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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.

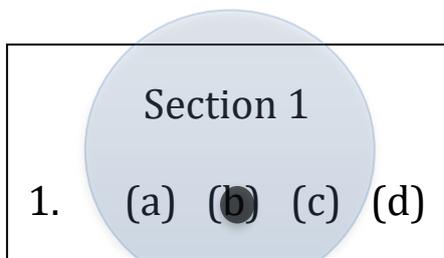
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e.g. 'Everyone knows that Osaka is more smaller than Tokyo.'

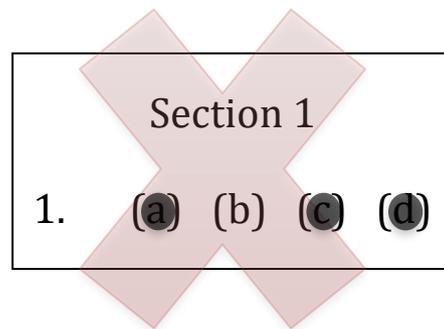
- a) Everyone knows
- b) more smaller
- c) than Tokyo
- d) no mistake

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) What part of Japan are you from?

- a) What part
- b) are
- c) from
- d) no mistake

2) Your going to be late to your class if you wait.

- a) Your
- b) to be late
- c) if you wait
- d) no mistake

3) The oldest student in the class is sitting next the door.

- a) The oldest
- b) in the class
- c) next the door
- d) no mistake

4) It was eleven thirty o'clock in the evening when she finally went to bed.

- a) eleven thirty o'clock
- b) when
- c) finally went to bed
- d) no mistake

5) I prefer to do my homework for school after the dinner.

- a) prefer
- b) do my homework
- c) after the dinner
- d) no mistake

Section 1: Error identification

6) My entire family has lived in Osaka since 9 years.

- a) entire
- b) has lived
- c) since
- d) no mistake

7) Jane isn't as good at playing the piano than Amy.

- a) isn't as good
- b) at playing
- c) than Amy
- d) no mistake

8) I went skiing in Hokkaido last year and I broken my leg.

- a) went skiing
- b) last year
- c) broken my leg
- d) no mistake

9) Everyone in class was falling asleep. We were all boring because the lesson wasn't interesting.

- a) falling asleep
- b) all boring
- c) wasn't interesting
- d) no mistake

10) We were all exhausted because we studied all night and barely got any sleep.

- a) We were all exhausted
- b) studied all night
- c) barely got any
- d) no mistake

11) I don't know how their going to finish the homework assignment on time.

- a) don't know how
- b) their going to
- c) on time
- d) no mistake

12) You don't have any brothers or sisters, do you?

- a) don't have any
- b) or
- c) do you
- d) no mistake

13) The man on the right, that is wearing a red hat, is my father.

- a) on the right
- b) that is wearing
- c) is my father
- d) no mistake

14) The doctor waited for the medicine to have an affect on his patient.

- a) waited for
- b) to have
- c) affect
- d) no mistake

15) Contrary to popular belief, Osaka is only the third largest city in Japan.

- a) Contrary to popular belief
- b) only
- c) third largest city
- d) no mistake

Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

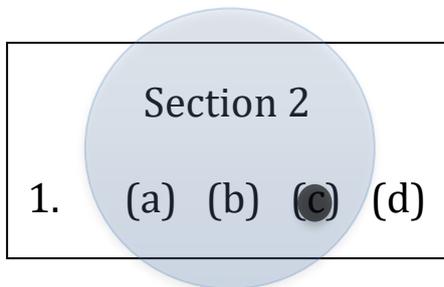
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e.g. 'Everyone knows that Osaka is _____ Tokyo.'

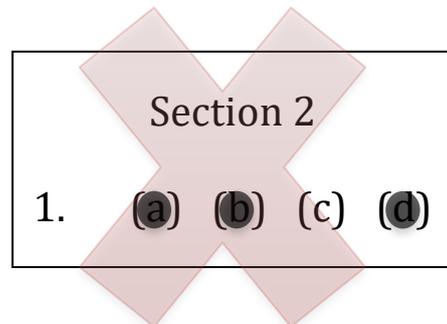
- a) not bigger as
- b) not same
- c) smaller than
- d) more small than

The answer is c (smaller than).

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



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1) The school is _____ the corner of Market Street and Forrest Avenue.

- a) off
- b) on
- c) to
- d) in

2) Do you know _____ bag this is?

- a) where that
- b) which one
- c) who's
- d) whose

3) How many people _____ your family?

- a) are there in
- b) is there in
- c) do you have
- d) does she have

4) None of the students _____ received their test results yet.

- a) have
- b) has
- c) got
- d) gotten

5) Nishiyamato Gakuen _____ in Oji, Nara Prefecture.

- a) is location
- b) has placed
- c) was discovered
- d) is located

Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

6) I _____ in line for almost an hour!

- a) wait
- b) waiting
- c) were waiting
- d) have been waiting

7) _____ not going to the usual classroom today.

- a) There
- b) Their
- c) They're
- d) They'll

8) English is my _____ class.

- a) most liked
- b) favorite
- c) the best
- d) most easiest

9) I was born in Japan, but _____ England.

- a) was an exchange student
- b) I went to an international school at
- c) I grew up in
- d) travelled frequently for

10) Tokyo has a much _____ population than Nara.

- a) harder
- b) denser
- c) big
- d) expensive

11) I asked him if I could _____ his book because I forgot to bring mine.

- a) lend
- b) borrow
- c) rent
- d) loan

12) You are _____ to bring your pets to school. Please leave them at home.

- a) required
- b) allowed
- c) not permitted
- d) not enabled

13) Donald Trump _____ the 45th President of the United States of America in 2016.

- a) elected to
- b) has gotten the position
- c) become
- d) became

14) We are going to the zoo _____ it is raining heavily.

- a) even though
- b) in spite
- c) despite
- d) already

15) There was _____ over the estimated costs of the Olympic stadium in Tokyo.

- a) a lot of controversy
- b) significant issues
- c) many disagreements regarding
- d) a large amount of political strife for

Section 3: Choosing the best response to the prompt

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the best response to the prompt.

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

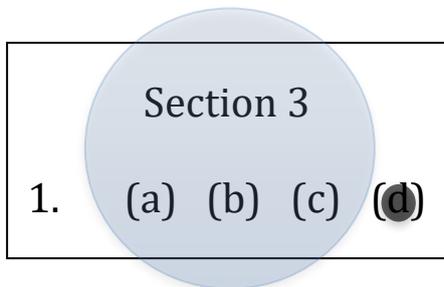
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

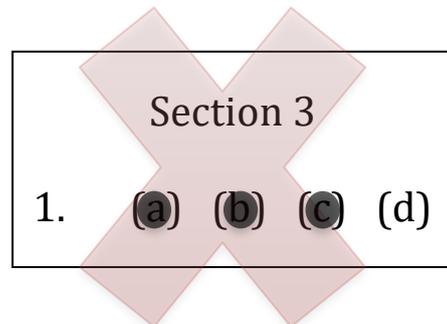
- a) Osaka is not as big as New York.
- b) The city is bigger.
- c) Osaka and Tokyo are bigger than Nagoya.
- d) Tokyo is bigger than Osaka.

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 are your sister's hobbies?

- a) I like to go fishing.
- b) His hobbies are going to the gym and playing soccer.
- c) She plays tennis every weekend.
- d) They go to school.

2) Where do you live?

- a) I was born in Nara.
- b) I live vicariously through my son's achievements.
- c) I spend most of my time at the library.
- d) At the moment, I'm living at the school dormitory.

3) How long does it take to get to school?

- a) I take a bus to school.
- b) It is longer than my house.
- c) It's about 2 hours by plane.
- d) It takes about 30 minutes from my home.

4) Is she good at singing?

- a) I love singing but I'm not very good at it.
- b) Singing is not good for me.
- c) You are a great singer!
- d) Patricia has an amazing singing voice.

5) Are you as tall as your uncle?

- a) She is not as tall as I am.
- b) We aren't the same weight.
- c) I'm more taller than he is.
- d) I'm shorter than he is.

Section 3: Choosing the best response to the prompt

6) Do you think this pair of pants suits me?

- a) I think that it looks good on you.
- b) Those pants are beige.
- c) The suit is too big for you.
- d) I have a pair of suits that look almost identical.

7) Do you have any reservations about going to America?

- a) Yes, I booked my flight yesterday.
- b) No. I'm not worried at all about going to the U.S.
- c) My reservations were cancelled because of the bad weather.
- d) I haven't made a reservation yet. I'll make a reservation tonight.

8) You used to play tennis every weekend, didn't you?

- a) Yes, I didn't.
- b) I used to play tennis on weekends but I don't anymore.
- c) No, I used to play tennis every weekend.
- d) I don't play tennis yet.

9) 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) Thursdays were replaced by Fridays.

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 1st term.

- a) If he had been more popular, he might still be alive today.
- b) He undertook many policies that made people angry, despite his popularity.
- c) The 20th century was very chaotic, so his killing likely resulted from that spirit.
- d) He may have completed two terms, had he not been killed.

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Reading Comprehension

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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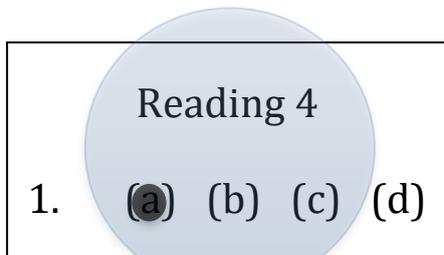
1 Osaka is a large city about 500 kilometers from Tokyo. It is bigger than other cities in the region but it still is much smaller than Tokyo.

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

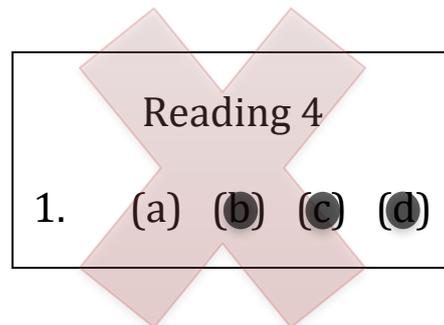
- a) Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo.
- b) Cities in Japan are large.
- c) Tokyo is a wonderful city.
- d) Osaka isn't particularly far from Tokyo.

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

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Reading A

1893 Chicago World's Fair

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. In 1893, one of the most important events in American history was held in Chicago: the World's Columbian Exposition. The World's Columbian Exposition is more commonly known as the Chicago World's Fair. A world's fair - or expo - is an international exhibition to showcase the achievements of different nations. The 1893 event was held to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus landing in North America. A particular point of pride for Chicagoans was that they beat out both New York City and Washington, DC in the competition for host venue.
2. The event ran for approximately 6 months with 46 participating nations. Each nation set up pavilions to exhibit art, technology, and fashion unique to their cultures. The event attracted 26 million visitors, and for many, this was the most spectacular event they would see in their lifetimes. Kubota Beisen, the official delegate from Japan, made a series of woodblock prints to commemorate the event. Author Helen Keller also attended the expo.
3. One of the more popular attractions was the hugely successful Ferris wheel, built by George Ferris, Jr. This was the first ever Ferris wheel and it ultimately saved the fair from bankruptcy. Another popular exhibit was the group of life-size reproductions of the three ships that Columbus and his men used to sail to America. This was a joint project between the US and Spain. Other national venues created small streets so that visitors could get a taste for what it would be like to be abroad. "The Street in Cairo," for example, represented Egyptian life.
4. The major buildings in the fairgrounds became known as "the White City" for their gleaming facades and neoclassical construction. Although plans were made to refinish them, most were destroyed in a major fire in 1894. Only 2 of the 200 structures built for the fair remain, and they are both museums. Despite this, the Chicago World's Fair lives on in American memory as an event that heralded America's entrance onto the world stage as a powerful force.

Questions

1. What is the purpose of the first paragraph?

- a) To define “world’s fair” and give some background.
- b) To present a list of different world’s fairs.
- c) To describe the interesting exhibits at the Chicago World’s Fair.
- d) None of the above.

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

- a) Japan was involved in the 1893 World’s Fair.
- b) Only a few countries participated in the event.
- c) Helen Keller did not enjoy the Chicago World’s Fair.
- d) A few nations set up pavilions about travel.

3. Which of the following is not mentioned in the third paragraph?

- a) Examples of a unique exhibition.
- b) The popularity of the Ferris Wheel.
- c) A model of an electric kitchen.
- d) All of the above.

4. Which statement about the third paragraph is false?

- a) It describes an American attraction.
- b) It reveals that some countries created exhibitions together.
- c) It gives an example of a new invention.
- d) It describes an Asian exhibition.

5. Which sentence best summarizes the final paragraph?

- a) The 1893 World’s Fair was a financial success.
- b) The fair was an important event in American history.
- c) The fair did not meet the expectations of most Americans.
- d) Most people have forgotten the fair.

Reading B

The History Of Baseball

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. The origin of baseball has been argued about for more than a hundred years. Baseball is believed to have been developed from earlier folk games in England. A number of these early folk games had characteristics that are now seen in baseball, cricket, and rounders.
2. Early forms of baseball had names like “goal ball,” “round ball,” “fletch ball,” “stool ball,” and simply “base.” There were no established rules. Since they were folk games, and mainly played by peasants and children, rules were never written down and changed a lot. The first official baseball rules weren't published until 1845, by the Knickerbockers baseball club in New York City.
3. One of the oldest folk games that may have led to the baseball we know today, is an old English game called “stoolball.” Stoolball dates back to at least 1450, and is believed to have originated in Sussex, England. It was originally played by milkmaids, who used their milking stools as the target. One milkmaid would pitch a ball at the stool, while another would try to bat away the ball with her bare hands or a stick.
4. In 1749, the first recorded game of baseball was played in Surrey. The Prince of Wales was one of the players. By the late 1700s, baseball was established enough to be written about in a famous German book on popular pastimes. It was described as a contest between two teams, in which “the batter has three attempts to hit the ball while at the home plate.”
5. Although the British are known for playing cricket, British Baseball is still played in a few parts of Wales and England – mainly Cardiff, Newport, and Liverpool.

Questions

1) Which sentence best summarizes the overall content of the passage?

- a) Folk games played in England.
- b) The first baseball club in New York City.
- c) How baseball may have originated.
- d) How to play stoolball.

2) What did the author mean when they used the phrase “characteristics that are now seen in” in paragraph 1?

- a) Baseball is a famous game that is seen on TV all over the world.
- b) Baseball teams use characters as mascots for their team.
- c) Baseball uses some of the features from early folk games.
- d) Baseball was first played in Britain by peasants and children.

3) Which sentence below best describes the content of paragraph 3?

- a) The rules of stoolball were complicated.
- b) Milkmaids in England date back to 1450.
- c) Baseball was played with a team of milkmaids.
- d) A game played by milkmaids may have led to baseball.

4) Which sentence below best describes old folk games in England?

- a) The rules were written down in a famous German book on popular pastimes.
- b) All folk games were played with a ball, a bat, and a milking stool.
- c) There were no written rules and the games changed quite often.
- d) Two teams played and the batter had three tries to hit the ball.

5) Which sentence best describes the game of stoolball?

- a) An early form of baseball played by children in the 15th century.
- b) A 15th century ball game played by girls on dairy farms in England.
- c) A game often played by the Prince of Wales in Surrey.
- d) A sport played with a milking stool, by teams of men in 1450.

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Only ONE answer will be accepted for each question.

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1. (a) (b) (d)

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

Please mark your answers on this sheet clearly.

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