

Part Four

**DIAGNOSTIC
TEST FORMS
AA AND BB
(WITH SOME
ESL ITEMS)**

FOR INSTRUCTORS: TOPICS TESTED IN FORMS AA AND BB

A quarter of the questions test points of grammar and usage that are particularly troublesome to nonnative speakers of English; these questions are marked with an asterisk in the following list. All the other questions are the same as the corresponding items in forms A and B, respectively.

TEST ITEM	TOPIC TESTED	SECTION IN RULES FOR WRITERS	TEST ITEM	TOPIC TESTED	SECTION IN RULES FOR WRITERS
*1	Use of progressive	28	*33	Articles	29
2	Sentence fragment	19	34	-ed ending	27
3	Verb tense	27	35	Pronoun-antecedent agreement	22
4	Subject-verb agreement	21	36	Comma (misuse of)	33
5	Pronoun-antecedent agreement	22	37	Dangling modifier	12
6	Pronoun case	24	*38	Repeated subject	30
*7	Articles	29	39	Apostrophe	36
8	Verbs: irregular	27	40	Subject-verb agreement	21
9	Double negative	26	41	Pronoun case	24
10	Parallelism	9	42	Pronoun-antecedent agreement	22
11	Comma	32	43	Mixed construction	11
*12	Conditional sentence	28	*44	Omitted expletive	30
13	Colon (misuse of)	35	45	Parallelism	9
14	Apostrophe	36	46	Comma	32
15	Shift	13	47	Run-on sentence	20
*16	Gerund/infinitive use	28	48	Semicolon	34
17	Run-on sentence	20	*49	Adjective and adverb placement	30
18	Sentence fragment	19	*50	Articles	29
19	Shift	13	51	Shift	13
20	Pronoun-antecedent agreement	22	52	Sentence fragment	19
21	Adjectives and adverbs	26	53	Mixed construction	11
*22	Verb forms	28	54	Subject-verb agreement	21
23	Subject-verb agreement	21	55	Mixed construction	11
*24	Gerund/infinitive use	28	56	Misplaced modifier	12
25	Apostrophe	36	57	Comma	32
*26	Articles	29	*58	Present and past participles	30
27	Run-on sentence	20	59	Dangling modifier	12
28	Subject-verb agreement	21	60	Verbs: irregular	27
*29	Repeated object	30			
*30	Verb forms	28			
31	Verbs: <i>lie/lay</i>	27			
*32	Omitted verb	30			

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Instructions

1. Use only a No. 2 pencil.
2. Make a dark mark that completely fills the circle.
3. Erase cleanly.
4. Make no stray marks.

PART ONE

PART TWO

1	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	19	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	36	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	49	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
2	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	20	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	37	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	50	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
3	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	21	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	38	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	51	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
4	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	22	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	39	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	52	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
5	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	23	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	40	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	53	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
6	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	24	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	41	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	54	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
7	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	25	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	42	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	55	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
8	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	26	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	43	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	56	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
9	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	27	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	44	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	57	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
10	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	28	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	45	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	58	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
11	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	29	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	46	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	59	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
12	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	30	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	47	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	60	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○
13	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	31	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	48	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○		
14	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	32	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○				
15	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	33	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○				
16	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	34	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○				
17	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○	35	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○				
18	A B C D ○ ○ ○ ○						

1. When the math teacher asks for volunteers, I always raise my hand; I am knowing
A B C
how to solve almost any problem. No error.
D
2. The trainee for the teller's position was worried about his speed and unsure of his
A B
computer skills. Until he learned the new system. No error.
C D
3. After Antigone had buried her brother, she was brought to the court and questioned
A B C
by the king. No error.
D
4. Philip, unlike the thousands of students who live on campus, has to drive thirty
A B
miles each day to reach the university. No error.
C D
5. The modern American family differs in many significant ways from their nineteenth-
A B C
century counterpart. No error.
D
6. It's true that Sophie and her told Mark about the party, but he told the others.
A B C
No error.
D
7. The flowers in our garden bloomed late this year because of the April snowstorm. It
A B
has been a unusual spring. No error.
C D
8. Young Ben swore he would not cry as his father drug the nearly dead sheepdog
A B
toward the barn; Ben clung to the dog's fur, trying to help. No error.
C D
9. When the disc jockey announced the winner's name, Andrew couldn't hardly believe
A B C
his ears. No error.
D
10. Pablo said that sports had taught him to follow instructions, to prepare for games, to
A B
adjust to new situations, and the value of losing as well as winning. No error.
C D
11. The seventeen-year locusts have descended on our town and their noise actually
A B
drowns out my daughter's music. No error.
C D

12. Whenever I plan to drive a long distance, I check my car's oil. If I didn't do this, I will worry about ruining the engine. No error.
- A B
C D
13. Within the first thirty years of owning a house, home owners can count on having to: replace several major appliances, put on a new roof, contract for termite treatment, and pay about a third of their income each year for the privilege of dealing with all these problems. No error.
- A B
C D
14. The poets remark about the longevity of things of beauty did not take into account the effects of such phenomena as acid rain. No error.
- A B
C D
15. Drivers should first fasten their seat belts. Next they should put the key all the way into the ignition. Then you turn the key to the right. No error.
- A B
C D
16. When I saw Juan last night, I asked whether he had finished to decorate the house for the party. No error.
- A B C
D
17. We celebrated the Fourth of July with special fervor that year, our experiences overseas had made us appreciate the holiday's significance. No error.
- A B C D
18. Roger tried to ingratiate himself with the boss by getting to work early and volunteering for overtime. In addition to coming in half a day on Saturdays. No error.
- A B
C D
19. Marc made a mess of the trip: He arrived at the airport late. He didn't tip the baggage man (who promptly misdirected his bag), and he loses his wallet on the plane. No error.
- A B
C D
20. Four people saw the accident, but not one of them said they would be a witness for me in court. No error.
- A B
C D

21. Andrea knew she had done good on the essay part of the exam, but she felt bad
 about her performance on the objective questions. No error.
 A B C D
22. Getting more sleep did not improving her grades. She still wasn't spending enough
 time studying for her exams. No error.
 A B C D
23. Everyone who goes to the holiday parties in our neighborhood takes a dish of food to
 share. No error.
 A B C D
24. Each year many people decide to quit smoking. But how many people begin
smoking during this same period? Researchers soon hope answering this question.
No error.
 A B C D
25. It's not that Marcia doesn't understand the problem; she won't even accept it's
existence. No error.
 A B C D
26. My uncle Joe is more like a friend than a relative. He gives me a good advice when-
 ever I share my problems with him. No error.
 A B C D
27. The house next door sold for \$165,000 Martin was sure he could get more than that
 for his. No error.
 A B C D
28. The work of putting up new gutters on old houses require several strong workers who
are not afraid of ladders. No error.
 A B C D
29. The staff on a commercial airline needs food that is easy to serve it, so most of the
meals come in foil and plastic containers. No error.
 A B C D
30. Jean likes to study languages. She has been studied French since high school. Next
 semester she will study Spanish, and she may study German during the summer.
No error.
 A B C D

31. As Toni lay down to take a nap, she laid her paycheck on the nightstand; it stayed there for two days before she noticed it lying there. No error.
A B
C D
32. When we went to the travel agency, we discovered that the airfare much too expensive; therefore, we decided to go by train. No error.
A B
C D
33. When I went to the visitors' bureau to ask for an information, I was told that none of the local hotels could provide us with a place to stay. No error.
A B
C D
34. Waiting for the children to fall asleep, we adults talked about the bedtime rituals we had been use to in our own childhood. No error.
A B
C D
35. Often a child likes to be read to because they get the reader's full attention.
A B C
No error.
D

PART TWO

This part of the test has twenty-five sentences. Some of them are correct; others have errors in grammar or punctuation.

Each sentence has one underlined segment. Below the sentence are four ways of writing the underlined part. If the underlined segment is correct, choose A (No change). If the underlined segment needs to be corrected, choose the best way to write the underlined part and indicate the corresponding letter (B, C, or D) on your answer form.

EXAMPLE:

Picture books help a child develop recognition skills. By looking at the picture, they learn how to connect what they see with what they read.

- A. No change.
- B. Picture books help children develop recognition skills. By looking at the picture, they learn
- C. Picture books help children develop recognition skills. By looking at the picture, he or she learns
- D. Picture books help a child develop recognition skills. By looking at the picture they learn

Answer: A B C D
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36. Struggling, unpublished writers are sure that publishers, who seek out and publish new authors, are nonexistent.
- A. No change.
 - B. publishers (who seek out and publish new authors)
 - C. publishers — who seek out and publish new authors —
 - D. publishers who seek out and publish new authors
37. By finishing the test items before time ran out, a final recheck of his answers was possible for Gary.
- A. No change.
 - B. his answers could be given a final recheck by Gary.
 - C. a final recheck could be given to his answers by Gary.
 - D. Gary was able to give his answers a final recheck.
38. That attractive woman standing near the fountain, she is my French teacher.
- A. No change.
 - B. fountain, is
 - C. fountain is
 - D. fountain she is
39. The boys at St. Andrew's School had to wear suitcoats, starched shirts, and ties. The girls uniforms were much more comfortable.
- A. No change.
 - B. The girl's uniforms
 - C. The girl's uniform
 - D. The girls' uniforms
40. In the baby pool, the safety of the boys and girls was the responsibility of the parents, not the lifeguards.
- A. No change.
 - B. were
 - C. are
 - D. have been
41. The Hudsons invited my sister and me to share a beach house on the Outer Banks in North Carolina.
- A. No change.
 - B. my sister and I
 - C. my sister and myself
 - D. I and my sister

42. Everyone who shops in this store reads the magazines while they wait in the checkout line.
- A. No change.
 - B. Everyone who shop in this store read
 - C. All customers who shop in this store read
 - D. Everybody who shops in this store reads
43. Children whose last names begin with A, B, and C, teachers always choose them to be first in line.
- A. No change.
 - B. Always, children whose last names begin with A, B, and C, teachers choose them
 - C. Children whose last names begin with A, B, and C, always teachers choose them
 - D. Teachers always choose children whose last names begin with A, B, and C
44. My father always tells us is wrong to lie, but he never reports all his income.
- A. No change.
 - B. always tells us it is wrong
 - C. always tell us it is wrong
 - D. tells us always is wrong
45. There are four things I'd like to tell you about myself. I like to cook, talk on the phone, working on computers, and going out on weekends.
- A. No change.
 - B. to cook, talking on the phone, working on computers, and going out on weekends.
 - C. cooking, talking on the phone, working on computers, and to go out on weekends.
 - D. to cook, talk on the phone, work on computers, and go out on weekends.
46. Because the central air conditioner had broken the old fan and window units were put into service.
- A. No change.
 - B. Because the central air conditioner had broken the old fan, and window units
 - C. Because the central air conditioner had broken, the old fan and window units
 - D. Because the central air conditioner had broken the old fan and window units,

47. Passing the State Department's oral proficiency examination at level 2 is one thing, passing it at level 3 is something else altogether.
- A. No change.
 - B. thing passing
 - C. thing, however, passing
 - D. thing; passing
48. My mom waited up for me and always asked whether I'd had a good time or not on my dates; she never stayed awake long enough to hear the answer.
- A. No change.
 - B. dates, she
 - C. dates; but she
 - D. dates she
49. Beyond the village was an old large bridge that crossed a little ugly creek.
- A. No change.
 - B. a large old bridge that crossed an ugly little creek.
 - C. an old large bridge that crossed an ugly little creek.
 - D. a large old bridge that crossed a little ugly creek.
50. At the zoo, we saw only one man watching the monkeys; he was making funny faces at them. A man laughed when one of the monkeys made a face back at him.
- A. No change.
 - B. Man laughed
 - C. The man laughed
 - D. Any man laughed
51. When the registrar looked at my eighteen-hour schedule, he asked me whether or not I also planned to work?
- A. No change.
 - B. did I also plan to work.
 - C. did I also plan to work?
 - D. whether or not I also planned to work.
52. One way for parents to pass on their values to their children is to use opportunities that occur daily. Such as, chances to use the simple courtesies of "Please" and "Thank you."
- A. No change.
 - B. daily; such as, chances
 - C. daily. Such as: chances
 - D. daily, such as chances

53. Although Sue Ann had grown up in a sheltered environment, but she quickly adapted to life in New York City.
- A. No change.
 - B. environment, she
 - C. environment; but she
 - D. environment. But she
54. In each room of the restored palace were photographs of how the same room had looked after the damage done to the palace in World War II.
- A. No change.
 - B. was
 - C. is
 - D. has been placed
55. Maurine advised her daughter to study tax law and accounting because certified public accountants are in great demand and are such a promising field.
- A. No change.
 - B. able to command large salaries.
 - C. such a lucrative position.
 - D. a field just now opening up.
56. Nino cried when he saw the clown with the purple hair on stilts.
- A. No change.
 - B. the purple-haired clown on stilts.
 - C. the clown, who had purple hair on stilts.
 - D. the clown walking on stilts with purple hair.
57. Major political problems may first show themselves in minor incidents. The Watergate episode, for instance, began with the discovery of a piece of tape on the lock of a door. It led eventually to Richard Nixon's forced resignation as president of the United States.
- A. No change.
 - B. episode for instance, began
 - C. episode; for instance, began
 - D. episode; for instance began

58. The presidency of John F. Kennedy was both an excited and frightening period in American history.
- A. No change.
 - B. was both an excited and frightened period
 - C. was both an exciting and frightened period
 - D. was both an exciting and frightening period
59. Alarmed by the possibility of surgery, every suggested exercise was practiced by the patient to postpone an operation.
- A. No change.
 - B. postponing an operation required the patient to practice every suggested exercise.
 - C. an operation could be postponed by the patient by practicing every suggested exercise.
 - D. the patient practiced every suggested exercise to postpone an operation.
60. Before my English teacher would accept a paper, we had to prove that we had wrote an outline and at least two different drafts.
- A. No change.
 - B. wrote
 - C. had written
 - D. have written