

Section One: Vocabulary

Read each statement below carefully and fill in the blank(s) with the best answer

(1, 2, 3, 4)

- 1- The book of eleven chapters, each one covering a different topic.
 1) contends 2) includes 3) consists 4) contains
- 2- I have always you as one of my best students.
 1) regarded 2) thought 3) meant 4) supposed
- 3- Sally that John's remarks were meant as a joke.
 1) pretended 2) avoided 3) permitted 4) allowed
- 4- Of the twenty people on the bus that crashed, only two
 1) kept 2) stayed 3) survived 4) killed
- 5- Albert Einstein was to sign autographs, and charged people a dollar before signing anything, but then gave the money to charity.
 1) obvious 2) reluctant 3) valid 4) weird
- 6- The cattle lying in the pathways arose and down among the grass.
 1) subsided 2) abided 3) blundered 4) exempt
- 7- In the center of the university stands the statue of the founder.
 1) floor 2) campus 3) size 4) lap
- 8- His youth and habits had helped his recovery from a wound which in the earlier stages looked fatal.
 1) impolite 2) offensive 3) aggressive 4) temperate
- 9- Joan is much better worker than the fellow who her in this job.
 1) preceded 2) emphasized 3) announced 4) pretended
- 10- The site will attract many homebuyers because of the advantages for the
 1) pioneers 2) commuters 3) sellers 4) comrades
- 11- My son has been veryfor weeks. He really needs to find himself a summer job and pay the rent.
 1) active 2) fertile 3) idle 4) lunatic
- 12- He is a very, emotional person, and doesn't always think properly.
 1) spontaneous 2) reflective 3) attractive 4) drastic

13- Robin picked up the hot iron as it was about to my dress.

- 1) redeem 2) utilize 3) scorch 4) sympathize

14- She was completely after working all day and then coming home to clean the house, make dinner, and spend time with her children.

- 1) exhausted 2) extinguished 3) depicted 4) promoted

15- The islands, rocks , and cliffs are frequented in by a great variety of birds.

- 1) reasons 2) multitudes 3) torments 4) culprits

16- The two opposition parties have in an attempt to win the next election.

- 1) mumbled 2) illustrated 3) prosecuted 4) united

17- All students must take a placement test at the of the program.

- 1) promise 2) agreement 3) commencement 4) confinement

18- His of politics is surprising, given that his parents have been involved in social issues all their lives.

- 1) ignorance 2) action 3) sensitivity 4) conformity

19- Your next in this tournament have lost all their previous games, so I do not think you will have too much trouble with them.

- 1) pedestrians 2) opponents 3) fictions 4) wagers

20- Robert was a child, with an early passion for learning.

- 1) sporadic 2) irrelevant 3) cursory 4) precocious

21- Recently, many workhouses have been established for persons capable of work. The government hopes that this will change their financial status.

- 1) potential 2) posthumous 3) indigent 4) urgent

22- To be accused of being a communist is a/an to damage my reputation.

- 1) slander 2) riot 3) oath 4) dimension

23- Many people think that it is easy to become to long periods of little sleep without any consequences, but it is not true.

- 1) vacant 2) accustomed 3) ludicrous 4) benevolent

24- Mr. Williams used to carry paper in his wallet to look

- 1) belligerent 2) legible 3) deliberate 4) affluent

25- While walking across the lawn, I got by the cold water sprinkler.

- 1) endured 2) drenched 3) dwindled 4) abided

49- No longer scientific discovery is matter of one person working alone.

50- The scientific method consists of forming hypotheses, collect data, and testing results.

51- All data in computer are changed into electronic pulses by an input unit.

52- The basic law of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division are taught to all elementary school students.

53- A large percentage in Canadian export business is with the United States.

54- Caricature, a type of comic exaggeration, is common used in political cartoons.

55- One and more sentences related to the same topic form a paragraph.

56- Mirrors that made of shiny metal were used by the Egyptians in ancient times.

57- Mark Twain's novel, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," are one of America's national treasures.

58- In his early days as a direct, Charlie Chaplin produced 62 short, silent comedy films in four years.

59- Some studies show that young babies prefer the smell of milk to those of other liquids.

60- Plants absorb water and nutrients and anchoring themselves in the soil with their roots.

Section Two: Part Three

In each of the following sets of sentences, three sentences are grammatically correct and one sentence is not grammatical. Identify the incorrect sentence and mark your answer sheet.

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- 1) It was such terrible weather that we had to cancel the game.
- 2) We had such wonderful memories of that place that we decided to return.
- 3) The sun shone so brightly that Maria had to put on her sunglasses.
- 4) There were such many people on the bus that we decided to walk.

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- 1) His parents won't allow him staying out late.
- 2) We were forced to take a taxi because the last bus had left.
- 3) Please let me not say anything about the accident.
- 4) They forced him to give them the money.

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- 1) A diver must supply himself with a mixture of oxygen and different gasses.
- 2) When she was younger, my grandmother worked in a flower shop.
- 3) The athlete trained with the college track team next month.
- 4) The relative humidity usually falls when the temperature goes down.

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- 1) You must decide and do up your mind.
- 2) What time do you get up in the morning?
- 3) At the moment we are trying to support the town centre.
- 4) After they had shouted at each other, they decided to make it up.

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- 1) It's no good trying to persuade me because I'm not saying a word.
- 2) I'm afraid I can't say for sure but I think it's safe.
- 3) I've said you not to do that many times before.
- 4) What I say and what I do are not necessarily the same.

Section Three: Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the passages and choose the one best answer, (1) , (2), (3) or (4), for each question.

Passage 1

Chinese New Year celebrations also known as the Spring Festival, in China start on the 23rd day of the 12th lunar month of the Chinese calendar. The festival lasts for about 23 days, ending on the 15th day of the first lunar month in the following year in the Chinese calendar.

Many people clean their homes to welcome the Spring Festival. They put up the red posters with poetic verses on it to their doors, Chinese New Year pictures on their walls, and decorate their homes with red lanterns. It is also a time to reunite with relatives.

In the evening of the Spring Festival Eve, many people set off fireworks and firecrackers, hoping to cast away any bad luck and bring forth good luck. Children often receive "luck" money. Many people wear new clothes and send Chinese New Year greetings to each other. Various activities such as beating drums and striking gongs, as well as dragon and lion dances, are all part of the Spring Festival festivities.

According to historical documents, on the day when Shun, who was one of ancient China's mythological emperors, came to the throne more than 4000 years ago, he led his ministers to worship heaven and earth. From then on, that day was regarded as the first day of the first lunar month in the Chinese calendar. This is the basic origin of Chinese New Year. China adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1911, so Chinese New Year was renamed the Spring Festival.

The red posters with poetic verses on it were initially a type of amulet, but now it simply means good fortune and joy. Various Chinese New Year symbols express different meanings. For example, an image of a fish symbolizes "having more than one needs every year". A firecracker symbolizes "good luck in the coming year". The festival lanterns symbolize "pursuing the bright and the beautiful".

66- Chinese New Year is based on

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| 1) mythology | 2) the worship of heaven and earth |
| 3) the start of the lunar month | 4) Gregorian calendar |

67- Chinese New Year starts on of the Chinese calendar.

- 1) the 15th day of the 12th lunar month
- 2) the 23rd day of the first lunar month
- 3) the 15th day of the first lunar month
- 4) the 23rd of the 12th lunar month

68- How long does the festival take?

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| 1) 25 days | 2) 15 days |
| 3) 23 days | 4) 30 days |

69- In the New Year Chinese people

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| 1) visit their families | 2) help the poor |
| 3) buy gifts for their family members | 4) visit their friends |

70- Which of the following is **NOT** a part of the festivities?

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| 1) Setting off fireworks | 2) Striking gongs |
| 3) Worshipping the earth | 4) Wearing new clothes |

71- People give money to children to

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| 1) buy new clothes | 2) bring them joy and happiness |
| 3) buy drums and gongs | 4) watch lion and dragon dances |

72- Most of the Chinese festivities and the symbols they use during the New Year are based on the belief that

- 1) the New Year should be welcomed
- 2) beauty should be pursued in the New Year
- 3) the New Year should bring more money to people
- 4) the New Year should be blessed with fortune

73- Chinese New Year was named Spring Festival

- 1) in 1911
- 2) more than 4000 years ago
- 3) on an unknown date
- 4) the day Shun noticed the first day of the first lunar month

74- It can be inferred from the text that the reason Chinese use red posters and red lanterns in their festivities is that they believe red color

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| 1) is beautiful | 2) symbolizes good luck |
| 3) symbolizes wealth | 4) represents the beginning of the year |

Passage 2

Popcorn, also known as popping corn, is a special variety of corn. Each kernel contains a tiny drop of water. When it is heated, the water expands causing the kernel to explode and flip inside out. Most U.S. popcorn is grown in Nebraska and Indiana, and increasingly in Texas.

Native Americans first discovered popcorn thousands of years ago in Guatemala or Mexico. It was popped in China during the Song Dynasty (960-279) as well as in Sumatra and India before Columbus reached America.

In 1519 when he invaded Mexico, Spanish Conquistador Hernando Cortes first saw popcorn when he met the Aztecs. Popcorn was important to the Aztecs as food, as decoration for ceremonial headdresses and necklaces, and as ornaments on statues. Around 1612, French explorers around the Great Lakes met Iroquois who used heated sand in a pottery vessel to make popcorn. There is an unproven theory that an Indian named Quadequina brought a deerskin bag of popped corn for the first Thanksgiving feast on October 15, 1621. In 1948 and 1950 people discovered ears of popcorn in the Bat Cave of west central New Mexico. The ears measured from smaller than a penny to about two inches. They were determined to be about 5600 years old.

Colonial housewives served popcorn with sugar and cream for breakfast. Some colonists used cylinder of thin sheet-iron that revolved on an axle in front of the fireplace to make popped corn.

In 1885, Charles Cretors of Chicago, Illinois, invented the first popcorn machine. Street vendors were soon pushing steam or gas-powered poppers through fairs, parks, and expositions. In 1914, in Sioux city, Iowa, Cloid Smith created America's first branded popcorn (Jolly Time), and for the first time popcorn was available in grocery stores.

Americans eat more than 17 billion quarts of popcorn a year, an average of 60 quarts per person per year. As the result of an elementary school project, popcorn became the official state snack food of Illinois. January 19 is National Popcorn Day, and October is National popcorn month.

75- What is the topic of the first paragraph?

- 1) Who likes popcorn?
- 2) How does a kernel of corn turn into popcorn?
- 3) Where was popcorn first popped?
- 4) What is the right temperature to cook popcorn?

76- Which of the following happened first?

- 1) Jolly Time Popcorn became the first brand of popcorn.
- 2) The popcorn machine was invented.
- 3) October became National Popcorn Month.
- 4) Ears of popcorn over 5600 years old were discovered in a New Mexico cave.

77- Which of the following could be the title for the second paragraph?

- 1) Popcorn in America
- 2) How popcorn changed the world history.
- 3) How past cultures made and used popcorn
- 4) How popcorn is made today

78- Popcorn is the official snack of

- 1) the Aztec Indians
- 2) grocery stores
- 3) America
- 4) the state of Illinois

79- Popcorn is

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| 1) about 50 years old | 2) a new invention |
| 3) thousands of years old | 4) hundreds of years old |

80- Each kernel of popcorn contains

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| 1) heat | 2) milk | 3) water | 4) corn |
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81- The Aztec Indians did NOT use popcorn as

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| 1) a weapon against enemies | 2) food |
| 3) ornaments for jewelry | 4) decorations |

82- Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- 1) Schools are closed on National Popcorn day.
- 2) Americans eat a lot of popcorn every year.
- 3) The best popcorn brand is Jolly Time.
- 4) In the old days housewives did not like serving popcorn.

83- Which of the following is NOT true?

- 1) Popcorn has been available in grocery stores for hundreds of years.
- 2) Popcorn was popped at first Thanksgiving.
- 3) Popcorn was popped by Colonial Housewives.
- 4) The Popcorn Machine was invented by Charles Cretors.

84- According to the passage

- 1) colonial wives served popcorn for dinner with sugar and cream
- 2) ears of popcorn 3000 years old were found in a New Mexico cave.
- 3) the popcorn machine was invented by the Aztec Indians
- 4) popcorn may have been served at the first Thanksgiving.

85- The first popcorn machine was invented in

- 1) 1914
- 2) 1948
- 3) 1950
- 4) 1885

Section Four: Cloze Passages

Read the following passages and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate choice.

Passage 1

There are millions of stars in the sky. If you look at the sky on a clear night, it is possible to see about 3000 stars. They look small, but they are really ...(86)... big hot balls of burning gas. Some of them are huge, but others are ...(87)... smaller, like our planet Earth. The biggest stars are very bright, but they only live for a short time. Every day new stars ...(88)... born and old stars die. All the stars are very far away. The light from the nearest star takes more ...(89)... four years to reach Earth. Hundreds of years ago, people ...(90)... stars, like the North star, to know which direction to travel in. Today you can still see that star.

- 86-1) very 2) too 3) much 4) many
- 87-1) many 2) little 3) great 4) much
- 88-1) is 2) be 3) are 4) -
- 89-1) that 2) of 3) than 4) from
- 90-1) use 2) used 3) are using 4) using

Passage 2

Although few students would say that school lessons and laughter ...(91)... together, two Ohio University psychology professors argue that the use of humor in online courses can ...(92)... good results. Mark Shatz and Frank Lochiavo found that humor can significantly ...(93)... students' interest. Shatz asserted that "we know that students taking online courses often ...(94)... them boring and impersonal, ...(95)... we thought about the idea of trying to incorporate humor into online teaching".

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| 91-1) make | 2) go | 3) have | 4) do |
| 92-1) play | 2) take | 3) produce | 4) present |
| 93-1) grow | 2) rise | 3) increase | 4) dwindle |
| 94-1) believe | 2) view | 3) think | 4) look |
| 95-1) that | 2) so | 3) as | 4) then |

Passage 3

Long ago people knew very little about the world. The earth was thought to be flat. Hence, if a person walked long enough in one direction, he would finally ...(96)... the edge of the world and fall off. Today, we ...(97)... that the earth is not a flat rectangular block; it is round. We ...(98)... this knowledge to the explorers who made long voyage to find new routes and ...(99)... new lands. They kept accurate records ...(100)... the oceans they crossed and the strange lands they visited. From these records, they drew up a map of the world and ended the belief of a flat world.

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| 96-1) get | 2) take | 3) reach | 4) see |
| 97-1) consume | 2) play | 3) ignore | 4) know |
| 98-1) owe | 2) borrow | 3) bargain | 4) lend |
| 99-1) understand | 2) think | 3) discover | 4) turn |
| 100-1) in | 2) with | 3) for | 4) of |