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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.

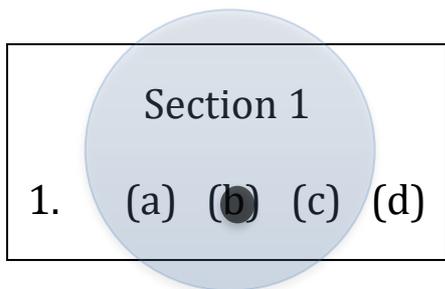
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

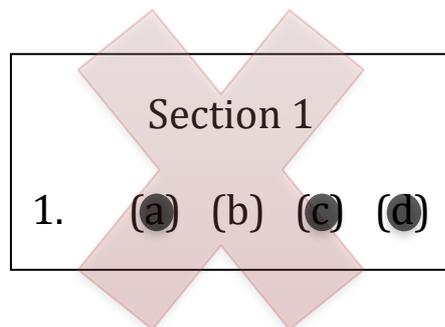
- a) Everyone knows
- b) more smaller
- c) than Tokyo
- d) no mistake

The answer is b (more smaller).

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



THE CORRECT WAY
FULL points



THE INCORRECT WAY
ZERO points

If you have a problem, please ask for help.

1) Our house was broken into when we were on holiday.

- a) Our house was
- b) broken into
- c) were on holiday
- d) no mistake

2) I used to play tennis alot, but I don't play often now.

- a) I used to
- b) tennis alot
- c) often now
- d) no mistake

3) I don't think their the best school in Nara Prefecture.

- a) I don't think
- b) their the
- c) in Nara Prefecture
- d) no mistake

4) My parents would like me to graduate into a prestigious institution like Tokyo University.

- a) My parents would
- b) graduate into
- c) institution like Tokyo University
- d) no mistake

5) There was barely enough time to finish all his homework assignments.

- a) There was
- b) barely
- c) time to finish all
- d) no mistake

Section 1: Error identification

6) Your younger brother isn't going to America with you, isn't he?

- a) Your younger brother
- b) going to America
- c) isn't he?
- d) no mistake

7) My new school is almost as same distance from my house as my old school.

- a) almost as same
- b) from
- c) as my old school
- d) no mistake

8) My sister had her car stolen when she went to Los Angeles.

- a) My sister had
- b) car stolen
- c) went to Los Angeles
- d) no mistake

9) Its been a long while since I've been to Universal Studios.

- a) Its been
- b) long while
- c) since I've been to
- d) no mistake

10) Before I was born, my father went to aboard for work.

- a) Before I was born
- b) to aboard
- c) for work
- d) no mistake

11) Linda has been learn how to cook for two years, but still can only cook fried rice.

- a) has been
- b) learn
- c) still
- d) no mistake

12) There is no room for failure when you are working with radioactive materials.

- a) no room
- b) when
- c) working with
- d) no mistake

13) It gives me great pleasure to announce that our school has won first place in the competition.

- a) It gives me
- b) to announce that
- c) has won first place
- d) no mistake

14) My parents were pretty sure that they had too many luggages.

- a) My parents were
- b) pretty sure
- c) many luggages
- d) no mistake

15) You ought to bring you're umbrella just in case it rains today.

- a) You ought to
- b) you're umbrella
- c) just in case
- 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.

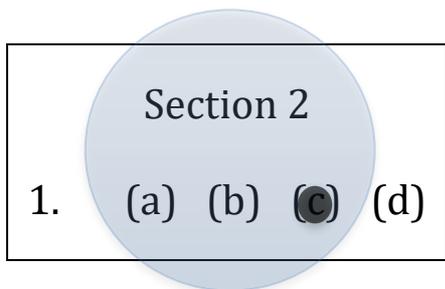
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

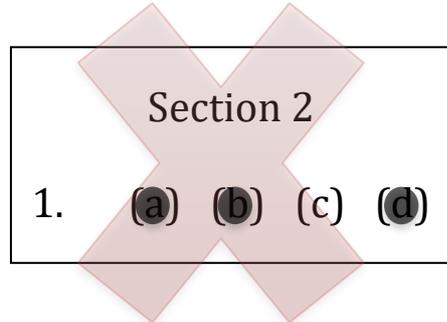
- a) not bigger as
- b) not same
- c) smaller than
- d) more small than

The answer is c (smaller than).

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



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1) _____ of my friends study hard and read a lot during school holidays.

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

2) These days, children spend _____time looking at digital screens.

- a) so many
- b) plenty of
- c) a lot of
- d) many much

3) I tried to get _____ in my class to help me with my school project.

- a) nobody
- b) someone
- c) everywhere
- d) anyone

4) For students, mathematics tends to be the _____subject in the day.

- a) most precise
- b) least accurate
- c) more precisely
- d) accuratest

5) The plane was moving _____the parking gate when the service trucks collided.

- a) above
- b) into
- c) on
- d) upon

Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

6) The PE and math teachers were ____ each other.

- a) same as
- b) just similar
- c) as same as
- d) completely different from

7) Kobe schools _____ thousands of new students every year.

- a) got
- b) get
- c) hold
- d) has

8) Hiroki's school _____ 38 students to do summer homestay in Canada.

- a) asked
- b) told
- c) had
- d) sent

9) _____ his hard work, the architect got a 'good design' award.

- a) Thanks to
- b) Despite
- c) Even though
- d) In spite of

10) The biggest mammal in the world _____ April 5th, 2006.

- a) was born in Kenya in
- b) was discovered in Kenya on
- c) was lived in Kenya on
- d) was lived in Kenya in

11) Some people _____ Russian government of interfering in the US elections.

- a) blame the
- b) say there is collusion with
- c) think that people in the
- d) have accused the

12) Later this year, sales tax in Japan _____ to 10%.

- a) can be made
- b) will have improvements
- c) will be increased
- d) is expected to be

13) The existence of the Higgs-Boson _____ in 1964, but was actually discovered in 2012.

- a) founded
- b) was known to be
- c) postulated
- d) was theorized

14) Websites such as Amazon.com are making the popularity of e-readers grow _____.

- a) more and more
- b) less and less
- c) faster and cheaper
- d) smaller and smaller

15) The Turkish government is highly concerned that their ambassador _____ Saudi Arabia.

- a) is going to be defecting in
- b) will be asked to leave
- c) may suffer some of the repercussions of his governments rhetoric
- d) is being called to visit officials in the government

Section 3: Choosing the best response to the prompt

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the best response to the prompt.

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

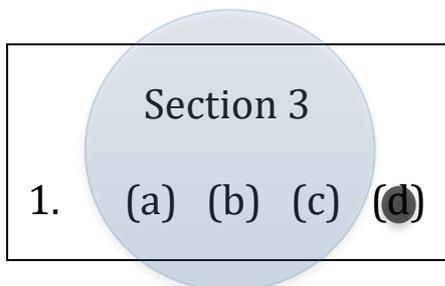
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

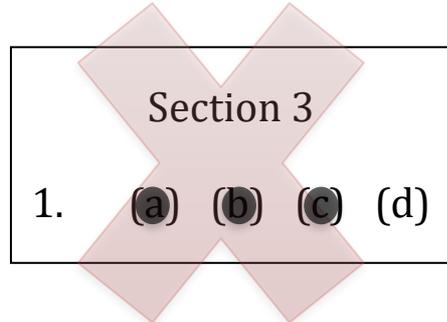
- a) Osaka is not as big as New York.
- b) The city is bigger.
- c) Osaka and Tokyo are bigger than Nagoya.
- d) Tokyo is bigger than Osaka.

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) What did you do for your birthday last year?

- a) I'm going to Disneyland!
- b) We went to a temple for my sister's wedding last year.
- c) I will go to New York for my birthday.
- d) I had a party at home with my family.

2) You're not the only girl in your class, are you?

- a) There are only boys in the class.
- b) Yes, there are other boys in my class.
- c) No, I'm not the only girl.
- d) I'm the only boy in the class.

3) When the school year was extended by two weeks from last year's calendar, many students and their families were upset.

- a) Their families are often upset.
- b) People are confused by a fifty-four week year.
- c) The school only thought about offering extra classes.
- d) There may be some issues for families trying to schedule events.

4) Why did the school cancel classes on Thursday?

- a) Because they had a good reason.
- b) Parents decided Thursdays were not proper days.
- c) Teachers felt Thursdays were no longer routine.
- d) Students wanted to have more classes.

5) Private automobiles changed how people get around, both in Japan and around the world. However, some countries have not been as successful with large scale public transportation as Japan and some European nations have been. This has been due to a variety of reasons, both economic and cultural.

- a) Private automobiles are less popular in Japan and Europe.
- b) Driving is difficult for people to do generally.
- c) Access to public transportation may be the result of myriad influences.
- d) People need to be rich to be able to buy cars and use them widely.

6) Why haven't you done your homework?

- a) My train was 30 minutes late this morning.
- b) My parents don't want me to do chores around the house.
- c) Unfortunately, I haven't finished my homework.
- d) I was in hospital last week so I couldn't do it.

7) How can I find the results of today's exam?

- a) You don't have to worry about the confidentiality of the exam results.
- b) I don't have the answers for the exam now.
- c) The exam results will be posted on the notice board next Friday.
- d) You will find the exam on your desk tomorrow night.

8) PCs are useful tools for both home and office use. In the beginning they were too bulky and expensive, but over time, they have become an indispensable part of daily life in many countries, but not all countries.

- a) PCs will continue to be useful in many countries.
- b) PCs are only useful in countries where people like using PCs.
- c) PCs will never be useful in every country.
- d) In all countries, there is potential for PCs to be considered useful.

9) Chinese culture and history have had a dramatic impact on the development of technology and language throughout Asia. The effects of Chinese culture are felt in nearly every Asian society.

- a) There is a high probability that most Asian people can identify some element of Chinese culture in their life.
- b) The Chinese would have less influence if their country had been located elsewhere.
- c) Almost no place in Asia can say they are not partially Chinese.
- d) Languages in Asia would be more diverse if not for Chinese.

10) JFK was one of the most popular American presidents of the 20th century, inspiring many to enter public life and service with his views on equality. Unfortunately, he was assassinated before he completed his first term.

- a) If he had been more popular, he might have completed a second term.
- b) He undertook many policies that made people angry, despite his popularity.
- c) The 20th century was very chaotic, so his assassination was predictable.
- d) He wouldn't have been re-elected for a second term because of his unpopularity.

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Reading Comprehension

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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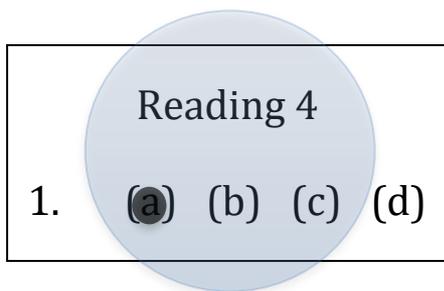
1 Osaka is a large city about 500 kilometers from Tokyo. It is bigger than other cities in the region but it still is much smaller than Tokyo.

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

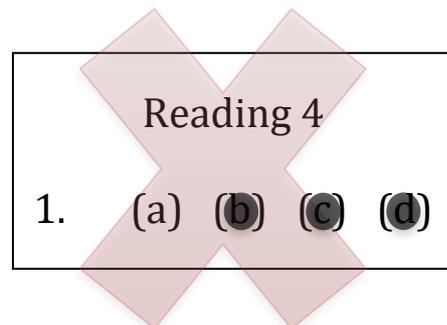
- a) Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo.
- b) Cities in Japan are large.
- c) Tokyo is a wonderful city.
- d) Osaka isn't particularly far from Tokyo.

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

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Reading A

The Mona Lisa Zen Buddhism

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. Zen Buddhism is a branch of Buddhism - one of the major world religions. The word "Zen" is based on the way the Chinese word "Ch'an" is pronounced in Japanese. "Ch'an" is the pronunciation of a Sanskrit word which means "meditation." Zen Buddhism was brought to China from India in the 500s, and from there it spread to Japan in the 12th century. Most English speakers are familiar with the word "Zen," and it has come to be thought of by Westerners as a mysterious way to build discipline and quiet the mind. However, Chris Humphreys, one of the most important British teachers of Zen, wrote that, "Zen is a subject extremely easy to misunderstand."

2. The essence of Zen is that all human beings contain the wisdom of the Buddha, and they must discover that wisdom for themselves. Rational thought and looking outside the self for answers will not lead to a Zen state. One of the first steps in Zen is to become acquainted with the workings of our own minds through meditation. Zen Buddhism relies far less on scripture than it does on quiet self-observation. Generally, Zen practices are aimed at temporarily abandoning the intellectual mind so that students can watch, through meditation, the ways in which thoughts rise and fall. Sometimes even mild physical violence - such as a tap on the shoulder with a master's stick - is used to remind students that they have gotten lost in thought.

3. Interest in Zen Buddhism and Buddhism in general exploded after World War Two. Tired of the materialistic values that dominated the postwar years, many Westerners became drawn to Eastern religions. This was called the "Zen Boom." Writers such as American Jack Kerouac and Briton Alan Watts popularized aspects of Buddhism, and the influx of refugees from war-torn Vietnam and Cambodia, as well from Tibet - also aided in the diffusion of Buddhist thought throughout America and Europe. Many Westerners are impressed with Buddhism as a systematic approach to happiness, claiming that Christianity's reliance on faith is insufficient. In the 21st-century, Westerners interested in meditation can easily download apps such as "Headspace" to guide them in discovering what Zen practitioners describe as their own "Buddha nature."

Questions

1. What is the overall purpose of this essay?

- a) To describe why people should meditate.
- b) To explain the history of Zen in Asia.
- c) To describe Zen's development, both in Asia and abroad.
- d) None of the above.

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

- a) A description of how Zen spread in Asia.
- b) Attitudes of westerners towards Zen.
- c) A famous Chinese Zen master.
- d) The meaning of the word "Zen".

3. In the second paragraph, which of the following is closest in meaning to "acquainted"?

- a) Confused
- b) Familiar
- c) Interested
- d) Relaxed

4. Which of the following statements about the second paragraph is false?

- a) To understand Zen, you must read a lot.
- b) Some Zen masters hit their students.
- c) Zen encourages us to look inside ourselves.
- d) Zen teaches that we all have inner wisdom.

5. What is the purpose of the final paragraph?

- a) To show how Zen is misunderstood in the West.
- b) To show how Buddhism spread in the West.
- c) To advertise a meditation app.
- d) To show why Zen is not successful in the West.

Reading B

A smaller world by 2050?

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

- 1) Rapid technological improvements in communication and transportation mean that the world of tomorrow will look very different from today. Indeed, although now commonplace and indispensable, we might sometimes forget that there was a world before smartphones and applications such as Line and Whatsapp, which have helped make long-distance communication more convenient, while reducing the feeling of distance between people and countries. Not so long ago, the launch of the iPhone changed the world. We can now use smartphones to video call our friends in foreign countries, hail taxis, and book train and plane tickets instantly. Just how would one explain what a smartphone is to a person 30 years ago? Would anyone today be able to do it? Similarly, one can easily imagine all the changes we are going to see in the next 30 years regarding long-distance communication and transportation?
- 2) Horses gave way to cars; perhaps cars are now set to give way to drones that fly us cheaply and quickly through the sky. Uber, a US taxi-hailing service, is currently testing drone technology that would mean that anyone could call a drone to transport them to their chosen destination on-demand from their smartphone. Just picture yourself flying over the city, avoiding the traffic below and getting to your destination quickly and, thanks to it being powered by solar energy, cheaply.
- 3) How long does it currently take to get from Osaka to Tokyo? An hour by plane? 2 hours or so by bullet train? How about 32 mins by hyperloop? Travelling by hyperloop involves getting into a vehicle which is then loaded into a long tube. You are then propelled directly to your destination at rapid speed. International travel would become faster and easier, helping to speed up the process of globalization; it would take only 28 mins to get from London to Paris. How about living in Paris and going to work in London every day? Sound far-fetched? Actually, this technology is already available, and many countries are weighing up the pros and cons of this technology. Possible hurdles include the concern that many people have about how safe it is, as well as the infrastructure being seen as ugly and potentially ruining the landscape. Having said that, this technology is relatively cheap, costing less than building high-speed train infrastructure would.
- 4) Of course, it is hard to predict the future and but one thing that is for certain is that our daily lives are sure to change dramatically by 2050 and changes to transportation and communication technology will play a big role in that. Some people argue that these changes help to make our lives more convenient, whilst others are concerned at the speed at which things are changing and the disadvantages these new innovations may bring. One thing is certain: change is full speed ahead.

Questions

- 1) What is the purpose of this article?
 - a) To talk about the history of communication and transportation.
 - b) To talk about the future of communication and transportation.
 - c) To criticize hyperloop technology.
 - d) None of the above.

- 2) Which of the following is closest in meaning to 'commonplace'?
 - a) Comfortable.
 - b) Fast.
 - c) Normal.
 - d) Cheap.

- 3) According to the third paragraph, which of the following is true?
 - a) Hyperloop technology is very expensive.
 - b) Travelling by hyperloop takes a long time.
 - c) It will take under half an hour to get to Paris from London using Hyperloop.
 - d) None of the above.

- 4) According to the final paragraph, which of the following is false?
 - a) Everyone is happy about the technological developments we will see in the future.
 - b) Our lives will be different in 2050 compared to now.
 - c) Some people think that our lives will be easier and more comfortable in the future thanks to these technological developments.
 - d) None of the above.

- 5) Q) Overall, which statement is closest to the author's general opinion?
 - a) Getting from Osaka to Tokyo still takes too long these days.
 - b) Smartphones are too complicated to explain.
 - c) A future full of changes is upon us.
 - d) The most dramatic change is coming in the year 2050.

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