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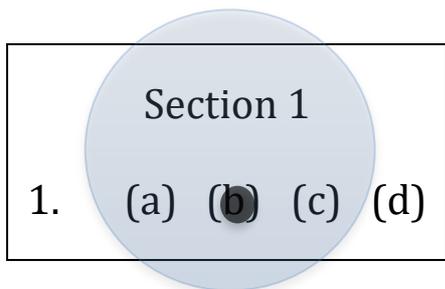
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

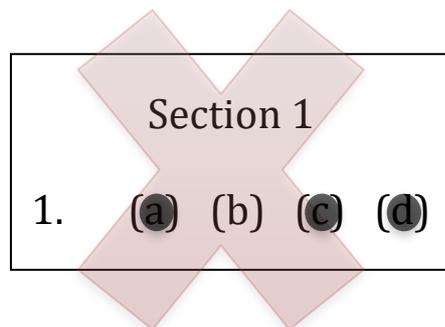
- a) Everyone knows
- b) more smaller
- c) than Tokyo
- d) no mistake

The answer is b (more smaller).

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



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If you have a problem, please ask for help.

1) I don't know who's bicycles are parked directly in front of the house.

- a) who's bicycles
- b) parked directly
- c) in front of
- d) no mistake

2) I drank too much coffee yesterday. I barely got any sleep last night!

- a) I drank too
- b) barely
- c) any sleep
- d) no mistake

3) Your not going overseas with your family this summer, are you?

- a) Your
- b) with your family
- c) are you
- d) no mistake

4) I wouldn't want to be in there class. The students there are too noisy!

- a) in there
- b) students there
- c) too noisy
- d) no mistake

5) Your brother is almost as same height as my sister.

- a) Your brother
- b) as same
- c) as my sister
- d) no mistake

## Section 1: Error identification

6) Our English teacher had us write essays in English for the entire lesson.

- a) had us
- b) essays in English
- c) entire lesson
- d) no mistake

7) After everyone have gone home, we will clean the whole gymnasium.

- a) have gone
- b) we will
- c) the whole gymnasium
- d) no mistake

8) I stayed at school until 6 o'clock because of baseball practice. I got to home at 7 o'clock.

- a) stayed at
- b) until 6 o'clock
- c) got to home
- d) no mistake

9) I didn't get any informations about the rescheduled history test.

- a) didn't get any
- b) informations
- c) rescheduled
- d) no mistake

10) The sooner we finish our work, the earlier we can all go home.

- a) The sooner
- b) the earlier
- c) can all go home
- d) no mistake

11) He told me to bring an umbrella, just in case it will rain.

- a) told me to
- b) just in case
- c) will rain
- d) no mistake

12) The Vice-Principal had a reputation for being a very strict teacher.

- a) had a reputation
- b) for being
- c) strict teacher
- d) no mistake

13) 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

14) Despite of his height, the student managed to join the high school basketball team.

- a) Despite of
- b) managed to join
- c) high school basketball team
- d) no mistake

15) It's generally recommended that children go to bed early on school nights.

- a) It's generally
- b) recommended that children
- c) go to bed early
- 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.

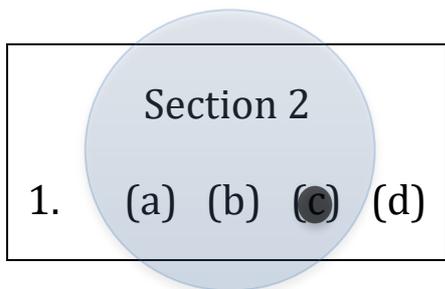
If two or more answers are chosen for a question, ZERO points will be given for that question.

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

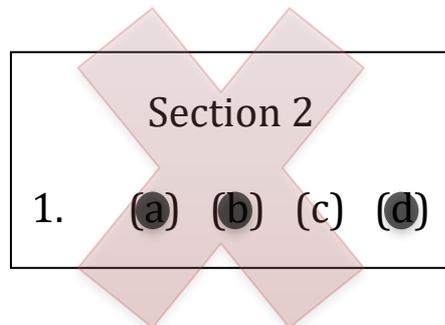
- a) not bigger as
- b) not same
- c) smaller than
- d) more small than

The answer is c (smaller than).

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1) \_\_\_\_\_ all of my classmates have already been to Universal Studios Japan.

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

2) I won't be able to make it to the station on time, \_\_\_\_\_ my class is cancelled.

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

3) Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ who can speak French and Japanese?

- a) nobody
- b) somewhere
- c) everyone
- d) anyone

4) I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ relatives as you do.

- a) so many
- b) as many
- c) so much
- d) as much

5) Marie Curie, \_\_\_\_\_ November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1867, the daughter of a secondary-school teacher.

- a) was raised in Warsaw on
- b) was born in Warsaw on
- c) was born on Warsaw in
- d) was raised on Warsaw in

## Section 2: Choosing the appropriate words

6) My teacher recommended that I \_\_\_\_\_ in order to improve my English skills.

- a) travel to overseas
- b) travel abroad to
- c) go overseas
- d) studying abroad

7) Tokyo \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic Games in 1964 and also in 2020.

- a) successfully bid for
- b) received notice for
- c) is holding
- d) awarded gold medals

8) In 2019, sales tax in Japan \_\_\_\_\_ to 10%.

- a) have ascended
- b) has been improved
- c) was increased
- d) is expected to be

9) She says she has evidence which \_\_\_\_\_ the allegations.

- a) disengages
- b) reveals
- c) deliberates
- d) repudiates

10) Nishiyamato Gakuen Junior High School students are sent to America \_\_\_\_\_ trip.

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

- 11) In 1917, Einstein \_\_\_\_\_ the General Theory of Relativity to model the structure of the universe as a whole.
- a) applied
  - b) tried the application
  - c) tried usage for
  - d) wanted to used
- 12) The Nobel Prize is a set of annual international awards \_\_\_\_\_ cultural and scientific advances.
- a) given in lieu of
  - b) for people haven't
  - c) bestowed in recognition of
  - d) voted on by a committee to
- 13) The new teacher \_\_\_\_\_ teacher ever, and the students hated him from the moment they met him.
- a) was ever the worst
  - b) was the strictest
  - c) was the nicest
  - d) was the most fun
- 14) Harvard University's \_\_\_\_\_ eight U.S. presidents and also more than thirty foreign heads of state.
- a) past students are
  - b) illuminati include
  - c) alumni include
  - d) include some very powerful former students,
- 15) Boris Johnson has finally \_\_\_\_\_ Brexit deal after years of political infighting.
- a) successful accomplishment with a
  - b) secured the Queen's consent to
  - c) recovered from his hair replacement surgery
  - d) managed to get approval for his

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

### INSTRUCTIONS

Choose the best response to the prompt.

Only ONE answer will be accepted.

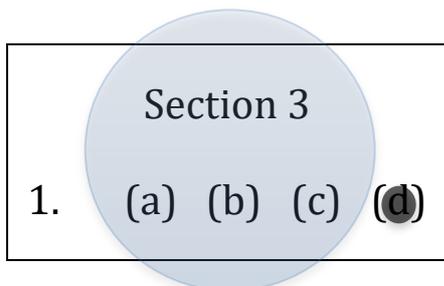
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e.g. 'Which city is bigger, Osaka or Tokyo?'

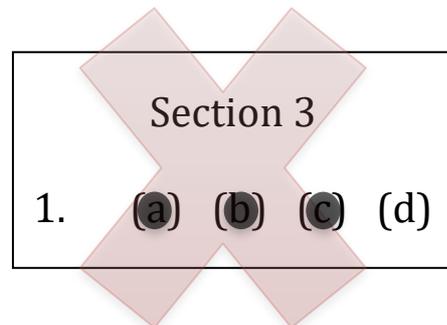
- a) Osaka is not as big as New York.
- b) The city is bigger.
- c) Osaka and Tokyo are bigger than Nagoya.
- d) Tokyo is bigger than Osaka.

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

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1) Are you worried about coming back to Japan?

- a) A little. I've never left Japan before.
- b) Not at all. I've looking forward to it!
- c) My parents aren't concerned with me coming back.
- d) I'm concerned about how dangerous it is in the States.

2) Where are the exchange students from?

- a) He is from the United Kingdom.
- b) They went to Utah for a month.
- c) She is from a school in Singapore but she was born in Japan.
- d) I'm not sure if they are actually exchange students. They just speak English really well.

3) 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 results are going to be posted on the notice board next week.
- d) You will find the exam room in the infirmary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

4) The Japanese government has once again announced that electricity prices will increase.

- a) Naturally, people are complaining about the government's announcement.
- b) Although it is more expensive, people are using less power.
- c) Regardless, more people are expected to conserve energy.
- d) Despite this, power consumption is expected to decrease significantly.

5) Contrary to popular belief at the time, Copernicus proposed that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

- a) He proposed that the Earth orbited the Sun and not the other way around.
- b) He said that the Sun and the other planets orbited the Earth.
- c) He agreed with many people at the time.
- d) He was just following the popular opinion of the time.

6) Stanley Pons and Martin Fleishmann told the world that they had discovered 'cold fusion'. Unfortunately, hopes for a new, cheap and safe energy source were dashed.

- a) Other scientists were never able to replicate the results obtained by Pons and Fleishmann.
- b) New cell phones utilize this technology to extend their battery life.
- c) Another pair of scientists had made the same discovery a few months earlier.
- d) Cold fusion was discovered to be an extremely energy efficient source.

7) There is a very common misconception about the height of the French emperor and general, Napoleon Bonaparte.

- a) At the height of his power, he conquered nearly all of Europe.
- b) He was not born as a commoner, but as a member of a noble family in Corsica.
- c) He conceived a brilliant plan to defeat the two armies of the Seventh Coalition, but it failed.
- d) He was actually of average height for his time, being 5 foot and 6 inches tall.

8) Steve Jobs was a very successful entrepreneur and industrial designer who revolutionized computing, movies, music and telecommunications. People don't realize that he came from very humble beginnings.

- a) He was adopted by a poor family, had an alcoholic father and he never completed his university degree.
- b) He finished his advanced degrees at expensive universities, which his wealthy family paid for.
- c) He had rich parents who helped him establish his company and become successful.
- d) Steve never needed to use his family's immense wealth to help him start and grow his company.

9) The rising age of the Japanese population will have serious implications for the Japanese economy. One area of concern is the future of the pension system in Japan.

- a) The Japanese economy will improve because so many experienced people will be in the workforce.
- b) The number of old people will decrease in the coming years so the pension system will be over-funded.
- c) The pension system won't have enough money because there will be too many young people.
- d) People fear that the pension system will go bankrupt because of the changes in age demographics.

10) The founding of the United Nations came in the aftermath of World War II, with the goal preventing future wars because the League of Nations proved to be ineffectual.

- a) And so, the United Nations also aims to continue the effective work of the League of Nations.
- b) The League of Nations proved its worth by preventing World War III from happening.
- c) The United Nations tried to move past the failures of its predecessor and chart a new, positive path.
- d) Consequently, the United Nations used its peacekeeping forces to invade and attack many countries.

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# Reading Comprehension

## INSTRUCTIONS

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

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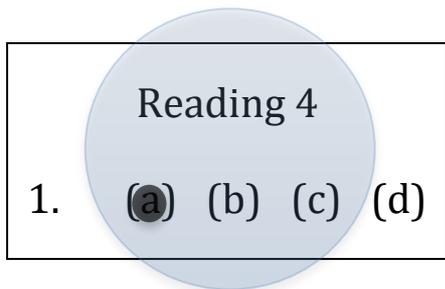
1 Osaka is a large city about 500 kilometers from Tokyo. It is bigger than other cities in the region but it still is much smaller than Tokyo.

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

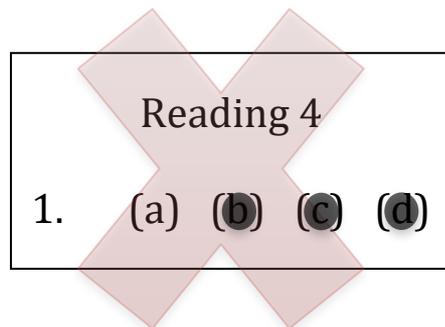
- a) Osaka is a large city in Japan, but it is smaller than Tokyo.
- b) Cities in Japan are large.
- c) Tokyo is a wonderful city.
- d) Osaka isn't particularly far from Tokyo.

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

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## Reading A

### A Future With Fusion?

*Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.*

- 1) As the world's energy needs continue to snowball and countries search for solutions to climate change, nuclear fusion continues to be on scientists' radar as a possible game changer for the future. While traditional nuclear power is already plentiful in developed countries, public perception of its safety has been tarnished by accidents – such as those in Pennsylvania in the US, Chernobyl in Russia, and Fukushima in Japan – all within the last 40 years. Improvements to the safety and efficiency of traditional nuclear power plants have made them more expensive and less competitive than other common energy sources. In recent years, as the potential for successful fusion has risen, its contrasts with traditional nuclear power have been highlighted.
- 2) Traditional nuclear reactors work via fission - bombarding uranium atoms with neutrons to make them split - which releases energy. The process is nowadays well-understood and easy to control, but a long-term problem persists in storing the hazardous wastes of fission fuels that are often highly radioactive. To date, no country has established a truly safe or effective way of disposing of these fuels, as they remain dangerous for long periods of time – up to thousands of years. In addition, uranium, the primary fuel for fission reactors, is a limited resource held by only a few countries. This reality has researchers interested in realizing the many benefits of fusion as an alternative. Nuclear fusion, the same process by which our Sun produces energy, works on Earth by using ultrahigh temperatures and pressure to fuse hydrogen ions into the next-heaviest element – helium. Fuel for this process is easy to obtain since the necessary hydrogen ions are present around the globe in seawater, and there are virtually no radioactive emissions or waste.
- 3) Despite the positive aspects with fuel and waste, successful fusion for power generation currently remains elusive due to technical challenges. Starting the fusion reaction requires temperatures as high as 10 million degrees Celsius, and a large magnetic containment structure to control the plasma generated within. Some researchers and small companies are therefore working on miniature versions of plasma generators that could sustain fusion on a smaller scale suitable for a single company or neighborhood. Overall, such research has been a large undertaking needing billions of dollars in research funding and advanced facilities staffed by top engineers and physicists. Some have argued that this high cost is not proving out, and money can be better spent further improving and safeguarding nuclear fission power. Others maintain that successful fusion will forever transform the future of human energy production on Earth. They argue further that giving up on fusion will make it impossible for humans to reduce harmful carbon emissions and slow the warming of our planet. The path to the future is uncertain, but undeniably, nuclear fusion will remain in the conversation for years to come.

## Questions

1. What is the purpose of this article?

- a) To talk about the history of nuclear power generation.
- b) To emphasize the potential impacts of nuclear fusion.
- c) To criticize the nuclear fission process.
- d) None of the above.

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

- a) Fission is a clean and harmless nuclear process.
- b) The hydrogen element is not critical to nuclear fusion.
- c) Researchers are trying to produce energy by copying the Sun.
- d) None of the above.

3. Which of the following is closest in meaning to 'elusive' in paragraph 3?

- a) Obvious.
- b) Difficult.
- c) Hidden.
- d) Unique.

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

- a) All forms of nuclear power are seen to be beneficial to future humankind.
- b) The subject of fusion may be important even years from now.
- c) Researchers have difficulty with fusion due to the ultrahigh temperatures involved.
- d) None of the above.

5. 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.

## Reading B

### Gunfight at the O.K. Corral

*Each paragraph below is numbered for your convenience.*

1. The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral is often regarded as the most famous shootout in the history of the American Wild West, an impressive accolade considering the shootout lasted only 30 seconds. This event took place in Tombstone, Arizona Territory, on Wednesday, October 26, 1881. Arizona would not become a state until 1912. The gunfight broke out between two groups with a long-standing grudge. On one side were the lawmen, made up of the Earp brothers and Doc Holliday and on the other, a group of outlaws known as the Cowboys. There is a lot of debate and confusion about who took the first shot, but there are three known facts about this infamous confrontation. First, it took place as the lawmen were attempting to disarm the Cowboys. Second, Tombstone had recently banned carrying weapons within the city, and third, the outlaws refused to comply.
2. To understand why the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral came to be, it's necessary to understand the situation and mindset of the two groups involved. First, the lawmen comprised of the Earp Brothers marshal Virgil Earp, policeman Morgan Earp, policeman Wyatt Earp, and temporary policeman Doc Holliday. Wyatt Earp is perhaps the most well-known member of the group, having been portrayed as the central figure of the events that unfolded in Tombstone in various novels and movies. The lawmen protected the interests of the townspeople and its business owners, and to the criticism of some, their own interests. Being that the Cowboys were an outlaw gang, they had plenty of run-ins with Earp Brothers for crimes ranging from horse theft to murder.
3. Opposite the Lawmen are the Cochise County Cowboys, or Cowboys for short. The Cowboys were a loosely tied group of outlaws, involved in Stagecoach robberies, cattle rustling, and various other crimes. However, their feud with the Earp brothers and Doc Holliday goes beyond criminal mischief, they believed that the citizens of Tombstone, as well as the Federal Government, had too much control over what happened in the ranches and other rural areas of the Arizona Territory. They saw their fight against the Earps as a fight against the civilized world.
4. The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral marks the beginning of the end for the American Wild West and frontier way of life, it also acts as a physical representation of the change in society at the time. The lawmen brothers Virgil, Morgan, and Wyatt Earp, as well as Doc Holliday, represent the expansion of civilized American society and government into what was once an untamed and lawless frontier. The Cowboys representing the savage but free way of life that had been the norm until that point. The brief, 30 second, Gunfight at the O.K. Corral allows Americans the opportunity to look back at what America was, see what it is now, and imagine what it can become.

## Questions

1. What is the main topic of the first paragraph?

- a) A brief history of Arizona Politics.
- b) Deciding who Huckleberry is.
- c) The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral.
- d) Arizona becoming a state.

2. Whose interests did the lawmen protect?

- a) The Cochise County Cowboys.
- b) The townspeople and business owners.
- c) Johnny's.
- d) The ranchers and people in rural areas.

3. What led up to the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral?

- a) An old feud between the Earps and the Cowboys
- b) The Gunfight at the N.O. Corral.
- c) The American Civil War.
- d) A spelling contest.

4. Why is the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral important in American History?

- a) It freed the people trapped in the O.K. Corral.
- b) It marked the end of American civilized society.
- c) It called down the thunder.
- d) It marked the end of the American Wild West and frontier.

5. What did the Cowboys think about the townspeople and the US government?

- a) That they were very helpful to the ranchers in the area.
- b) That the events in their lives would someday be made into movie.
- c) That they had too much say in the lives of ranchers and rural areas.
- d) None of the above.

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