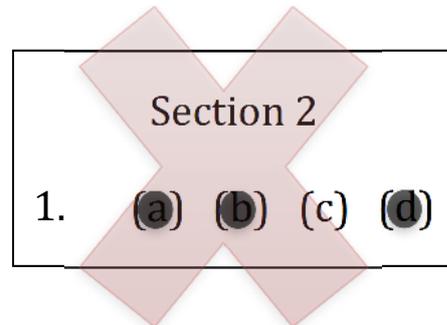
- a) not bigger as
- b) not same
- c) smaller than
- d) more small than

The answer is c (smaller than).

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1) \_\_\_\_\_ all of my friends have been to Tokyo Disneyland.

- a) Every
- b) More
- c) Nearly
- d) Most

2) Jane is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ of spiders!

- a) terrified
- b) scary
- c) feared
- d) frightful

3) \_\_\_\_\_ I got to the station, the train had already left.

- a) In the time
- b) By the time
- c) When arriving
- d) Upon the time

4) The population of Nara \_\_\_\_\_ the population of Tokyo.

- a) is not even close
- b) is more smaller than
- c) is not nearly the same size as
- d) is quite a bit larger

5) While I was hiking I stumbled \_\_\_\_\_ an ancient burial ground.

- a) above
- b) to
- c) for
- d) upon

## Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

6) My homework assignment is due very soon! I have \_\_\_\_\_ Friday to hand it in!

- a) since
- b) to
- c) until
- d) by

7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the possible consequences, he decided to try to cheat on the exam.

- a) Despite
- b) Even though
- c) Adherent
- d) Regardless

8) My sister got married in Canada last year. My new \_\_\_\_\_ is from Toronto.

- a) husband
- b) cousin
- c) brother-in-law
- d) blood relative

9) Many doctors recommend that \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

- a) people get at least 8 hours of sleep
- b) exercise be a regular part of the daily routine
- c) eating an apple a day keeps the dentist away
- d) be careful about their diet and alcohol consumption

10) The Avogadro constant \_\_\_\_\_ that are contained in one mole.

- a) is the number of constituent particles
- b) was named after a scientist
- c) has been used in chemistry and physics for many years and
- d) required for chemical reaction

11) The teacher wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ student had delivered the best presentation.

- a) qualified to choose who
- b) quite convinced that they were
- c) able to decide which
- d) allowed to pick which one

12) The teacher was incredibly angry with the class. She \_\_\_\_\_ the whole class for their bad behavior.

- a) excoriated
- b) excommunicated
- c) defenestrated
- d) ameliorated

13) The \_\_\_\_\_ of his arrest was his expulsion from the school.

- a) logical sequence
- b) inexorable finding
- c) fortuitous nature
- d) inevitable result

14) The Japanese government \_\_\_\_\_ for Japan to have casinos.

- a) has passed legislation to make it legal
- b) have debated at great length about the economic benefits of
- c) making laws to make it ok
- d) spend a considerable amount of resources researching the viability

15) The judge thought that the sentence should be \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances of the case.

- a) considered more carefully with
- b) commensurate with the extreme nature of the crime
- c) mitigated by the extenuating
- d) overturned because of the innocence of the plaintiff

## Section 3: Choosing the best response to the prompt

### INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the best response to the prompt.

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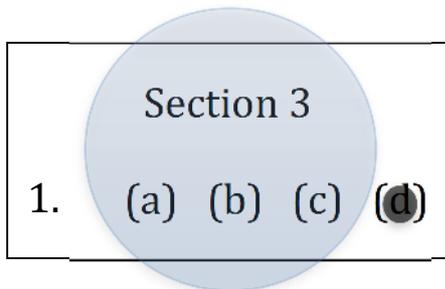
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

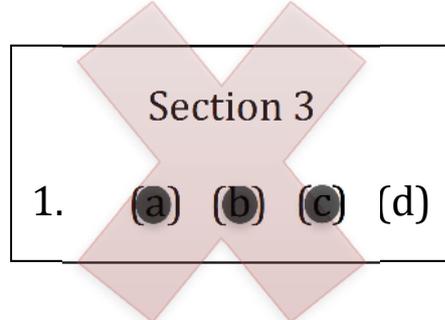
- a) Osaka is not as big as New York.
- b) The city is bigger.
- c) Osaka and Tokyo are bigger than Nagoya.
- d) Tokyo is bigger than Osaka.

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

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If you have a problem, please ask for help.

1) Why haven't you done your homework?

- a) I finished it all ahead of time.
- b) I did all my chores today.
- c) I'm sorry, I forgot to do it.
- d) I like working from home.

2) How do I get to the school gym? My next class is PE.

- a) The music room is on the third floor, next to the library.
- b) I like going to the gym on the weekend. There is a gym next to my house.
- c) The class next to mine is having their PE class now.
- d) PE has been cancelled. Please go to your homeroom instead.

3) Where are the rest rooms in this restaurant?

- a) We have rooms for you to rest at the back of the restaurant.
- b) You can rest at your table.
- c) The bathroom is down the hall. It will be on your right.
- d) I don't know where the restaurant is.

4) Could you please translate for me? I want to explain to the policeman that my wallet was stolen.

- a) I'm sorry, I'm not a policeman and I can't translate that for you.
- b) Of course. Do you want me to come to the police station with you?
- c) The policeman wants to know why you stole my wallet.
- d) Sure. I'll help you translate your documents for you at Immigration.

5) What are the adverse effects of this medication?

- a) Heart palpitations and greatly increased blood pressure.
- b) You will become less susceptible to infections.
- c) It will make you feel a lot more relaxed and you'll find it easier to concentrate.
- d) Your acne will clear up and your blood pressure will normalize.

6) How long has the young carpenter been working in construction?

- a) Bob is working for Newton Homes in San Francisco.
- b) Bob would like to work in construction until he has enough money to buy his own house.
- c) Bob is one of the best carpenters at Newton Homes.
- d) Bob started working for Newton Homes as soon as he finished high school.

7) Many people think that Einstein was a bad student who flunked out of school, but this was not the case.

- a) After he was expelled from school, he studied much harder.
- b) Einstein was a mediocre student at school.
- c) Although he got average marks for other subjects, he did very well in math and science.
- d) He didn't study very hard and he eventually dropped out of high school.

8) Winston Churchill is thought to be one of the most inspiring speakers in history. This might have been quite surprising to people who knew him when he was young.

- a) Winston Churchill had an embarrassing speech impediment when he was young.
- b) In his early youth, he delivered many rousing speeches.
- c) He wrote many of his greatest speeches when he was young.
- d) As he got older, Churchill found it much more difficult to give speeches.

9) Swiss watch manufacturers dominated the commercial watch industry until the 1970s, when Japanese companies rapidly increased their market share. The technological innovation was the main catalyst for this change.

- a) The Swiss were so innovative that they greatly outsold Japanese watches companies.
- b) Japanese watches were just sold to a niche market because their appeal was limited.
- c) Innovation comes at a price, so the expensive watches were only sold to rich customers.
- d) Japan produced new quartz watches, which relied on electronic parts instead of mechanical ones.

10) British Prime Minister, David Cameron, was totally convinced that the majority of British voters were in favor of staying in the European Union. The outcome of the referendum was extremely unexpected for the Prime Minister and many people living in metropolitan areas.

- a) David Cameron resigned as his decision to hold a referendum was vindicated.
- b) People living in the cities greatly outnumbered rural voters, so the result was predictable.
- c) To no surprise to anyone, the UK voted overwhelmingly to stay in the European Union.
- d) Many older voters in rural areas voted in favor of 'Brexit'. The UK is now poised to leave the EU.

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# Reading Comprehension

## INSTRUCTIONS

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

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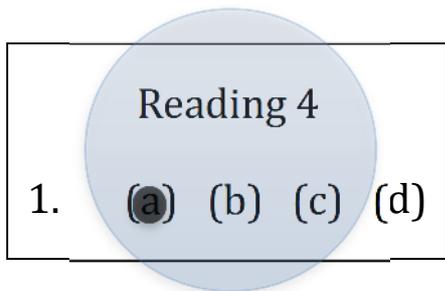
1 Osaka is a large city about 500 kilometers from Tokyo. It is bigger than other cities in the region but it still is much smaller than Tokyo.

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

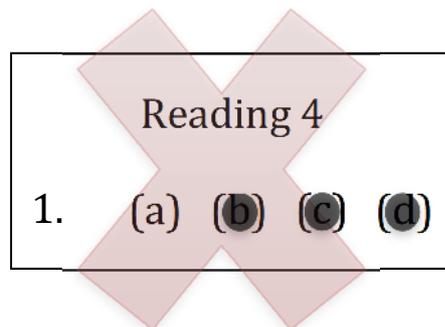
- a) Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo.
- b) Cities in Japan are large.
- c) Tokyo is a wonderful city.
- d) Osaka isn't particularly far from Tokyo.

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

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# Reading A

## Twitter

*Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.*

1. There are many kinds of social media that people can access on their smartphones such as Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat. Twitter is perhaps one of the most well-known social media applications. Twitter users can compose “tweets,” then followers can share and like those short messages. In this way, important or interesting information can go “viral” (spread rapidly across the internet). Tweets in Japanese are limited to 140 characters, but other countries can use 280. Although virtually everyone is familiar with Twitter, the company is very young, having only been founded in 2006. The first tweet was by CEO Jack Dorsey who uploaded: “just setting up my twttr.” As of July 2018 there were 335 million active users.
2. A number of famous celebrities have been drawn to the idea of connecting directly with their fans and potential audiences. For example, President Trump is often jokingly referred to as the “Twitterer in Chief” instead of “Commander in Chief” because of his fondness for publishing regular, often controversial opinions on the platform. Currently, singer-songwriter Katy Perry is the most popular Twitterer, with nearly 110 million followers. Former president Barack Obama and soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo also have substantial followings. Others use Twitter to communicate with Twitter groups to share thoughts about politics, art, life in foreign countries, and even humor.
3. Although Twitter is an extremely useful tool, it is not without its dangers and downsides. There are some users called “trolls,” who post abusive or mocking tweets in order to hurt others. Twitter has also caused people to lose their jobs. Take the case of Justine Sacco, for example. She was a senior director at a large company. Before a business trip from New York to South Africa, she posted a joke that many perceived as racist. The tweet went viral when she was in the air, and it wasn’t until she had landed in Cape Town that she realized she had created an online firestorm. Justine ended up losing her job. She had only 170 followers when she made the tweet. In politics, there has also been concern that Russian bots used Twitter to influence the outcome of the 2015 presidential election of Donald Trump. While Twitter can bring us together, it can also divide us. It is important to use it with caution.

## Questions

1. What is the purpose of this article?

- a) To show the dangers of Twitter.
- b) To show the benefits of Twitter.
- c) To describe what Twitter is.
- d) None of the above.

2. Which of the following is closest in meaning to “viral”?

- a) Dangerous.
- b) Widely shared.
- c) Interesting.
- d) A lie.

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

- a) Twitter has 280 million active users.
- b) Instagram is not a kind of social media.
- c) Jack Dorsey is the most popular Twitter user.
- d) Japanese Twitter uses fewer characters per tweet.

4. According to the second paragraph, which of the following is false?

- a) Katy Perry is influential on Twitter.
- b) Trump regularly uses Twitter.
- c) American presidents usually don't tweet.
- d) Many different kinds of people use Twitter.

5. Generally speaking, what is the purpose of the final paragraph?

- a) To describe the advantages of Twitter.
- b) To tell funny stories about Twitter.
- c) To highlight the potential dangers of Twitter.
- d) To show why famous people shouldn't use Twitter.

## Reading B

### Photography

*Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.*

1. The oldest surviving photograph was taken by a man named Nicephore Niepce in 1826. The photo shows the surrounding buildings and countryside as seen from a high window in his French estate. Since then, taking photos has been a way of immortalizing an important moment, evoking a special feeling, or even sharing a social or political message. The word “photograph,” coined in 1839, is based on the Greek words for “light” and “drawing.” In fact, photographs are images that are drawn with light.
2. Over the years, certain photographs have secured a place for themselves in the collective memory of humankind. Some show the beauty of life, while others show the trauma of conflict. In 1972, for example, Nick Ut captured an image from the Vietnam war of a young girl (9 years old) running naked and in obvious pain through the streets of Saigon after a napalm attack. This galvanized anti-war sentiment in America and elsewhere. Then there is the photo taken in 1945 showing a soldier who has just returned from World War Two, kissing a nurse in Times Square. This has come to represent the joys of peace and celebrate love. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is perhaps the world’s best-known photographer. She specializes in portraits of actors, royalty, writers, and other people of note. She photographed John Lennon on the very day that he was assassinated.
3. Photography is more popular than ever. Certain social media sites such as Instagram allow users to post photos from their own lives (often selfies) to share their life experiences with others. Some complain that people are over-documenting their lives by taking pictures of every meal, no matter how ordinary, or using photo editing to give a false impression of attainable body shapes. Also, now that photos are seldom printed on paper anymore, they are easier to lose by accidentally deleting them or misplacing them in a smartphone folder that perhaps has thousands of photos already stored in it. Despite these recent drawbacks, however, the taking and editing of photos is now easier and more exciting than ever before, and the photograph will no doubt continue to be a powerful medium of communication in the future.

## Questions

1. Which of the following is not mentioned in the first paragraph?

- a) The uses of photography.
- b) The process of making a photograph.
- c) An early photograph.
- d) The meaning of “photograph”.

2. Why does the author make reference to the Greek language in the first paragraph?

- a) To explain early Greek photography.
- b) To show that Greece is where photography was first developed.
- c) To describe a modern Greek technique for taking photographs.
- d) To explain the word “photograph”.

3. In the second paragraph, which of the following is not described?

- a) A photographic depiction of love.
- b) A photographic depiction of war.
- c) A funny photograph from history.
- d) A famous photographer.

4. In the second paragraph, which of the following is closest in meaning to “of note”?

- a) Of no importance
- b) Of great wealth.
- c) Of consequence.
- d) Of great beauty.

5. Which of the following sentences best describes the final paragraph?

- a) A warning with a note of hope.
- b) A description of bad photos.
- c) Reasons why we should take photos.
- d) None of the above.

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