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Mark your answers on the answer sheet provided at the back of the test.

Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use this paragraph to answer questions 1 through 4.

<sup>1</sup> Sam and Su Chin were the finalists in the skateboarding contest. <sup>2</sup> Sam watched as Su Chin prepared to start. <sup>3</sup> Su Chin tightened her helmet chin strap. <sup>4</sup> Su Chin adjusted her knee pads. <sup>5</sup> Sam grinned at her gave her a thumbs up and said, “Good luck!”

1. Which of these sentences **best** combines Sentences 3 and 4?
  - A Su Chin tightened her helmet chin strap and adjusted her knee pads.
  - B Su Chin, tightening her helmet chin strap, adjusted her knee pads.
  - C While tightening her chin strap, Su Chin adjusted her knee pads.
  - D Su Chin tightened and adjusted her helmet chin strap and knee pads.
  
2. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 5.
  - A Sam, grinned at her, gave her a thumbs up and said, “Good luck!”
  - B Sam grinned, at her, gave her a thumbs up, and said, “Good luck!”
  - C Sam grinned at her, gave her a thumbs up, and said, “Good luck!”
  - D Sam grinned at her, gave her a thumbs up and, said, “Good luck!”
  
3. Which sentence would make the **best** conclusion to this paragraph?
  - A Sam was worried, but he hoped he would win.
  - B Su Chin won!
  - C After grinning back at Sam, Su Chin started down the ramp.
  - D Su Chin and Sam were best friends.

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4. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 1.
- A Sam and Su Chin was the finalists in the skateboarding contest.
  - B Sam and Su Chin, they were the finalists in the skateboarding contest.
  - C Sam and Su Chin they are the finalists in the skateboarding contest.
  - D It is correct as it is.

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**Read the friendly letter. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the letter to answer questions 5 through 9.**

<sup>1</sup> November 10, 2007

<sup>2</sup> Dear Sara

<sup>3</sup> Thank you so much for helping me with the carnival. <sup>4</sup> I would like to have a party for everyone who helped. <sup>5</sup> If your going to meet with our committee members, would you please invite them? <sup>6</sup> Do you know if Jamal and Charles are going to have basketball practice that day. <sup>7</sup> I'd like them to be my guests, to.

<sup>8</sup> Sincerely Yours,  
Julie

5. Choose the correct way to write the greeting (2) of the letter.
- A dear Sara,
  - B Dear Sara:
  - C Dear, Sara
  - D Dear Sara,
6. Which would make Sentence 5 correct?
- A Change committee to Committee
  - B Change your to you're
  - C Change would for wood
  - D It is correct as it is.
7. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 6.
- A Do you know if Jamal and Charles are going to have basketball practice that day?
  - B Do you know if Jamal and Charles are going to have basketball practice that day!
  - C "Do you know if Jamal and Charles are going to have basketball practice that day?"
  - D It is correct as it is.

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8. Which would make Sentence 7 correct?

- A Change I'd to i'd
- B Change guests to gests
- C Change to to too
- D It is correct as it is.

9. Choose the correct way to write the closing (8) of the letter.

- A sincerely yours,
- B Sincerely yours,
- C Sincerely yours
- D It is correct as it is.

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10. Read this sentence. In which part of the sentence is a word used incorrectly?

My family and I love are dogs even though they're lazy and fat.

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- A Part 1
- B Part 2
- C Part 3
- D Part 4

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**Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 11 through 17.**

<sup>1</sup> I'm going to tell you about wagon trains. <sup>2</sup> Our class learned about wagon trains in social studies last quarter. <sup>3</sup> Did you know that people often walked most of the 2,000 miles west to the Oregon territory? <sup>4</sup> People traveling west ate a lot of bacon. <sup>5</sup> They also ate a lot of cornbread. <sup>6</sup> I really like cornbread with honey. <sup>7</sup> It took about six months to get to there new home in Oregon. <sup>8</sup> The pioneers were tired and happy when they finely arrived.

11. Which sentence does **not** belong in this paragraph?
- A Sentence 3
  - B Sentence 6
  - C Sentence 7
  - D Sentence 8
12. Which of these sentences should replace Sentence 1 in order to make it more interesting?
- A Wagon trains started around 1840.
  - B I like wagon trains a lot, and you will, too.
  - C A wagon train had lots of families and animals in it.
  - D “Wagons ho!” cried the wagon master, and a wagon train adventure began.
13. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 2.
- A Our class will learn about wagon trains in social studies last quarter.
  - B Our class has learning about wagon trains in social studies last quarter.
  - C Our class keeps on learning about wagon trains in social studies last quarter.
  - D Correct as it is.

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14. There is a mistake in Sentence 3. Choose the **best** way to write it.
- A Did you know that people often walked most of the 2,000 miles west to the Oregon Territory?
  - B Did you know that people often walked most of the 2,000 miles West to the Oregon territory?
  - C Did you know that people often walked most of the 2,000 miles West To The Oregon Territory?
  - D Did you know that people often walked most of the 2,000 miles west to the oregon territory?
15. Which of these **best** combines Sentences 4 and 5?
- A People traveling west ate a lot of bacon, and cornbread.
  - B People traveling west ate a lot of bacon and they ate a lot of cornbread, too.
  - C People traveling west ate a lot of bacon and cornbread.
  - D People traveling west ate bacon a lot and cornbread a lot.
16. Which would make Sentence 7 correct?
- A Change six to 6
  - B Change to to two
  - C Change there to their
  - D It is correct as it is.
17. Which of these details belongs in this paragraph?
- A Cows and horses are good farm animals.
  - B Betsy Blythe lives in Oregon.
  - C The Willamette Valley is on the Oregon Trail.
  - D People packed everything they owned for the trip to Oregon.

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18. Which sentence is **most** descriptive?

- A I like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch.
  - B The jelly oozes from my sandwich with my first gigantic bite.
  - C First put on the peanut butter and then spread the jelly.
  - D Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are delicious.
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19. Which sentence has an error?

- A Pam and Jonah are going to the fair.
  - B They are anxious to see all of the animals.
  - C Jonah has entered his prize chicken once again this year.
  - D Them chickens are all so beautiful.
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20. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A Tomas likes burgers alot.
  - B I want to go to are cabin.
  - C Your going to need gloves today.
  - D I like my two best friends.
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21. Which sentence has an error?

- A I've never tooaken a vacation to Hawaii.
- B She saw three geese on the playground.
- C Jim and Jamal went to practice on Thursday.
- D I loved *Titanic*, the movie.

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22. Which sentence has an error in capitalization?
- A Sara Ann Jones is the Captain of our team.
  - B We went to the island of Maui.
  - C We are reading *Winter of Red Snow* in class.
  - D I took the train to Seward, Alaska.
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23. Which sentence is written correctly?
- A “Are you going to Safeway today” asked Juanita.
  - B “Are you going to Safeway today?” asked Juanita.
  - C “Are you going to Safeway today,” asked Juanita?
  - D “Are you going to Safeway today asked Juanita?”
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24. Marta is writing about her hiking trip down the Grand Canyon. Which sentence should come first in her paper?
- A It was so hot that we each drank two liters of water before we were half way.
  - B The trail was narrow and slippery in some places.
  - C We strapped our backpacks on as we looked down at the bottom of the canyon.
  - D The donkey that was carrying our camping gear plodded softly on the trail.

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**Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 25 through 31.**

<sup>1</sup> Silver salmon are being raised in classrooms all over Anchorage Alaska.  
<sup>2</sup> Children collect the salmon eggs from spawning salmon in Campbell creek in the fall. <sup>3</sup> The eggs are put real careful into classroom aquariums. <sup>4</sup> Another name for a silver salmon is Coho. <sup>5</sup> The eggs hatch and become baby salmon, or fry. <sup>6</sup> The children say good-bye to their salmon in the Spring.

25. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 1.
- A Silver salmon are being raised in classrooms all over Anchorage, Alaska.
  - B Silver salmon are being raised in classrooms, all over Anchorage Alaska.
  - C Silver salmon are being raised, in classrooms all over Anchorage Alaska.
  - D It is correct as it is.
26. The writer organizes information in this paragraph by
- A telling a story
  - B giving directions
  - C describing a character
  - D reporting facts
27. Which sentence does **not** belong in this paragraph?
- A Sentence 2
  - B Sentence 3
  - C Sentence 4
  - D Sentence 5

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28. Choose the **best** detail to add to the paragraph after Sentence 5.
- A The salmon fry are carefully transported to a lake in Anchorage to be released.
  - B Different classes go to release their salmon on different days.
  - C Sometimes it rains on the field trip to release the baby fish.
  - D It's really fun to let the fish go.
29. Choose the **best** conclusion for the paragraph.
- A Salmon are so delicious on the barbecue!
  - B Coho salmon are Anchorage kids' favorite fish, and they like kings, too.
  - C In the winter we'll get to go ice fishing!
  - D Anchorage school children enjoy learning about salmon during their year raising fish.
30. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 6.
- A The children say good-bye to their Salmon in the Spring.
  - B The children say good-bye to their salmon in The Spring.
  - C The children say good-bye to their salmon in the spring.
  - D It is correct as it is.
31. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 2.
- A Children collect the salmon eggs from spawning salmon in campbell creek in the fall.
  - B Children collect the salmon eggs from spawning salmon in Campbell creek in the Fall.
  - C Children collect the salmon eggs from spawning salmon in Campbell Creek in the fall.
  - D It is correct as it is.

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32. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
- A “Are you ready to go to recess, the teacher asked?”
  - B Jim Bob said “I love to go to gym class!”
  - C “Marlee needed to remember her boots today” her mother said.
  - D The waitress asked, “Would you like fries with that?”
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33. Choose the sentence with the spelling error.
- A Did you do your homework last night?
  - B Sarah dosen't have her backpack today.
  - C Their dog is always in our yard.
  - D Were you ready when the bus came this morning?
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34. Read the directions. The sentences are out of order.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 When the bell rings, walk out of the classroom.</li><li>2 Put on your coat, mittens, and hat.</li><li>3 Line up at the door.</li><li>4 Get your homework and notebook ready to go.</li></ul> |
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If the sentences were written in the correct order, which sentence would be first?

- A Sentence 1
- B Sentence 2
- C Sentence 3
- D Sentence 4

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**Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use this paragraph to answer questions 35 through 39.**

<sup>1</sup> Our plan to paint my bedroom did not quiet go as I had planned. <sup>2</sup> My mom and me chose a pretty yellow color from a small paint sample. <sup>3</sup> We spent the weekend painting my walls. <sup>4</sup> We were realy in for a surprise! <sup>5</sup>Them walls were much brighter than we expected.

35. Of the following sentences, which has a spelling error?
- A Sentence 1
  - B Sentence 2
  - C Sentence 3
  - D There are no errors.
36. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 2.
- A My mom chose me a pretty yellow color from a small paint sample.
  - B My mom and I chose a pretty yellow color from a small paint sample.
  - C Me and my mom chose a pretty yellow color from a small paint sample.
  - D It is correct as it is.
37. Which would make Sentence 4 correct?
- A Change were to where
  - B Change realy to really
  - C Change for to four
  - D It is correct as it is.

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38. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 5.
- A The walls were much brighter than we expected.
  - B Them walls was much brighter than we expected.
  - C The walls was much brighter than we expected.
  - D It is correct as it is.
39. Choose the **best** concluding sentence for the paragraph.
- A The walls are okay, but they aren't what I expected.
  - B I should have chosen blue.
  - C Yellow isn't as pretty to me now.
  - D I may have to wear sunglasses when I go to bed!

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40. Lily is writing a paper titled “How To Build A Snow Cave For Winter Camping.” Which form of writing should she use?
- A description
  - B step-by-step instructions
  - C personal narrative
  - D informative report
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41. Which sentence is **not** written correctly?
- A Tara and Mark are my best friends.
  - B The dog, Rover, won an award.
  - C They was going to the store right after school.
  - D Maria, Anita, and Stella each earned an A.
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42. Ted has an interest in cross-country skiing. He’d like to write about the life of our Alaskan World Champion, Kikkan Randall. Which genre of writing will he use?
- A mystery
  - B adventure
  - C fiction
  - D biography

**Read the paragraph. Use it to answer questions 43 through 46.**

<sup>1</sup> Mariah had wanted a pony for as long as she could remember. <sup>2</sup> For four years she saved her babysitting money. <sup>3</sup> Finally she had enough money. <sup>4</sup> Now she could buy the pony she loved. <sup>5</sup> It wasn't easy, but she convinced her parents that she could afford the upkeep of her new pet.

43. Which sentence **best** concludes this paragraph?
- A The best day of Mariah's life arrived, and the pony was finally hers.
  - B Mariah loved trail rides, and she rode nearly every day.
  - C Samson was her pony's name.
  - D That horse could eat a lot!
44. Which would be the **best** detail to add to this paragraph?
- A She wanted a pony that was brown and white.
  - B Mariah worked every weekend, and she often had a job after school.
  - C Her friends all wanted to come see the pony.
  - D Mariah had a beautiful saddle and bridle waiting in her garage.
45. Which is the **best** descriptive word for Mariah?
- A determined
  - B sporty
  - C bothersome
  - D loving

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46. Which of these sentences **best** combines Sentences 3 and 4?
- A The pony could finally be bought because she had enough money and she loved it.
  - B Finally she had enough money to buy the pony she loved.
  - C She finally had enough money so that she could buy her pony that she loved.
  - D Finally she bought the pony with all her money because she loved it.

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**Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use this paragraph to answer questions 47 through 51.**

<sup>1</sup> Thurgood Marshall, a African American, was born on July 2, 1908. <sup>2</sup> At that time slavery had been against the law in the United States for nearly half a century, but black people still did not have all of the same rights as whites. <sup>3</sup>Mr. Marshall did not believe that these rules were fair he decided to attend law school and become a lawyer. <sup>4</sup> He used his legal expertise to help people understand that our Constitution required that *all* people must be treated fairly. <sup>5</sup> It was so mean that people didn't treat each other with respect. <sup>6</sup> In 1967 Thurgood Marshall became the first African American justice on the United States Supreme Court.

47. Choose the correct way to write Sentence 1.
- A Thurgood Marshall an African American was born on July 2, 1908.
  - B Thurgood Marshall, an African American, was born on July 2, 1908.
  - C Thurgood Marshall a African American was born on July 2, 1908.
  - D It is correct as it is.
48. Which sentence does **not** belong in the paragraph?
- A Sentence 3
  - B Sentence 4
  - C Sentence 5
  - D Sentence 6

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49. In Sentence 4 the author used italics for the word *all* for emphasis. In this sentence, *all* means
- A all black people
  - B everyone in America
  - C rich and poor people
  - D young and old people
50. Sentence 3 is written incorrectly. Which of the following is the best way to correct it?
- A Mr. Marshall, he did not believe that these rules were fair, so he decided to attend law school and become a lawyer.
  - B Mr. Marshall did not believe that these rules were fair, he decided to attend law school and become a lawyer.
  - C Mr. Marshall did not believe that these rules were fair and so then he decided to attend law school and become a lawyer.
  - D Mr. Marshall did not believe that these rules were fair. He decided to attend law school and become a lawyer.
51. Read the sentence. It was left out of the paragraph.

Blacks were not allowed to vote, and black and white children had to go to separate schools.

The best place for this sentence is

- A After Sentence 1
- B After Sentence 2
- C After Sentence 3
- D After Sentence 4

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Read the passage. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the passage to answer questions 52 through 55.

<sup>1</sup> Jim loved to visit the zoo. <sup>2</sup> Jim liked the big cats the most. <sup>3</sup> Jim's favorite big cat was the Siberian tiger. <sup>4</sup> Jim liked to show up at their cage at feeding time. <sup>5</sup> Jim wanted to someday become a vet. <sup>6</sup> Then Jim could work at the zoo. <sup>7</sup> Then he would see his tigers every day.

52. The author could improve this passage **most** by
- A telling the zoo's name and its location
  - B describing Jim's appearance
  - C changing the beginnings of some of his sentences
  - D describing the animals' cages
53. The best way to combine Sentences 6 and 7 is
- A Then Jim could work at the zoo and see his tigers every day.
  - B Then Jim could work and he could see his tigers every day at the zoo.
  - C Then Jim could work, and see his tigers, every day at the zoo.
  - D Then Jim could work while seeing zoo tigers.
54. The main idea of this passage is
- A Jim loves animals.
  - B Jim loves the zoo.
  - C Jim wants to be a vet.
  - D The big cats are scary.

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55. This sentence was left out of the passage:

He could spend hours there, watching the animals' behavior and wandering from cage to cage.

The best place for this sentence is

- A After sentence 1
- B After sentence 2
- C After sentence 3
- D After sentence 4

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56. Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- A. The elephant at the circus performed many tricks.
  - B. The tiger, the pony, and the monkeys were very funny.
  - C. Mom asked Sally, but she said she don't want to go.
  - D. We ate lots of peanuts and threw our shells on the ground.
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57. Read the sentence.

The dazzling mountains sparkled in the distance, their snowy peaks towering above the city.

Which form of writing would **most likely** include this sentence?

- A an autobiography
  - B a personal letter
  - C a social studies report
  - D a descriptive paragraph
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58. Choose the sentence with a spelling error.
- A I always remember to take a snack to school.
  - B The beggining of the story wasn't very well written.
  - C We couldn't wait for the state fair in August.
  - D Were you at home when the earthquake happened?

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59. Tom is writing an essay in which he wishes to present arguments against a longer school year. Which of these sentences is the **best** one to include in his essay?
- A I really like to have a long summer so I can go to camp.
  - B Many Alaskan families rely upon the long summer vacation to fill their freezers by hunting and fishing.
  - C The kids I know would really hate it if they had to go to school in the summer.
  - D People say kids forget stuff over summer vacation, but I don't think it's that big of a deal.

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60. Which of these sentences is **most** descriptive?
- A The hot-air balloon soared over our heads.
  - B The hot-air balloon floated in the blue sky.
  - C The fiery red hot-air balloon danced among the clouds.
  - D The hot-air balloon had red stripes and a brown basket.

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