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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).

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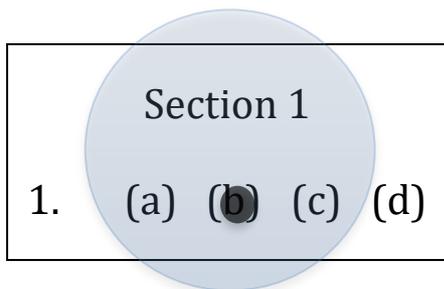
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

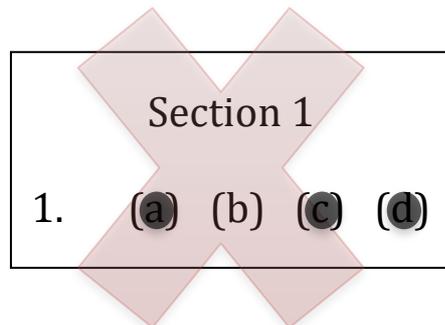
- a) Everyone knows
- b) more smaller
- c) than Tokyo
- d) no mistake

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) Over the past two years, Kenji has had three serious bicycle accidents.

- a) Over the past
- b) has had
- c) serious bicycle accidents
- d) no mistake

2) Who's car is parked right next to the fire hydrant?

- a) Who's
- b) is parked
- c) right next to
- d) no mistake

3) Rie has an important test tomorrow morning. She studied hardly all night!

- a) has an important test
- b) studied hardly
- c) all night
- d) no mistake

4) As soon as I finish my homework, I'll go to the basketball game.

- a) As soon
- b) I finish my
- c) I'll go to
- d) no mistake

5) Your not allowed to eat or drink anything in the school library.

- a) Your not
- b) allowed to eat
- c) anything
- d) no mistake

Section 1: Error identification

6) You haven't ever been to Hawaii, haven't you?

- a) ever
- b) been to Hawaii
- c) haven't you?
- d) no mistake

7) Some of people can learn languages more quickly than other people.

- a) Some of people
- b) languages more quickly
- c) other people
- d) no mistake

8) My mother had me take out the trash every week when we live in America.

- a) had me
- b) take out the trash
- c) when we live
- d) no mistake

9) Every schools participating in the competition has an equal chance to win.

- a) Every schools
- b) participating in
- c) an equal chance to win
- d) no mistake

10) Their not the students who were late to class yesterday.

- a) Their not
- b) who were
- c) late to class
- d) no mistake

11) We all thought that the other student had finish the homework.

- a) We all
- b) that the other
- c) had finish the homework
- d) no mistake

12) Ever since I came back, I rarely get the chance to speak English.

- a) Ever since
- b) I rarely
- c) get the chance
- d) no mistake

13) The new teacher urged his students to do all they could to succeed the exam.

- a) new teacher urged
- b) to do all
- c) to succeed
- d) no mistake

14) I was surprised to learn that my cousin had dropped out of Tokyo University.

- a) I was surprised
- b) to learn that
- c) had dropped out
- d) no mistake

15) Despite of the rain, our teacher insisted that we conduct our baseball practice session outside.

- a) Despite of
- b) insisted that
- c) conduct our baseball practice
- 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.

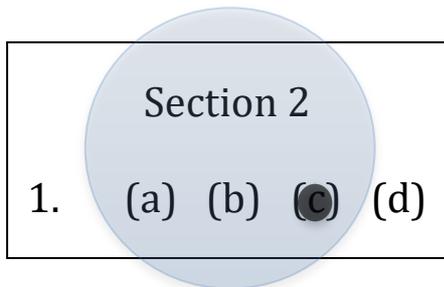
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e.g. 'Everyone knows that Osaka is _____ Tokyo.'

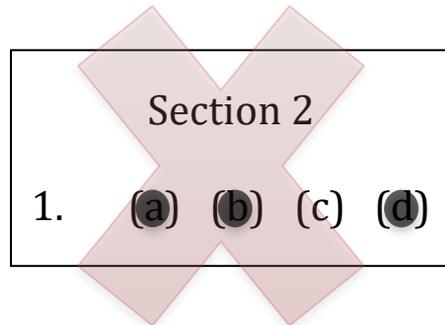
- a) not bigger as
- b) not same
- c) smaller than
- d) more small than

The answer is c (smaller than).

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1) I think I'll take my umbrella with me, _____ it starts to rain.

- a) though
- b) although
- c) perhaps
- d) just in case

2) I haven't travelled to _____ countries outside of Asia.

- a) lots
- b) many
- c) much
- d) several

3) Even though the supermarket _____ on Elm Street, people still look for it there.

- a) can be found
- b) is located still
- c) is not found near
- d) is no longer located

4) They thought _____ trip ever, and they wanted to go back again next year.

- a) it was the best
- b) their vacation was enjoyable
- c) the holiday is most wonderful
- d) the trip was incredibly splendid

5) Kenji tends to make _____ mistakes during his mathematics tests.

- a) many careful
- b) a variety of caring
- c) a lot of careless
- d) plenty of carefree

Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

6) Students are allowed to go on the school trip _____ they have permission from their parents.

- a) unless
- b) although
- c) as long as
- d) in case

7) There are now officially only eight planets in our solar system because Pluto _____ a planet.

- a) cannot be thought of
- b) is no longer considered
- c) is not thought to
- d) will not be regarded as

8) Professor Akira Yoshino won the 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry _____ lithium-ion batteries.

- a) for his work on
- b) by large-scale production
- c) because he was instrumental at
- d) in order to successfully

9) The Japanese team greatly _____ at the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

- a) played all of their matches
- b) succeeded on the field in many matches
- c) won all of its games in the first round
- d) exceeded all reasonable expectations

10) Japan and Singapore are both _____ compared to the rest of the world.

- a) countries with a high proportion of elder
- b) known for their very low crime rates
- c) nations with extremely high rates of literacy in
- d) located in the Asia-Pacific region

11) Nishiyamato Gakuen Junior High School students are sent to America _____ trip.

- a) studying English
- b) for a one-month homestay
- c) to improve international relations
- d) in order to relax and enjoy themselves

12) Matsuo Basho's poetry is _____.

- a) internationally renowned
- b) infamous around the world
- c) remarkably known
- d) culturally significance

13) In 2011, one of the most _____ struck near the east coast of Japan.

- a) strongest earthquakes ever known
- b) egregious injustices in the world
- c) powerful earthquakes in recorded history
- d) incredibly large earthquake ever

14) Tokyo University has impressive alumni, including _____.

- a) a location in Bunkyo, Tokyo.
- b) five campuses in Hongo, Komaba, Kashiwa, Shirokane and Nakano.
- c) fifteen Prime Ministers and eleven Nobel Prize laureates.
- d) being established in 1877.

15) Shigeru Ban received the Pritzker Architecture Prize, _____ the 'Nobel Prize' of architecture.

- a) which is equivalent
- b) widely considered like
- c) to be thought of equal
- d) which some regard as

Section 3: Choosing the best response to the prompt

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the best response to the prompt.

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

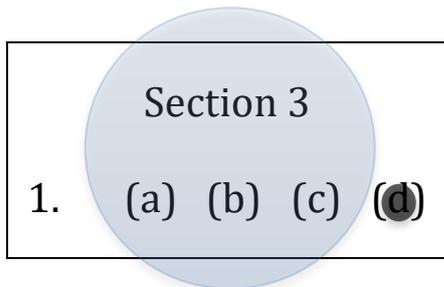
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

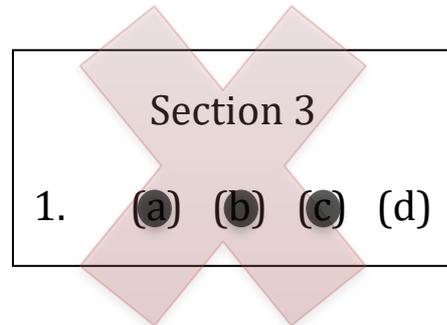
- a) Osaka is not as big as New York.
- b) The city is bigger.
- c) Osaka and Tokyo are bigger than Nagoya.
- d) Tokyo is bigger than Osaka.

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

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1) Where are the English teachers at Nishiyamato Gakuen from?

- a) She is from New Zealand.
- b) He is from South Africa.
- c) They aren't from around Nishiyamato Gakuen.
- d) They are from the U.S., Australia and South Africa.

2) If you had a million dollars, what would you do?

- a) If I have a million dollars, I will invest all of it in the stock market.
- b) If I had a million dollars, I will spend it on a new house for my family.
- c) If I had a million dollars, I'd save most of it in the bank.
- d) If I have a million dollars, I would give it all away to charity.

3) Could you tell me how to get to the library from here?

- a) Yes. It takes about 5 minutes from here.
- b) Sure. Take the stairs to the ground floor and then turn right
- c) From here, you can get to the library easily.
- d) The library was built near here.

4) Are there any adverse effects from taking this medication?

- a) You will become much less susceptible to infections.
- b) It will make you feel a lot more relaxed and you'll find it easier to concentrate.
- c) It may cause heart palpitations and greatly increase your blood pressure.
- d) It will help you lower your cholesterol levels.

5) Are you positive that you got the right answer?

- a) I'm generally a very positive person.
- b) I'm absolutely certain.
- c) I answered him right away.
- d) I gave a positive answer to the question.

6) You've not been scuba diving this year, have you?

- a) Yes. I haven't been scuba diving this year.
- b) No. I haven't been scuba diving this year.
- c) Yes. I haven't been driving this year.
- d) No, but I went scuba diving last week.

7) It is a common misconception that Japan is a prohibitively expensive country.

- a) Tourists always complain about how expensive it is to eat and find accommodation in Japan.
- b) And so, many Japanese companies have decided to build manufacturing plants overseas.
- c) But the reality is, Japan is a relatively inexpensive destination for foreign tourists.
- d) Consequently, the salaries of Japanese workers are extremely high.

8) Contrary to popular belief, Thomas Edison was not the sole inventor of the light bulb.

- a) The incandescent light bulb was something that Edison worked on by himself for many years.
- b) Edison should be the only one credited with being the inventor of the light bulb.
- c) The first working light bulb was put together by Edison's own hands in his workshop.
- d) The light bulb was actually the work of many inventors.

9) Some people think the financial cost of hosting the Olympic Games outweighs the benefits.

- a) And so, all Japanese economists were pleased because Japan was chosen to host the 2020 Olympics.
- b) The announcement that Japan was hosting the 2020 Olympics was met with universal approval.
- c) They believe that the benefits are only temporary and perhaps overstated.
- d) They think improvements in infrastructure as well as tourism are definitely worth the expense.

10) Nearly all climate scientists predict that global mean temperatures are due to rise because of an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide. This does not mean that all areas of the world will be warmer.

- a) As a result, everyone in the world will suffer from extreme heat and sunstroke.
- b) The resultant changes will be negligible and the effects will also be unnoticeable for most people.
- c) Consequently, all nations of the world need to brace themselves for elevated temperatures.
- d) Instead, there may be an uneven distribution in temperature, but the overall average will be higher.

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Reading Comprehension

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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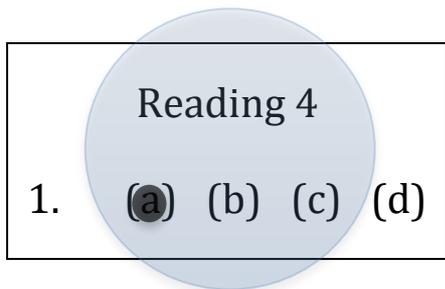
1 Osaka is a large city about 500 kilometers from Tokyo. It is bigger than other cities in the region but it still is much smaller than Tokyo.

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

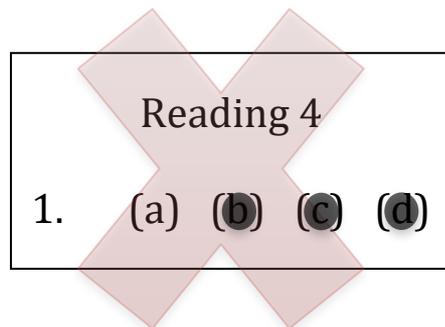
- a) Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo.
- b) Cities in Japan are large.
- c) Tokyo is a wonderful city.
- d) Osaka isn't particularly far from Tokyo.

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

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Reading A

Abraham Lincoln – The Emancipation Proclamation

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. Abraham Lincoln served as the 16th president of the United States of America during one of the darkest times in American history; the American Civil War. Lincoln was born in Kentucky to a very poor frontier family, was self-educated, and in his adult life served in the United States government as an Illinois State legislator and congressman until 1849, at which point, he left politics to focus on his law practice. It wasn't until 1854 that Lincoln returned to serve as the leader of the Republican Party and later, in 1860, was elected President of the United States. Abraham Lincoln is famous in American history as the man who preserved the Union through the American Civil War, but he is also known for another equally important accomplishment: the Emancipation Proclamation.
2. President Lincoln issued the proclamation in the third year of the Civil War, freeing slaves located in some of the rebellious Southern states of the Confederacy. Although it's a common misconception that the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves located across the United States, which amounted to 33 states at the start of the war, in reality, the proclamation did not free slaves that were located in states still loyal to the Union and was entirely dependent of the Union winning the Civil War. It did, however, play an important role in changing the mindset of Americans at the time, a change that would ultimately lead to the complete abolition of slavery.
3. It is well-documented that Abraham Lincoln believed slavery and the expansion of slavery in the United States to be morally wrong. However, President Lincoln avoided issuing the proclamation on moral grounds, due to the fear of public backlash in a time when the US Government needed all the support it could muster. Instead, the Emancipation Proclamation focused entirely on the need to emancipate slaves in rebel states to preserve the Union. In addition, Lincoln hoped that the proclamation would achieve three goals. First, he hoped that it would inspire freed African-slaves to join the Union Army, second, it would weaken the economy of the Southern states which depended heavily on slave labor, and lastly, it would end the threat of European countries coming to the aid of the South.
4. As stated previously in this essay, the Emancipation Proclamation did not completely free the slaves in the United States of America at the time, nor was it intended to. It did, however, lay the groundwork for the abolishment of slavery in the United States in the 13th Amendment, another of Abraham Lincoln's accomplishments. But emancipation was only the first step in a long period in American history. It would take many more years of fighting and bloodshed before freedom would include equality.

Questions

1. What was the purpose of the first paragraph?
 - a) To give background information on Abraham Lincoln.
 - b) To explain why Abraham Lincoln became a lawyer.
 - c) To explain what caused the American Civil War.
 - d) All the above.

2. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
 - a) Freed slaves across the United States of America.
 - b) Allowed America to claim independence from Britain.
 - c) Began the French and Indian War.
 - d) Freed slaves in some of the remaining rebellious states.

3. What was the ultimate purpose of the proclamation?
 - a) To eliminate slavery in the US because it is morally wrong.
 - b) To give Abraham Lincoln a chance to practice public speaking.
 - c) To preserve the Union.
 - d) None of the above.

4. What else was the Emancipation Proclamation meant to do?
 - a) Inspire freed slaves to join the Union army.
 - b) Weaken the Southern Economy.
 - c) Keep Europe out of the American Civil War.
 - d) All the above.

5. If the Emancipation Proclamation did not abolish slavery, what did?
 - a) The War of 1812.
 - b) The Emancipation Proclamation.
 - c) The 13th Amendment.
 - d) A twitter hashtag.

Reading B

Growing Up Instead of in Fields

Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.

1. Among the many challenges facing human civilization in the coming decades is land use and its impact on food supply. Over the last decade, these issues have come to a head as forest-clearing fires in Indonesia and Brazil garnered global attention and the effects of climate change have begun to result in serious changes in the amount of rainfall received by coffee and rice plantations – affecting both economic prospects and basic sustenance. Researchers and entrepreneurs are hard at work trying to come up with solutions, and one of the most promising is vertical agriculture. What’s that, you say? Farms are flat and fields are large, with all the work done outdoors. Thanks to the hard work of many, that is no longer the case, with many different indoor options now on the horizon.
2. Vertical agriculture uses several methods and its proponents suggest different ones may be applicable to different areas and local challenges. Some of the most popular growing systems are hydroponics, aeroponics, aquaponics, and modular and/or portable designs. Hydroponics involves growing crops in a controlled internal environment without soil, whereas aquaponics involves hydroponic growing using waste from farmed fish for nutrients. Aeroponics usually uses an air/mist mixture in place of soil and is especially suitable for a vertical growing apparatus. In these indoor and vertical growing arrangements, trays, racks, and tubs are used in various combinations instead of the horizontal fields one usually imagines for growing crops. Modular designs are especially flexible, as smaller scale vertical racks of crops can be deployed in recycled shipping containers, providing localized crop yields for isolated locations like research stations and remote villages without access to irrigation.
3. One of the key benefits of vertical farming is economization of space, convenience, and portability – one researcher even proposes having farms on all residential buildings instead of shipping produce to supermarkets. Cost to start up a vertical farm depends on the techniques and energy requirements to run the internal systems. Despite the promise though, not everyone sees this as a great new leap forward. Traditional farmers view vertical farming as a threat to their livelihood and way of life, and some fear successful vertical farming will lead to Amazon-sized supercompanies that will deploy a dominant model of indoor agriculture all over the world. Whatever happens though, it is clear that traditional ways of supplying food will change as the world’s challenges continue to push the need for innovation and change.

Questions

1. What is the overall opinion of this author?

- a) That global warming is making farming difficult.
- b) That today's farmers are under grave threat from AI.
- c) Crops grown vertically have superior taste to those traditionally grown.
- d) None of the above.

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

- a) A description of influences driving agricultural innovations.
- b) Both business and scientific entities are working at food supply issues.
- c) There is a strong wealth gap between advanced and traditional farming.
- d) Most people think of farms as being flat and taking up space.

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

- a) Concoction
- b) Mystery
- c) Towering structure
- d) Assembly

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

- a) There are unique features of each vertical growing system.
- b) There are unmentioned systems that are less popular.
- c) Shipping containers may play host to the most flexible systems.
- d) Each design will be paired with a certain local area's challenges.

5. What is the purpose of the final paragraph?

- a) To explain why everyone should be excited about vertical farming's promise.
- b) To emphasize that changes in agriculture will be a big part of our future.
- c) To argue that detractors are wrong in their fears about change.
- d) To explain how Amazon will take over the future of agriculture.

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