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I. Each problem in this part of the test consists of a sentence in which one word or phrase has been underlined. From the four choices given, you should choose the one word or phrase which could be substituted for the underlined word or phrase without changing the meaning of the sentence. Write out your answers on the answer sheet. (15%)

1. He tramped across the cream-colored carpet, leaving a trail of mud behind him.

- (A) walked heavily
- (B) skipped
- (C) walked unsteadily
- (D) limped

2. My supply of confidence slowly dwindles as the deadline approaches.

- (A) shifts
- (B) grows
- (C) emerges
- (D) diminishes

3. Can this be a duplicate of the document?

- (A) a summary
- (B) a revision
- (C) an outline
- (D) a copy

4. The gunfire was sporadic.

- (A) intermittent
- (B) frequent
- (C) continuous
- (D) distant

5. Punctuality is imperative in your new job.

- (A) Being efficient
- (B) Being courteous
- (C) Being on time
- (D) Being cheerful

6. He ate a prodigious amount of the homemade bread.

- (A) slight
- (B) tiny
- (C) huge
- (D) moderate

7. We were forced to postpone the picnic.

- (A) call off
- (B) do without
- (C) put off
- (D) see about

8. There is a large area of swamp that will have to be cleared before construction can begin.

- (A) forest
- (B) soft, wet land
- (C) dry, sandy soil
- (D) prairie

9. For once, everything in her life seemed to be in equilibrium.

- (A) turmoil
- (B) disarray
- (C) balance
- (D) danger

10. The winners will be selected at random.

- (A) by interviewing
- (B) by testing
- (C) by chance
- (D) by competition

11. The movie critic said that *Airplane*, the parody of disaster movies, was hilarious.

- (A) suspenseful
- (B) very funny
- (C) realistic
- (D) very tragic

12. His extreme nervousness impeded his ability to speak in front of large groups of people.

- (A) hindered
- (B) halted
- (C) accelerated
- (D) fostered

13. The climate in the great plains is arid.

- (A) hot and dry
- (B) hot and wet
- (C) cold and wet
- (D) cold and dry

14. He is dubious about the success of the plan.

- (A) confident
- (B) articulate
- (C) indifferent
- (D) doubtful

15. The criminal insinuated that he had been roughly treated by the arresting officer.

- (A) suggested indirectly
- (B) denied positively
- (C) argued convincingly
- (D) stated flatly

**II. There is one mistake in each of the sentences below. Write out the mistake and your correction on your answer sheet. (20%)**

1. Not long after Galileo's time, Sir Isaac Newton invented another kind of telescope which he used mirrors instead of lenses.

2. Despite the disappearance of the Mayan empire, there are still

Mayans in the region in which they once inhabited.

3. *Treasure Island*, the book that made Robert Louis Stevenson famous, has become a best seller for readers young and old.

4. To be good for agricultural purposes, soil must have in it the minerals plants required.

5. In spite of its small size, Europe has a greater impact on world history than any other continent.

6. Among the most remarkable eyes are those of the dragonfly, for this insect has compound eyes made up of tiny eyes.

7. The police investigation revealed that thieves have planned the robbery carefully before they stole the jewelry.

8. By watching sunspots, great storms which rage on the surface of the sun, scientists discovered whether the sun spins on its axis.

9. These early people did not learn how to make bronze until 1500 B.C., but they have done excellent work with other metals.

10. Sir Winston Churchill, as the British Prime Minister, leads his country to victory during the Second World War.

11. Although violent, tornadoes are small storms whose paths are not usually more than a quarter of a mile in width.

12. In 1954, the United States Navy decided to add the *Nautilus*, the first submarine to be driven for atomic power, to its fleet.

13. It is generally known that the natural habitat of these types of monkeys are the central and eastern forests of Africa.

14. The capital city is noted for its many modern improvements, but in other parts of the country lack of enough good roads have delayed progress.

15. Before an explorer Norwegian reached the South Pole in 1911, many other explorers had tried to reach it and failed.

16. Some of the land in that region is so wet and hot and covered with jungle that a few people live there.

17. The Taj Mahal, that took twenty-two years to construct, is possibly

the most beautiful building in the world.

18. By 1910, other scientists had carried out experiments which were much like Mendel, and their results were the same as his.

19. Approximately one in every three marriages in America today end in divorce.

20. Sulfuric acid is used so extensively in manufacturing that thousands of factories would go out of business if this acid is unattainable.

**III. Fill in each blank with a word which you think to be the most appropriate. (20%)**

Her first contact with Cecil was professional. She was arrested---or, (1) rather, her boyfriend was. It was late at night, and she was being (2) driven home by an extremely drunk young man intent (3) on driving very fast down very narrow streets. The car was stopped (4) by a policeman who impressed Helen (5) with his youth, his looks, and his civility. After issuing a (6) statement, he confiscated the keys to the young man's car and drove them both to their (7) respective homes. The next morning Helen was shopping (8) when she found herself next to the (9) police station. As a lark, she walked in and asked the name of the young officer who had been (10) working at about midnight the night (11) before. Then she went home and wrote Cecil a thank-you (12) note for being so nice, and she also wrote a note to the chief of police (13) commenting young Martin Cecil. Cecil telephoned to (14) thank her for her thank-you note.

(15) When he asked her out to dinner and the movies on his night off, she accepted (16) out of curiosity. She had scarcely ever talked to a policeman, let (17) alone gone out with one. Cecil was (18) nervous, but Helen seemed so (19) genuinely interested in him and his work that he (20) eventually calmed down enough to have a good time.

**IV. In this part each problem consists of an incomplete sentence. Below the sentence are four choices, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). You should find the one choice which best completes the sentence. Write out your answers on the answer sheet. (10%)**

1. The geocentric idea was abandoned in the seventeenth century, partly as a result of the writings of Copernicus \_\_\_\_\_ observations made by other astronomers.

- (A) and also were
- (B) not only because of
- (C) also because were
- (D) and also because of

2. The largest meteorite on display is in the American Museum in New York City, \_\_\_\_\_ over 34 tons.

- (A) and it weighs
- (B) it weighs
- (C) its weight is
- (D) which it weighs

3. *Rotation* refers to the turning of the earth \_\_\_\_\_ to the movement around the sun.

- (A) besides *revolution*
- (B) *revolution* refers
- (C) and *revolution*
- (D) while *revolution* referring

4. There are several means \_\_\_\_\_ latitude and longitude.

- (A) can determine
- (B) to determine
- (C) by them can be determined
- (D) we use them to determine

5. The Homestead Act of 1862 \_\_\_\_\_ to acquire land at a small cost.

- (A) made possible
- (B) made it possible
- (C) made the possibility
- (D) possibly made

6. Especially important to many people \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) there is legislation against pollution
- (B) is legislation against pollution
- (C) it is legislation against pollution
- (D) legislation against pollution is

7. Botanists are not sure where the first plant was grown or even

- (A) what plant was

- (B) it was what plant
- (C) what plant was it
- (D) what plant it was

8. The universe \_\_\_\_\_ we know it might have begun with a great explosion.

- (A) as
- (B) that
- (C) and which
- (D) and

9. \_\_\_\_\_, but it also filters out harmful sun rays.

- (A) The atmosphere gives us air to breathe
- (B) Not only the atmosphere gives us air to breathe
- (C) The atmosphere which gives us air to breathe
- (D) Not only does the atmosphere give us air to breathe

10. \_\_\_\_\_ with the size of the whole earth, the highest mountains do not seem high at all.

- (A) When compared
- (B) Compare them
- (C) If you compare
- (D) A comparison

**V. Fill in the blanks with the phrases chosen from those given below. Please pay attention to the grammatical changes. Write your answers on the answer sheet. (15%)**

call for	take over from	take shape
see many changes	find one's way across	amount to
judge and jury	bear witness to	look to
be up to	seek to	run up
be a prey to	not much of	windy rhetoric

1. Traditional Irish dance \_\_\_\_\_ the Atlantic during the old colonial days, becoming one of the major sources of Modern American dance.

2. The UN special envoy \_\_\_\_\_ a political settlement of the military conflict between these two countries.



3. Bonfire Festival \_\_\_\_\_ over the centuries and the celebration today has totally lost its initial significance.
4. With the development of metallurgical technology, Iron Bronze as the major metal for weapons in China two thousand years ago.
5. It was thousands of years ago when drama began to \_\_\_\_\_ in Greek.
6. Failing to win any support from his own party, the ex-president traveled abroad so as not to \_\_\_\_\_ melancholy.
7. The trade union leaders said that they \_\_\_\_\_ legislation to lighten the burden of the laboring class.
8. Practice is \_\_\_\_\_ for the validity of theory.
9. I'm in charge of setting the table, and cooking \_\_\_\_\_ you.
10. The hijackers' answer \_\_\_\_\_ a threat.
11. The ambitious man \_\_\_\_\_ become popular.
12. Though he is \_\_\_\_\_ a scholar, the governor enjoys attending academic gatherings and addressing the scientists.
13. A number of villagers claimed that they \_\_\_\_\_ the recent appearance of UFO.
14. He drank excessively and soon \_\_\_\_\_ an enormous bill at the bar.
15. Mrs Thatcher thought that to incorporate her country into the European Community economically would turn her party's pledges such as *Making Britain Great Again* into \_\_\_\_\_.

## VI. Reading comprehension. (40%)

### Passage 1

The man who reads well is the man who thinks well, who has a background for opinions and a touchstone for judgment. He may be a Lincoln who derives wisdom from a few books or a Roosevelt who ranges from Icelandic sagas to *Penrod*. But reading makes him a full man, and out of his fullness he draws that example and precept which stand him in good stead when confronted with problems which beset a chaotic universe. Mere reading, of course, is nothing. It is but the veneer of education. But wise reading is a help to action. American



versatility is too frequently dilettantism, but reinforced by knowledge it becomes motive power. "Learning," as James L. Mursell says, "cashes the blank check of native versatility." And learning is a process not to be concluded with the formal teaching of schooldays or to be enriched only by the active experience of later years, but to be broadened and deepened by persistent and judicious reading. "The true University of these days is a Collection of Books," said Carlyle. If that is not the whole of the truth it is enough of it for every young person to hug to his bosom.

1. The title that best expresses the ideas of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) The Veneer of Education
  - (B) The Wise Reader
  - (C) The Reading Habits of Great Men
  - (D) The Versatility of Americans
2. The quotation "Learning cashes the blank check of native versatility" means that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) a good education is like money in the bank
  - (B) to be versatile is to be learned
  - (C) native intelligence has more value than acquired knowledge
  - (D) education can make possible an effective use of natural capabilities
3. One's reading program should \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) not include light reading
  - (B) not be concluded when formal education comes to an end
  - (C) be a reflection of one's interests
  - (D) provide all truth to all people

## Passage 2

The organization called Ducks Unlimited, a sporting magazine tells us, has funneled over \$30 million into Canada to increase the number of ducks migrating down the Mississippi. The same magazine goes on to hope that "millions of sportsmen will acquaint millions of non-sportsmen with the importance of hunting and fishing to conservation." These stirring words have moved me to seek general support for a project called Hunters Unlimited.

In the Hawaiian archipelago there is one island never visited by tourists. It is Kahoolawe, about ten miles long and five miles wide, situated a few miles southwest of Maui. Like all the other Hawaiian islands, it is mountainous, rising to 1,477 feet above sea level; not really green, it seems to possess a rugged beauty; since it is without fresh water, it has always been uninhabited. During and ever since World War II it has been used as a target area by the Navy and Air Force and is now covered with live explosives. In consonance with the principle of multiple use of public lands, I propose that Kahoolawe serve as a location for Hunters Unlimited---only the first, let us hope, of many such parks.

Arrangements would be simple; once a week a boat would ferry hunters and their equipment from Maui and take off any survivors able to get to the landing. The Navy and Air Force, naturally, would refrain from target practice, and the hunters observe a cease-fire, for the necessary hours. Most hunters, coming from the mainland, would have had to fly to Honolulu Airport, and then to Kahului, on the island of Maui, whence a shuttle bus service would transport them to the ferry at Maalaea Bay. It might become profitable to enlarge the airport at Kahului to accommodate full-size jets, so that a hunter could have breakfast in Los Angeles, fly direct, and be ferried to the hunting grounds by midday. Airlines might well offer a round-trip passage for the price of a one-way fare. So few sportsmen could take advantage of the return flight that the financial loss would be negligible.

4. According to the author, his major concern is to propagate the number of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) hunters
- (B) ducks
- (C) Hawaiian resorts
- (D) none of the above

5. This passage might be classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) heavy-handed criticism
- (B) satire
- (C) melodrama
- (D) journalism

6. The island of Kahoolawe has been selected because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) it is without fresh water
- (B) of its rugged beauty
- (C) it is presently uninhabited
- (D) of the presence of ducks

7. The author suggests that Kahoolawe's use would be in consonance with the principle of multiple use of public lands. In this context, "consonance" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) in contradiction to
- (B) in agreement with
- (C) quite neutral toward
- (D) none of the above

8. "So few sportsmen could take advantage of the return flight that the financial loss would be negligible" is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) hyperbole
- (B) understatement
- (C) straightforward prose
- (D) none of the above

### Passage 3

In the South American rain forest abide the greatest acrobats on earth. The monkeys of the Old World, agile as they are, cannot hang by their tails. It is only the monkeys of America that possess this skill. They are called ceboids and their unique group includes marmosets, owl monkeys, sakis, spider monkeys, squirrel monkeys, and howlers. Among these the star gymnast is the skinny, intelligent spider monkey. Hanging head down like a trapeze artist from the loop of a liana, he may suddenly give a short swing, launch himself into space and, soaring outward and downward across a 50-foot void of air, lightly catch a bough on which he spied a shining berry. No owl monkey can match his leap, for their arms are shorter, their tails untalented. The marmosets, smallest of the tribe, though noisy boodlums that travel in gangs, are also capable of leaps into space, but their landings are rough: smack against a tree trunk with arms and legs spread wide.

9. The author states that the marmoset is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) clannish

- (B) graceful
- (C) antisocial
- (D) shy

10. Compared to monkeys of the Old World, American monkeys are

- (A) smaller
- (B) more quiet
- (C) more dexterous
- (D) more protective of their young

11. The title below that best expresses the ideas of this selection is

- (A) The Star Gymnast
- (B) Monkeys and Trees
- (C) Travelers in Space
- (D) Ceboid Acrobats

#### Passage 4

Some scraps of evidence bear out those who hold a very high opinion of the average level of culture among Athenians of the great age. The funeral speech of Pericles is the most famous indication from Athenian literature that its level was indeed high. Pericles was, however, a politician, and he may have been flattering his audience. We know that thousands of Athenians sat hour after hour in the theater listening to the plays of the great Greek dramatists. These plays, especially the tragedies, are at a very high intellectual level throughout. There are no letdowns, no concessions to the lowbrows or to the demands of "realism," such as the scene of the gravediggers in *Hamlet*. The music and dancing woven into these plays were almost certainly at an equally high level. Our opera---not Italian opera, not even Wagner, but the restrained, difficult opera of the 18<sup>th</sup> century---is probably the best modern parallel. The comparison is no doubt dangerous, but can you imagine almost the entire population of an American city (in suitable installments, of course) sitting through performances of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* or Gluck's *Orpheus*? Perhaps the Athenian masses went to

these plays because of a lack of other amusements. They could at least understand something of what went on, since the subjects were part of their folklore. For the American people, the subjects of grand opera are not part of their folklore.

12. The author seems to question the sincerity of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) politicians
- (B) playwrights
- (C) opera-goers
- (D) "lowbrows"

13. The author's attitude toward Greek plays is one of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) qualified approval
- (B) grudging admiration
- (C) studied indifference
- (D) partial hostility

14. The author seems to suggest that the average American \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) enjoys *Hamlet*
- (B) loves folklore
- (C) does not understand grand opera
- (D) seeks a high cultural level

15. The author suggests that Greek plays \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) made great demands upon their actors
- (B) were written for a limited audience
- (C) were dominated by music and dancing
- (D) stimulated their audiences

### Passage 5

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16. Which page of the newspaper would most likely give you the names and telephone numbers of people who have used cars for sale?

- (A) Page 6-C
- (B) Page 1-C
- (C) Page 1-D
- (D) Page 6-B

17. On which page would you find information on the stock exchange?

- (A) Page 6-B
- (B) Page 1-C
- (C) Page 1-D
- (D) Page 1-E

18. On which of the following pages would you most likely find the time and station of your favorite television show?

- (A) Page 6-C
- (B) Page 1-D
- (C) Page 5-B
- (D) Page 6-B

### Passage 6

In the early nineteenth century Rousseau's misgivings concerning the progress of civilization were largely forgotten, but his idea of tracing the evolution of human nature from brute-like beginnings took hold with a vengeance. Theories of social evolution proliferated like mushrooms. The impetus to their elaboration came less from biology than from a growing awareness of change and improvement in social institutions and a growing conviction that man's early condition had been a savage one. Taking progress for granted, social scientists endeavored to discover its laws and stages. Auguste Comte, for example, set for "social physics" (or sociology, as he later called it) the task of discovering "by what necessary chain of successive transformations the human race, starting from a condition barely superior to that of a society of great apes, has been gradually led up to the present stage of European civilization." Like Rousseau, Comte



regarded man as the only species of animal capable of evolution.

19. Rousseau believed \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) in the inevitability of progress
- (B) that man was the only creature capable of evolution
- (C) that all of nature (animals, plants, and men) was constantly evolving
- (D) that the science of sociology would promote social evolution

20. Theories of social evolution proliferated because of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) advances in biology
- (B) the belief, with Rousseau, that man's condition was showing no real improvement
- (C) respect for Rousseau as a social thinker and philosopher
- (D) the conviction that man's beginnings had been brute-like, but that his condition was showing steady improvement

## **VII. Composition (30%)**

Write a composition of around 400 words on the following topic:

On Newspapers