
DIAGNOSTIC TEST

FORM B

This test of English skills has two parts. When you finish Part One, go directly to Part Two. You have forty-five minutes to respond to sixty items, so you should not spend too much time on any one item.

Each item has four possible answers. Choose the best answer and mark the appropriate space on your answer form, making sure to blacken the space thoroughly and to erase any stray pencil markings.

PART ONE

This part of the test has thirty-five sentences. Some of them are correct; others have errors in grammar or punctuation. No sentence has more than one error.

Each sentence has four underlined segments lettered A, B, C, and D. Read the sentence carefully. If there is a grammar or punctuation error in any of the underlined parts of the sentence, blacken the space that corresponds to the letter under the underlined segment. If there is no error, blacken the D space on your answer form.

EXAMPLE:

<p>Salmon always return to <u>their</u> birthplace at egg-laying time. Strong currents A and high waterfalls in a <u>river does</u> not keep them from swimming upstream B <u>to lay</u> their eggs in that spot. <u>No error.</u> C D</p> <p>Answer: A B C D ○ ● ○ ○</p>
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1. When Harper decided to learn modern jazz, not the older bluegrass, he decided to go to New York City not Nashville. No error.
A B
C D
2. After only a week, the new Parts Department clerk could check inventory faster than anyone else. Because she had memorized a hundred code numbers. No error.
A
B C
D
3. During his career, which ended two years ago, he gave more than five hundred performances. Now he teaches music. No error.
A B
C D
4. Liz, like many people who do not own a car, has difficulty carrying her groceries back to her apartment. No error.
A B C
D
5. We are counting on each team that goes to the tournament to do their best on the court. No error.
A B C
D
6. It's no wonder that George and him failed physics; both devoted all their time to sports, not schoolwork. No error.
A B
C D
7. Alone, Deeter thumbed through the newspaper while the TV blared noisily in the same room; when the phone rang, he reached for it quick. No error.
A B
C D
8. Whenever a dust storm blew in, people drug all their porch furniture inside and drove the horses and cows into the barn. No error.
A B
C D
9. Many Europeans think that American politicians accomplish hardly nothing by their protracted congressional hearings. No error.
A B C
D

10. Marian Anderson said that life had taught her to obey her own rules, to forget past injustices, to sing her very best, and the importance of acting. No error.
A B C D
11. Five refugee families have arrived in our small town and their delight in our peaceful lives makes me happy that we decided to invite them. No error.
A B C D
12. The senior finance officer in the firm was responsible for any decisions that dealt with making donations to charities, moreover, that officer controlled political contributions as well. No error.
A B C D
13. After age sixty, many Americans find they must adjust to: misplacing important papers, forgetting people's names, gaining hard-to-lose pounds, and trying to convince themselves that these problems are perfectly normal. No error.
A B C D
14. The little boy in Ezra Jack Keats book Whistle for Willie, who looks very much like the sturdy, smiling child in The Snowy Day, also resembles Peter in Peter's Chair.
A B C D
No error.
D
15. First, students should insert their disks. Next, they should turn on the computer. Then you wait for the screen to ask for the password. No error.
A B C D
16. Coach Blake, who ran for the first-aid kit, yelled at Mark to call 911 at once. And told me to cover Kendall with my jacket. No error.
A B C D
17. Marianne watched the high school graduation ceremony with special interest this year, her return to school had made her understand the ritual's significance.
A B C
No error.
D

18. Kelly attempted to get more money for the clerks by documenting their overtime and comparing their jobs to other jobs. In addition to doing a time-and-motion study on them. No error.
- A
B C D
19. Joellyn activated the computer lab's terminals: First she turned on the main switch; then she cleared all the screens. Finally, as she entered the code at the control terminal, she couldn't suppress a grin. Twenty-seven screens flash a four-color "Welcome to the Lab" message. No error.
- A
B C D
20. Three managers in our shop liked my proposal very much, but not one of them said they would be a sponsor for it at the staff meeting. No error.
- A
B C D
21. We felt badly about losing the game, but we all knew that we had played well. No error.
- A B C D
22. After rearing several children, parents realizes that they have learned many lessons, not only about the children but also about themselves. No error.
- A B C D
23. In our family, anyone who drives to the ball games at the park offers a ride to the others. No error.
- A B C D
24. My sisters and I have always wanted to be opera singers. We've never become stars, but we do it whenever we get together. No error.
- A B C D
25. Isn't it strange that a forbidden pleasure loses its allure when its no longer forbidden? No error.
- A B C D

26. After his best friend's wedding, Eric discovered that he had drank far too many
 A B C
 toasts. No error.
 D
27. The contestant in the first heat stayed underwater for only sixty seconds I was
 A
positive I could last longer than that. No error.
 B C D
28. The job of maneuvering a tractor trailer through the mountains demand drivers who
 A B
have strong nerves, quick reflexes, and good judgment. No error.
 C D
29. Mikhail Gorbachev, who took office in 1985 was forced to step down after the failed
 A B C
 coup attempt in 1991. No error.
 D
30. Us faculty members have to agree among ourselves on how we want the deans to
 A B
 change their timetable. No error.
 C D
31. Two hours ago I put the quilt on the floor so that Chris could lay the baby on it
 A
 and lie down himself; they have both been lying there ever since.
 B C
No error.
 D
32. The blue jays that like to eat bread off our porch, were chased away by our cat.
 A B C
No error.
 D
33. The Rotarians decided to honor whomever had raised the most money for their eye
 A B C
 care center. No error.
 D

34. When Lucille told the new man to unload the truck, the new man wanted to know
what he was suppose to do first. No error.
A B
C D

35. A book chosen by a child will keep their attention, so let a child choose the book to
be read aloud. No error.
A B C
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
 ○ ● ○ ○

36. Nonsmokers often assume that smokers, who want to quit, can do so fairly easily.
- A. No change.
 - B. smokers (who want to quit)
 - C. smokers — who want to quit —
 - D. smokers who want to quit
37. After working feverishly to capture the prosecution's cross-examination, the new photographer's film was not accepted by the television station.
- A. No change.
 - B. the television station would not accept the new photographer's film.
 - C. the film of the new photographer was not accepted by the television station.
 - D. the new photographer could not get the television station to accept her film.
38. An experienced player, putting all his expertise on the line to win this game.
- A. No change.
 - B. An experienced player, because he was
 - C. An experienced player, he was
 - D. Being an experienced player,
39. The world's most productive industrial nations are known as the Group of Seven. These nations leaders meet each year.
- A. No change.
 - B. The nation's leaders
 - C. These nation's leader
 - D. These nations' leaders
40. At Hillary's summer camp, the major activity for both the staff and the campers was backpacking in the mountains.
- A. No change.
 - B. were
 - C. are
 - D. have been
41. The sergeant ordered my best buddy and me to stand guard duty on our night off.
- A. No change.
 - B. my best buddy and I
 - C. my best buddy and myself
 - D. I and my best buddy

42. Anyone who has Mr. Markham for senior English knows on the first day that they will have a busy year ahead.
- A. No change.
 - B. Anyone who have Mr. Markham for senior English know
 - C. All students who have Mr. Markham for senior English know
 - D. Everybody who has Mr. Markham for senior English knows
43. Babies whose mothers breast-feed them, the mothers usually give them immunity to some diseases.
- A. No change.
 - B. Usually, babies whose mothers breast-feed them, the mothers give them
 - C. Babies whose mothers breast-feed them, usually the mothers give them
 - D. Mothers who breast-feed their babies usually give the babies
44. Steve's mother-in-law only asked him to paint the porch windows, not the whole porch.
- A. No change.
 - B. asked him to paint only the porch windows
 - C. asked only him to paint the porch windows
 - D. asked him to only paint the porch windows
45. Picture books are important to a child in three ways: to stimulate imagination, encouraging learning, and they are enjoyable.
- A. No change.
 - B. stimulating imagination, encouraging learning, and they are enjoyable.
 - C. to stimulate imagination, to encourage learning, and they are enjoyable.
 - D. They stimulate imagination, they encourage learning, and they are enjoyable.
46. After the workers had finished tearing off the old roof shingles and black paper scraps were piled in the yard.
- A. No change.
 - B. After the workers had finished tearing off the old roof shingles, and black paper scraps
 - C. After the workers had finished tearing off the old roof, shingles and black paper scraps
 - D. After the workers had finished tearing off the old roof shingles and black paper scraps,

47. The first three sections of the foreign service examination raised my hopes considerably, the last section dashed them completely.
- A. No change.
 - B. considerably the
 - C. considerably, however, the
 - D. considerably; the
48. My sister's vacation routine never varied; she always basked in the sun for an hour before she helped set up camp.
- A. No change.
 - B. varied, she
 - C. varied; because she
 - D. varied she
49. We lost the game because Nerida didn't pass to Carlyle when Carlyle was under the net the coach had told us to get the ball to Carlyle whenever he could score.
- A. No change.
 - B. net; the coach
 - C. net that the coach
 - D. net, the coach
50. With his degree in engineering and his experience in the air force, David was sure he could get a job either as a pilot or in some kind of aviation engineering.
- A. No change.
 - B. he could work in aviation engineering.
 - C. as an aviation engineer.
 - D. working as an aviation engineer.
51. Before Dad commented on my plan to get married after high school graduation, he asked me whether or not I planned to go to college and have a career?
- A. No change.
 - B. did I plan to go to college and have a career.
 - C. did I plan to go to college and have a career?
 - D. whether or not I planned to go to college and have a career.
52. Most children have observed various forms of cheating that their families accept. Such as, the failure to report certain items on income tax forms.
- A. No change.
 - B. accept; such as, the failure
 - C. accept. Such as: failing
 - D. accept, such as the failure

53. Since Sol delighted in physically difficult outdoor activity, so, it was logical for him to apply for the job of forest ranger.
- A. No change.
 - B. activity, it
 - C. activity; so it
 - D. activity. So it
54. In the alley behind the burned houses was a small pile of furniture that the families had saved from the fire.
- A. No change.
 - B. were
 - C. are
 - D. have been placed
55. I have gained hands-on experience that will help me in my college courses and achieve my goals in the business field.
- A. No change.
 - B. do well in my college courses and achieve my goals
 - C. in my college courses and in my goals
 - D. in my college courses and to achieve my goals
56. His name appeared on the list of men who were condemned to die on the governor's desk before 7:00 a.m.
- A. No change.
 - B. His name appeared on the list of men who were condemned to die; the list was on the governor's desk before 7:00 a.m.
 - C. Before 7:00 a.m., his name appeared on the list of men who were condemned to die on the governor's desk.
 - D. On the list of men who were condemned to die on the governor's desk before 7:00 a.m., his name appeared.
57. Important structural damage often appears first in small signs. A half-destroyed joist, for example, may reveal itself by a single carpenter ant.
- A. No change.
 - B. joist for example, may
 - C. joist; for example, may
 - D. joist; for example may

58. Mom finished tearing out the overgrown ivy and bagging all the trash; then she discovered, that she had only twenty-two minutes to clean up and get dinner on the table.
- A. No change.
 - B. discovered: that
 - C. discovered; that
 - D. discovered that
59. Convinced of his client's innocence, every possible tactic was used by the lawyer to delay the trial.
- A. No change.
 - B. a delay of the trial was sought by every possible tactic by the lawyer.
 - C. the trial was delayed by every possible tactic by the lawyer.
 - D. the lawyer used every possible tactic to delay the trial.
60. Before the coach would accept our apologies, we had to convince him that we had ran five laps of the track.
- A. No change.
 - B. ran
 - C. had run
 - D. have run

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