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ENGLISH TEST

45 Minutes – 75 Questions

DIRECTIONS: In the five passages that follow, certain words and phrases are underlined and numbered. In the right-hand column, you will find alternatives for the underlined part. In most cases, you are to choose the one that best expresses the idea, makes the statement appropriate for standard written English, or is worded most consistently with the style and tone of the passage as a whole. If you think the original version is best, choose "NO CHANGE." In some cases, you will find in the right-hand column a question about the underlined part. You are to choose the best answer to the question. You will also find questions about a section of the passage, or about the passage as a whole. These questions do not refer to an underlined portion of the passage, but rather are identified by a number or numbers in a box.

For each question, choose the alternative you consider best and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer document. Read each passage through once before you begin to answer the questions that accompany it. For many of the questions, you must read several sentences beyond the question to determine the answer. Be sure that you have read far enough ahead each time you choose an alternative.

PASSAGEI

Yukigassen: Snow Big Deal

[1]

Fans in parkas, gloves, and hats surround

the snowy field, cheering as their teams line

up. [A] Players lob and fling snowballs at

their opponents while trying to avoid getting hit.

This is Yukigassen-a competitive snowball fight

that combines elements of dodge ball and capture the flag.

[2]

Every year, thousands of people flock to the small Japanese town of Sobetsu for the Showa-Shinzan International Yukigassen tournament. Fewer than thirty years ago, though, only a little visitors ventured to this mountainside town during its harsh winters. [B] Hoping to generate year-round tourism, community members created a unique winter sport: Yukigassen ("snow battle"). [C]

- The writer wants to emphasize the fans' loyalty to the teams they have come to watch. Which choice best accomplishes that goal?
 - A. NO CHANGE
 - B. competing
 - C. two
 - D. the
- If the writer were to delete the underlined portion (adjusting the punctuation as needed), the essay would primarily lose a comparison that:
 - F. references other games in order to predict how widespread Yukigassen is likely to become.
 - G. helps introduce the game of Yukigassen by referencing games that might be more familiar.
 - H. indicates that many people are becoming interested in learning to play Yukigassen.
 - J. provides details about the rules Yukigassen shares with other games.
- 3. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. then thirty years ago, though, only a little
 - C. than thirty years ago, though, only a few
 - D. then thirty years ago, though, only a few



[3]

Yukigassen is played on a rectangular field with a wall of snow, called a "shelter" in the center.

On both sides of the field stands other shelters—two that are used for cover and a centered back shelter (the "chateau"), where snowballs are stored. Each team's flag is planted in front of it's chateau.

[4]

Yukigassen games have three periods that each last three minutes. To win a period, teams can grab the opponents' <u>flag, eliminate every player</u>, on the other team, or have more players in the game when the period

ends. The team that prevails in two of three periods wins the game.

[5]

Each Yukigassen team has seven players: four forwards and three defensive players. Forwards advance to the center of the field that's crouching behind shelters and trying to eliminate opponents by hitting them with

snowballs. Meanwhile, defensive players supply his or her ¹⁰ forwards with ammunition and bombard opponents from afar. Any player can attempt to snatch the other team's flag. Defensive players ensure forwards have snowballs ¹¹ to throw.

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[6]

In 1989, the first Yukigassen tournament $\frac{\text{drew}}{12}$ 7,000 spectators and seven teams.

- F. NO CHANGE
 G. snow, called a "shelter,"
 H. snow called a "shelter,"
 J. snow; called a "shelter,"
- A. NO CHANGE
- B. is standing
 - C. has stood
 - D. stand
- 6. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. teams' flag is planted in front of its
 - H. team's flag is planted in front of its
 - J. teams flag is planted in front of it's
- 7. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. flag, eliminate every player
 - C. flag; eliminate every player
 - D. flag eliminate every player,
- 8. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. prevails, in two of the three periods,
 - H. prevails in two, of the three, periods
 - J. prevails, in two of the three periods
- 9. A. NO CHANGE
 - **B.** field, which is
 - C. field,
 - D. field
- 10. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. that person's
 - H. one's J. their
- 11. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. Capturing the flag is one way to win a period in Yukigassen.
 - C. Players who are hit by snowballs are eliminated.
 - D. DELETE the underlined portion.
- 12. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. manifested
 - H. persuaded
 - J. culled

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When a number of years passed, 28,000 spectators came to watch 190 teams battle in the snow. [D] With the addition of tournaments in Europe, Australia,

and the United States, Yukigassen is on the rise,

encouraging visitors to enjoy Sobetsu despite the cold. 14

13. At this point, the writer wishes to stress that Yukigassen has grown in popularity in a relatively short amount of time. Which choice best accomplishes that goal?

A. NO CHANGE

- After more than a decade, В.
- Only fifteen years later, C.
- D. In time,
- 14. Which choice best concludes the paragraph and the essay by emphasizing Yukigassen's continuing growth?
 - F. NO CHANGE
 - G. proving that creativity is a great way to stimulate tourism.
 - H. accumulating more teams and fans every year.
 - J. turning snowball fights into a legitimate sport.

Question 15 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

15. The writer wants to add the following sentence to the essay:

A referee blows the starting whistle.

The sentence would most logically be placed at:

- A. Point A in Paragraph 1.
- Point B in Paragraph 2. В.
- C. Point C in Paragraph 2.
- D. Point D in Paragraph 6.

PASSAGE II

A Stroll Through History on Sweet Auburn

In the early 1900s, when Auburn Avenue in 16

Atlanta, Georgia, became an interesting location for African American business and culture. Jim Crow laws forced segregation of blacks and whites in

Atlanta, resulting in the confinement of African American homes and businesses to a small downtown area in the Old Fourth Ward. Over time, African

American businesses congregated in this ward besides 19 approximately one and a half miles of Auburn Avenue. 16. F. NO CHANGE

- G. During the early 1900s,
- The early 1900s, when н.
- J. Early in the 1900s, as
- Which choice best emphasizes the activity and success of Auburn Avenue?
 - A. NO CHANGE
 - B. a location where you could find places of
 - C. a thriving center of
 - D. a home for
- 18. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. Atlanta. The result being
 - H. Atlanta, this resulted in
 - J. Atlanta, the result was
- 19. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. along
 - C. between
 - D. among

The <u>area's prosperity</u> and autonomy of the area led to $\frac{20}{20}$

the neighborhood being known as "Sweet Auburn." 21 Three financial companies provided the base for the rise of the black middle class in this area of Atlanta.

Alonzo Herndon, a former slave became a successful

barber, founded Atlanta Life Insurance. By $\frac{its}{23}$ one hundredth anniversary in 2005, the enterprise was worth over 200 million dollars. In 1911, a second black insurance company, Standard Life Insurance, was formed by Heman Perry. Ten years later, Perry founded the Citizens Trust Bank, which offered loans to African American entrepreneurs. Supported by these institutions, small businesses helped Sweet Auburn emerge as a center of black commerce.

In the 1920s and '30s, more than one hundred black-owned businesses, having found their home in the vibrant culture of Sweet Auburn. The avenue

Ma Sutton's, you could eat this food at Hawk's Dinette. Entertainment venues such as the Top Hat Club (later the Royal Peacock) hosted famous performers. 20. F. NO CHANGE

- G. area's well-to-do affluence
- H. affluent prosperity
- J. affluence
- 21. At this point, the writer is considering dividing the paragraph into two. Should the writer make this division here?
 - A. Yes, because it would separate the general discussion of the Old Fourth Ward from the more specific discussion of the one and a half miles of Sweet Auburn.
 - B. Yes, because it would separate the overview of Sweet Auburn from the discussion of specific companies that helped make Sweet Auburn a success.
 - C. No, because it would separate the description of Sweet Auburn's financial businesses from the description of its cultural establishments.
 - D. No, because it would separate the discussion of Sweet Auburn as it is today from the description of its history.
- 22. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. achieved the goal of becoming
 - H. acquired the status of a
 - J. and a
- 23. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. there
 - C. it's
 - D. its'

- 24. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. businesses, which
 - H. businesses that
 - J. businesses
- 25. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. displayed
 - C. featured
 - **D.** showed
- 26. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. Sutton's, such food was available at
 - H. Sutton's and this was also at
 - J. Sutton's and

flourished the legendary soul food restaurants

The Atlanta Daily World, for instance, the first successful black-owned US daily newspaper, also began on Auburn Avenue.

Sweet Auburn's designation: in 1976 as a National Historic Landmark resulted from the neighborhood's cultural strengths and business assets as well as its social values. Civic organizations and historic churches, such as Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached with his father—all contributed—to establishing Auburn Avenue as one of the most important streets in US history.

27. A. NO CHANGE

- B. therefore,
- C. however,
- **D.** DELETE the underlined portion.
- 28. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. designation in 1976,
 - H. designation in 1976
 - J. designation, in 1976
- 29. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. father-all contributed
 - C. father, all contributed
 - D. father all contributed

Question 30 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

- 30. Suppose the writer's primary purpose had been to provide historical background on a specific urban area. Would this essay accomplish that purpose?
 - F. Yes, because it outlines the people, institutions, and social and cultural factors that contributed to the rise in importance of Sweet Auburn.
 - G. Yes, because it explains that the city of Atlanta became nationally recognized for its governmentsponsored efforts to promote Sweet Auburn.
 - H. No, because it focuses on how the community benefited from Sweet Auburn's success rather than on how Sweet Auburn was established.
 - J. No, because it focuses primarily on three prominent Sweet Auburn businesses rather than on discussing Sweet Auburn in larger terms.

PASSAGE III

An East Coast Epiphany

Meadows of Dan. Peaks of Otter. Fancy Gap. Thunder Ridge. To read about the Blue Ridge Parkway, the most visited "unit," of the national park system, is to enter the realm of colorful language. But I knew better than to fall for the hype of brochures and Web sites preparing to embark on a 469-mile bike ride the length of the parkway.

31. A. NO CHANGE

- B. most visited "unit"
- C. most visited, "unit"
- D. most, visited "unit"
- 32. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. in preparation
 - H. as I prepared
 - J. I prepare

Well, I would lend an ear to some of the sweet talk: vistas of gently rolling farmland, swinging footbridges, mist rising from the Roanoke River are breathtaking.

I did, in fact, want to find myself face-to-face with a red-eyed vireo and smell a rhododendron in full bloom. Color. History. Twenty-seven tunnels, one named "Frying Pan." Sign me up! Maybe even a black bear would cross the winding pavement's road in front of me. But I was not going to expect perfection. I was not going to expect the pancakes to be hot at Bluffs Coffee Shop or the entertainment to be under way at the music center. ³⁵ I would approach this experience with the wisdom I had acquired at places like Zion National Park,

a glorious park in southern Utah.

But here's the thing and the cynic in me perished on ³⁷ the Blue Ridge Parkway, on that two-week ride along the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia and North Carolina. The pancakes were hot. The Meadows of Dan were meadowy. Mabry Mill—its waterwheel spinning and its one-hundred-year-old loom looming—deserves ³⁸

the postcard attention they have gotten all these years. $\frac{39}{39}$

33. A. NO CHANGE

- B. takes away your breath.
- C. is breathless.
- D. DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.

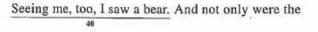
34. F. NO CHANGE

- G. road of the pavement
- H. paving of the road
- J. road
- 35. Which choice is most specific and most consistent with the level of detail in the rest of the sentence?
 - A. NO CHANGE
 - B. Red Stick Ramblers to be performing as scheduled at the Blue Ridge Music Center.
 - C. experiences we might enjoy to come along at the right time and place.
 - D. the scheduled event to take place.
- 36. Given that all the choices are accurate, which one best reflects the narrator's attitude as expressed up to this point in the essay and sets up a key element of the essay's concluding contrast?
 - F. NO CHANGE
 - G. where bad weather cut short the hike my brother and I had planned to the famous "Subway," a remote canyon bright with neon colors.
 - H. where a shuttle service was successfully implemented to cut down on that park's vehicular traffic, which had become a serious problem.
 - J. a spectacular setting that draws visitors from around the nation and the world.
- 37. A. NO CHANGE
 - **B.** thing: the
 - C. thing the
 - D. DELETE the underlined portion.
- 38. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. looming:
 - H. looming,
 - J. looming
- 39. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. we have
 - C. it has D. its

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rhododendrons blooming, so is the bluets and the foam $\frac{41}{41}$

flowers. 42 Sometimes everything that should go

right $\frac{\text{did.}}{43}$ Sometimes the fragrant thimbleberry is

fragrant and the sign on the road really does say, "Next 20 miles, All Downhill!" Okay, the sign part is made-up, but the downhill was real. Southern Utah's "Subway" remains an elusive mystery. The Blue Ridge Parkway, as seen from my bike anyway, is a 469-mile miracle. 40. F. NO CHANGE

- G. / Being seen by a bear, the bear saw me.
- H. The sight of a bear, which saw me too.
- J. I saw a bear. A bear saw me.
- 41. A. NO CHANGE
 - **B.** will be
 - C. were D. had
 - D. nau
- 42. At this point, the writer is considering adding the following true statement to the essay:

Former US Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes was a key player in the creation of the parkway.

Should the writer make this addition here?

- F. Yes, because it answers a question raised by the narrator earlier in the essay.
- G. Yes, because it provides a logical transition to the essay's conclusion about the parkway's history.
- H. No, because it disrupts the flow of the paragraph and departs from the established tone of the essay.
- J. No, because it suggests the narrator read about the parkway before riding it, which the rest of the essay does not support.
- 43. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. does.
 - C. is.
 - D. DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.
- 44. Which choice results in a statement that best supports the point made in the preceding sentence?
 - F. NO CHANGE
 - G. crowded out by noxious weeds
 - H. hard to see
 - J. wilted

Question 45 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

- 45. Suppose the writer's primary purpose had been to write in a lighthearted fashion about an experience of gaining some self-knowledge. Would this essay accomplish that purpose?
 - A. Yes, because the essay reveals the narrator playfully exploring a cynical side of herself that disappears on a trip on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
 - B. Yes, because the essay establishes that the narrator enjoyed the company of other bike riders on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
 - C. No, because the essay indicates that a trip to Zion National Park was more satisfying for the narrator than a later trip to Blue Ridge Parkway.
 - **D.** No, because the narrator describes herself as the opposite of lighthearted, even after a trip that was supposed to have changed her outlook.

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PASSAGE IV

Noether's Theorem

[1]

Laws of conservation—the idea that, within a physical system, certain measurable properties such as energy or momentum can neither be created nor destroyed—are $\frac{1}{46}$ fundamental to physics. When properties are conserved, they never leave the system. Therefore, physicists can study them and predict how even complex systems will $\frac{1}{47}$

[2]

Laws of symmetry, however, are valuable for the same $\frac{48}{48}$

reason: predictability. If a physical system behaves the $\frac{49}{49}$

same way regardless of how it's orientated in space, than ⁵⁰ it's symmetric. If, for instance, an experiment yields the same result whether it is conducted in the United States on Tuesday or in India on Thursday, which has symmetry of

space and time. 52

[3]

The relationship between conservation and symmetry had been overlooked, though, prior to the publication of Amalie Noether's theorem in 1918. Noether, a German mathematician, found that where there is symmetry in nature, there is corresponding conservation. Noether devised a groundbreaking set of equations to apply to symmetrical systems. [A] A bicycle wheel is radially symmetrical: you can spin it on its axis and it looks

46. F. NO CHANGE G. has been H. were

- J. is
- 47. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. behave, as physicists study them.
 - C. have behavior they can predict.
 - D. behave and act out.
- 48. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. symmetry, in the same way,
 - H. symmetry, besides,
 - J. symmetry
- 49. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. reason, that is
 - C. reason;
 - D. reason
- 50. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. orientation in space, then
 - H. oriented in space, then
 - J. orient in space, than
- 51. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. those will have
 - C. they have
 - **D.** it has
- 52. If the writer were to delete the preceding sentence, the paragraph would primarily lose a:
 - F. scenario that demonstrates why experiments are often conducted multiple times.
 - G. hypothetical example that explains the physics concept of symmetry.
 - H. demonstration of how physicists study space and time.
 - summary of one of the discoveries Noether made.

the same from any direction. Applying Noether's theorem reveals that the wheel conserves angular momentum the property that keeps bicycles upright,

and moving forward. [B]

[4]

Both conservation

laws, and laws of symmetry predict,

and explain how systems behave. Thus,

knowing that conservation exists where there

is symmetry creates a whole new set of information

about physical systems. Including, details about the

the system works. [C]

[5]

The significance of Noether's theorem has not been lost, but her name has. Dubbed "the greatest mathematician you've never heard of," Noether, <u>until recently</u>, was not widely recognized for her accomplishments. [D] Her name may not be as familiar as those of Einstein and Newton, but her theorem <u>being regularly used</u> in modern physics. 58

Finally, in 1928, Noether accepted a teaching position at Moscow State University.

53. A. NO CHANGE

- B. momentum—the property that keeps bicycles upright—
- C. momentum; the property that keeps bicycles upright
- D. momentum, the property that keeps bicycles upright

54. F. NO CHANGE

- G. laws, and laws of symmetry, predict
- H. laws and laws of symmetry predict,
- J. laws and laws of symmetry predict
- 55. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. systems. Which include
 - C. systems, including
 - D. systems including,

56. F. NO CHANGE

- G. which ultimately effects
- H. whose ultimate affect
- J. that ultimately effect
- 57. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. until most recent,
 - C. of most recently,
 - D. before recent,
- 58. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. having been regularly used
 - H. to be used regularly
 - J. is regularly used
- **59.** Which of the following would be the best decision by the writer regarding the underlined portion?
 - Leave it as the final sentence of the essay because it provides a logical conclusion.
 - B. Move it to the beginning of this paragraph because it introduces the paragraph's focus.
 - C. Delete it, because it contradicts the idea that Noether was recognized in small circles for her accomplishments.
 - D. Delete it, because it concludes the essay by introducing a new topic that is only loosely related to the main topic of the essay.

Question 60 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

60. The writer wants to add the following sentence to the essay:

> Entrenched in a field that was unwelcoming to women, Noether often published her papers using a male pseudonym.

The sentence would most logically be placed at:

- F. Point A in Paragraph 3.
- G. Point B in Paragraph 3.
- H. Point C in Paragraph 4.
- J. Point D in Paragraph 5.

PASSAGE V

Now I've Seen the Mall

[1]

[1] Austrian architect, Victor Gruen had a 61 vision for US retail stores. [2] Another problem was that the distances between retail stores forced shoppers to drive, not walk. [3] A native of Vienna, there was a downtown filled with pedestrians near the place where Gruen had grown up. [4] He loathed the 62 flashy signs that stretched mile after mile along the streets in the 1950s. [5] There, whether looking for a gift or some fresh air, people could more readily interact with neighbors and friends. [6] This type of casual, friendly shopping experience was what he sought to bring to America. 63

- 61. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. architect, Victor Gruen, C. architect Victor Gruen,

 - D. architect Victor Gruen
- 62. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. a downtown filled with pedestrians was near the place where Gruen had grown up.
 - H. Gruen had grown up near a downtown filled with pedestrians.
 - pedestrians filled the downtown near Gruen's J. childhood home.

63. For the sake of logic and cohesion, Sentence 4 should be placed:

- A. where it is now.
- B. after Sentence 1.
- C. after Sentence 2.
- D. after Sentence 5.



[2]

His chance came in 1952 when he was hired to design a shopping center in Minnesota. Gruen conceived of an 800,000-square-foot structure that had two levels of stores encircling a roofed central area. Arranging the stores to face inward, Gruen created a mostly blank

exterior and he created an interior where businesses could

advertise. Although the space between stores was indoors, the air temperature could be controlled to ensure that customers wouldn't be bothered by the elements. There was a café, a fountain, an aviary, and even a small zoo. Southdale Center was revolutionary. [A]

[3]

Reporters from across the country flocked to the 1956 grand opening of Southdale, and 75,000 customers

came and saw the many stores and parking spaces. The design dazzled reporters. The convenience delighted

shoppers. Businesses found the profits thrilling.

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- 64. Given that all the choices are accurate, which one provides the best transition to the opportunity discussed in the paragraph?
 - F. NO CHANGE
 - G. 1952 after he had created several eye-popping storefronts in New York City.
 - 1952; he had previously established his own architectural firm.
 - J. 1952—just fourteen years after he had arrived in the United States.
- 65. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. exterior, he also designed
 - C. exterior and
 - D. exterior; also
- 66. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. Because
 - H. Before
 - J. Until
- 67. Which choice most clearly emphasizes that the grand opening was exciting and attracted a large number of reporters?
 - A. NO CHANGE
 - B. gathered at
 - C. traveled to
 - D. attended
- 68. The writer is considering revising the underlined portion to the following:

gawked at the seventy-two stores and abundant free parking.

Given that the information is accurate, should the writer make this revision?

- F. Yes, because it more clearly states the number of people at Southdale's grand opening.
- G. Yes, because it more clearly indicates why Southdale impressed the crowd.
- H. No, because it suggests that the crowd was unfamiliar with a shopping center like Southdale.
- J. No, because it adds unnecessary details that detract from the description of Southdale.
- 69. Which choice most closely maintains the sentence pattern the writer has established in the previous two sentences?
 - A. NO CHANGE
 - B. Businesses were thrilled by the profits.
 - C. The profits thrilled businesses.
 - D. The profits were thrilling.

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Southdale Center's layout became so successful that $\frac{50}{70}$

 $\frac{\text{many of them soon sprang up in cities all over the}{\frac{71}{71}}$ United States. [B]

[4]

Gruen, however, grew increasingly dismayed. [72] He had envisioned Southdale as one part of a larger planned community with houses, apartments, schools, and offices, but his community was never built. [C] The

popularity of malls, while minimizing urban sprawl, encouraged it; stores and paved parking areas multiplied in US cities and suburbs. [D] Disheartened, Gruen eventually returned to Vienna later on, only to find—just south of the downtown he remembered so fondly—a mall. 70. F. NO CHANGE

- G. very
- H. more
- J. DELETE the underlined portion.
- 71. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. copies of the mall
 - C. a large number
 - D. they
- 72. The writer is considering adding the following true statement:

The Mall of America, a much larger mall in Minnesota, opened in 1992.

Should the writer make this addition here?

- F. Yes, because it supports the claim that Gruen's design became popular.
- G. Yes, because it compares Southdale to another well-known mall in Minnesota.
- H. No, because it is only loosely related to the essay's discussion of Southdale.
- No, because it shows that other malls changed architectural conventions more than Gruen's did.
- 73. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. instead of
 - C. despite
 - D. truly
- 74. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. to Vienna, where he had grown up,
 - H. back to Vienna again,
 - J. to Vienna,

Question 75 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

75. The writer wants to add the following sentence to the essay:

It was a mall.

The sentence would most logically be placed at:

- A. Point A in Paragraph 2.
- B. Point B in Paragraph 3.
- C. Point C in Paragraph 4.
- D. Point D in Paragraph 4.

END OF TEST 1

STOP! DO NOT TURN THE PAGE UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO.

READING TEST

35 Minutes—40 Questions

DIRECTIONS: There are several passages in this test. Each passage is accompanied by several questions. After reading a passage, choose the best answer to each question and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer document. You may refer to the passages as often as necessary.

Passage I

LITERARY NARRATIVE: This passage is adapted from the article "Trading Stories" by Jhumpa Lahiri (@2011 by Conde Nast).

Books, and the stories they contained, were the only things I felt I was able to possess as a child. Even then, the possession was not literal; my father is a librarian, and perhaps because he believed in collective 5 property, I had almost no books to call my own.

Our house was not devoid of things to read, but the offerings felt scant. There were books about China and Russia. My mother owned novels and short stories and stacks of a literary magazine called Desh, but they were

10 in Bengali. I craved a house where books were a solid presence, piled on every surface and cheerfully lining the walls.

What I really sought was a better-marked trail of my parents' intellectual lives: bound and printed evi-15 dence of what had inspired and shaped their minds. A connection, via books, between them and me. But my parents did not read to me or tell me stories; my father did not read any fiction, and the stories my mother may have loved as a young girl in Calcutta were not passed

20 down.

Bengali was my first language, what I spoke and heard at home. But the books of my childhood were in English, and their subjects, for the most part, were either English or American lives. I was aware of a feel-25 ing of trespassing; I was aware that I did not belong to the worlds I was reading about: that different food graced our table, that different holidays were celebrated. And yet when a book was in my possession, this didn't matter.

30 As a young girl, I was afraid to participate in social activities. I was worried about what others might make of me. But when I read I was free of this worry. I learned what my fictional companions ate and wore, about the toys scattered in their rooms, the vacations

35 they took, the jams their mothers stirred on the stove. For me, the act of reading was one of discovery in the most basic sense-the discovery of a culture that was foreign to my parents.

When I began to make friends, writing was the 40 vehicle. I did not write alone but with another student in my class. We would sit together, dreaming up characters and plots, taking turns writing sections of the story. The stories were transparent riffs on what I was reading at the time: families living on prairies, orphaned girls 45 sent off to boarding schools, children with supernatural powers.

As I grew into adolescence and beyond, however, my writing shrank. Though the compulsion to invent stories remained, self-doubt began to undermine it. 50 What I loved at seven became, by seventeen, the form of self-expression that most intimidated me. At twentyone, the writer in me was like a fly in the room-alive but insignificant, aimless, something that unsettled me whenever I grew aware of it.

55 After I graduated from college, I moved to Boston and formed a close friendship with a young woman whose father is a poet named Bill Corbett. I began to visit the Corbetts' home, which was filled with books and art. I saw the desk where Bill wrote, obscured by 60 manuscripts, letters, and proofs. I saw that the work taking place on this desk was obliged to no one, connected to no institution; that this desk was an island. I spent a summer pecking out sketches and fragments on a typewriter.

I began to want to be a writer. Secretly at first, 65 exchanging pages with one other person, our prescheduled meetings forcing me to sit down and produce something.

I worked up the nerve to apply for a formal spot in 70 a creative-writing program. When I told my parents that I'd been accepted, with a fellowship, they neither encouraged nor discouraged me. Like so many aspects of my American life, the idea that one could get a degree in creative writing, that it could be a legitimate 75 course of study, seemed perhaps frivolous to them.

As a child, I had written to connect with my peers. But when I started writing stories again, in my twenties, my parents were the people I was struggling to reach. In 1992, just before starting the writing program, I went

80 to Calcutta with my family. I remember coming back at the end of summer and almost immediately writing the

first of the stories I submitted that year in workshop. It was set in the building where my mother had grown up, and where I spent much of my time when I was in

85 India. I see now that my impulse to write this story was to prove something to my parents: that I understood, in a limited but precise way, the world they came from.

For much of my life, I wanted to belong to a place, either the one my parents came from or to America.

- 90 When I became a writer my desk became home; there was no need for another. I belong to my work, to my characters.
- 1. Which of the following events mentioned in the passage occurred last chronologically?
 - A. The author was accepted into a creative writing program. The author moved to Boston.
 - B.
 - C. The author visited the Corbetts' house.
 - D. The author went to Calcutta with her family.
- 2. Based on the passage, when the author read books about English and American lives, she enjoyed:
 - the stories even though she knew her parents F. didn't want her to read them.
 - G. learning about other cultures even though she felt like an intruder.
 - H. the books' plots, but she found the books' details to be distracting.
 - the characters, but she struggled to imagine their J. worlds.
- 3. The main function of the eighth paragraph (lines 55-64) is to:
 - A. outline the writing advice the author received from a Boston poet.
 - contrast the author's expectations of Boston with B. her experiences living there.
 - C. relate how a friendship influenced the author's commitment to writing.
 - D. describe a friend the author met while she was in college.
- When the author says "the possession was not literal" (line 3), she most nearly means that she:
 - read at the library, but her father wouldn't let her F. borrow books.
 - G. had many books in her room, but they belonged to her parents.
 - H. read many books, but she owned very few of them.
 - J. heard stories from her mother, but she felt that the stories weren't hers.

- 5. Based on the passage, when the author was a child, reading books helped her by offering:
 - glimpses into the lives of children who lived in India.
 - B. a reprieve from her anxiety about her peers' opinions of her.
 - C. something to do while she waited for her parents to come home.
 - D. a way to learn the stories her mother loved as a child.
- 6. Based on the passage, the stories the author wrote as a child can best be described as:
 - F. updated versions of traditional Indian stories.
 - original tales about her school life. G.
 - H. slight variations on her father's stories.
 - J. obvious imitations of the books she was reading.
- 7. In the passage, the author states "this desk was an island" (line 62) primarily to support the idea that Corbett:
 - A. struggled with the isolation caused by his writing career.
 - composed his best poems in solitude. В.
 - C. wrote for himself, not out of obligation.
 - D. insisted on quiet when he was writing.
- 8. The passage most strongly suggests that the author believes her parents thought getting a degree in creative writing was a:
 - frivolous notion, though they didn't say so.
 - G. good opportunity, though they were unfamiliar with her program.
 - worthwhile pursuit, though they were unsure at H. first.
 - J. waste of time, though they encouraged her.
- 9. The author states that when she started writing stories again in her twenties, her motivation for writing had changed from trying to connect with her peers to trying to:
 - A. live up to her friends' expectations of her.
 - B. prove to herself that she could succeed.
 - C. make a connection with her parents.
 - D. escape from day-to-day life.
- 10. The main idea of the last paragraph is that the author:
 - F. writes about characters who search for a place to belong.
 - G. has grown accustomed to feeling out of place.
 - H. feels caught between India and America.
 - has found a sense of belonging in her writing. J.

Passage II

SOCIAL SCIENCE: This passage is adapted from the book Brave Companions: Portraits in History by David McCullough (©1992 by David McCullough).

It was not long after the completion of the Panama Railroad in 1855 that Bedford Clapperton Pim declared with perfect composure that of all the world's wonders none could surpass this one as a demonstration of

5 man's capacity to do great things against impossible odds.

"I have seen the greatest engineering works of the day," he wrote, ". . . but I must confess that when passing backwards and forwards on the Panama Railway, I

10 have never been more struck than with the evidence, apparent on every side, of the wonderful skill, endurance, and perseverance, which must have been exercised in its construction."

Bedford Clapperton Pim was a British naval offi-15 cer and of no particular historical significance. He had, however, seen a great deal of the world, he was a recognized authority on Central America, and his opinion was not lightly arrived at.

It should be kept in mind that the first railroads, all 20 very primitive, had been built in Europe and the United States only some twenty years before. France was still virtually without railroads; not a rail had been put down west of the Mississippi as yet. Moreover, such awesome technological strides as the Suez Canal, the Union

- 25 Pacific, and the Brooklyn Bridge were still well in the future. And so the vision of locomotives highballing through the green half-light of some distant rain forest, of the world's two greatest oceans joined by good English-made rails, could stir the blood to an excep-
- 30 tional degree.

The Panama Railroad was begun in 1850, at the height of the California gold craze. And by anyone's standards it was a stunning demonstration of man's "wonderful skill, endurance, and perseverance," just as 35 Pim said, even though its full length was only fortyseven and a half miles. It was, for example, the first ocean-to-ocean railroad. Mile for mile it also appears to have cost more in dollars and in human life than any railroad ever built.

40 The surveys made by its builders produced important geographic revelations that had a direct bearing on the decision to build a Panama canal along the same route. In addition, the diplomatic agreement upon which the whole venture rested, the so-called Bidlack

45 Treaty of 1846, was the basis of all subsequent involvement of the United States in Panama.

Still, the simple fact that it was built remains the overriding wonder, given the astonishing difficulties that had to be overcome and the means at hand in the

50 1850s. Present-day engineers who have had experience in jungle construction wonder how in the world it was ever managed. I think in particular of David S. Parker,

an eminent army engineer whom I interviewed at the time he was governor of the Canal Zone. Through a 55 great sweep of glass behind him, as we talked, were the distant hills of Panama, no different in appearance than they ever were. It is almost inconceivable, he said, that the railroad survey-just the survey-could have been made by a comparative handful of men who had no

60 proper equipment for topographic reconnaissance (no helicopters, no recourse to aerial photography), no modern medicines, nor the least understanding of the causes of malaria or yellow fever. There was no such thing as an insect repellent, no bulldozers, no chain 65 saws, no canned goods, not one reliable map.

A Panama railroad still crosses from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Colón to Panama City. Much of the ride-especially if you are in one of the older cars (without air conditioning, windows open wide)-looks 70 and feels as it must have originally. The full trip takes one hour and thirty minutes. But except for a few miles at either end, the present line is altogether different from the original. It takes a different route on higher ground. The old road has vanished beneath Gatun Lake, 75 the enormous body of fresh water that comprises most of the canal and that can be seen close by on the right much of the way as you head toward the Pacific.

The original line was built as hurriedly and cheaply as circumstances would allow, to take advan-80 tage of the bonanza in California traffic. The route was always along the line of least resistance. Anything formidable in the way-a hill, a bend in the Chagres River-was bypassed if possible. No tunnels were attempted (there is one on the present line), and the 85 winding right of way chopped through the jungle was just wide enough to let a train pass. Still, this one little stretch of track took nearly five years to build and cost \$8 million, which averages out to a little less than ten miles a year and a then unheard-of \$168,000 per mile.

- 11. The main purpose of the passage is to:
 - A. explain why the completion of the original Panama Railroad is both puzzling and impressive.
 - compare the construction challenges of the Panama Railroad with those of the Panama Canal.
 - C. contrast features of the original Panama Railroad with those of the new line.
 - provide a historical overview of the origins of the D. United States' involvement in Panama.
- One reason the passage author points out the length of the Panama Railroad is to indicate:
 - how close the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are to F. each other in Panama.
 - G. how expensive the railroad project was despite its short length.
 - H. why the railroad survey took a relatively short amount of time to complete.
 - why the tracks were built just wide enough to let a train pass.



- In the passage, the author characterizes the construction of the Panama Railroad as:
 - A. complex yet routine.
 - B. grueling yet brief.
 - C. incomplete and rushed.
 - D. costly and dangerous.
- 14. The main purpose of the second paragraph (lines 7–13) is to provide:
 - F. a firsthand account of the experience of helping build the original line of the Panama Railroad.
 - G. details about what the original line of the Panama Railroad looked like.
 - evidence to support the idea that Pim was knowledgeable about Central America.
 - J. an excerpt from Pim's writing that demonstrates his enthrallment with the Panama Railroad.
- **15.** The main idea of the sixth paragraph (lines 40–46) is that the:
 - A. Bidlack Treaty was the catalyst for the Panama Railroad project.
 - B. Bidlack Treaty and surveys of the Panama Railroad project laid the foundation for the Panama Canal and future US involvement in Panama.
 - C. railroad surveyors made important discoveries about the geography of Panama, which informed other Central American railroad projects.
 - D. United States was involved in Panama for a brief period of time in the late nineteenth century.

16. The main purpose of the lists in lines 59-65 is to:

- F. indicate the range of obstacles the builders of the Panama Railroad would have faced.
- G. describe the kinds of tools the surveyors of the Panama Railroad would have used.
- H. identify the steps involved in a typical railroad survey process at the time.
- J. suggest the kinds of problems builders of the Panama Railroad reported to Parker.

- The passage indicates that Pim's perspective on the Panama Railroad is authoritative partly because he:
 - A. was a British naval officer who was an expert on railroad construction.
 - B. was an important historical figure in Central America.
 - C. had traveled the world extensively and seen many feats of engineering.
 - D. had written reviews of many of the world's wonders.
- As it is used in line 18, the word *lightly* most nearly means:
 - F. nimbly.
 - G. peacefully.
 - H. carelessly.
 - J. freely.
- 19. It can reasonably be inferred from the passage that the present line of the Panama Railroad was built on higher ground because the builders needed to:
 - create a more scenic route for tourists and travelers.
 - B. allow for the construction of the Panama Canal.
 - C. offer a more direct route from Colón to Panama City.
 - D. make it easier for the train cars to travel through the thick jungle.
- 20. Based on the passage, which of the following statements best describes a feature of the current Panama Railroad that did not exist when it was first constructed?
 - F. The railroad bypasses bends in the Chagres River.
 - G. The railroad travels through a tunnel.
 - H. The railroad connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
 - J. The railroad cars have windows that open wide.

Passage III

HUMANITIES: Passage A is adapted from the essay "Henry D. Thoreau" by John Burroughs (@1882 by The Century Co.). Passage B is adapted from the essay "Qualified Homage to Thoreau" by Wallace Stegner (@1992 by the Estate of Wallace Stegner).

Passage A by John Burroughs

Thoreau's fame has steadily increased since his death, in 1862, as it was bound to do. It was little more than in the bud at that time, and its full leaf and flowering are not yet, perhaps not in many years yet. He

- 5 improves with age; in fact, requires age to take off a little of his asperity and fully ripen him. The generation he lectured so sharply will not give the same heed to his words as will the next and the next. The first effect of the reading of his books, upon many minds, is irritation
- 10 and disapproval; the perception of their beauty and wisdom comes later. He was a man devoid of compassion, devoid of sympathy, devoid of generosity, devoid of patriotism, as these words are usually understood, yet his life showed a devotion to principle such as one
- 15 life in millions does not show; and matching this there runs through his works a vein of the purest and rarest poetry and the finest wisdom. For both these reasons time will enhance rather than lessen the value of his contributions. The world likes a good hater and refuser
- 20 almost as well as it likes a good lover and acceptor, only it likes him farther off.

In writing of Thoreau, I am not conscious of having any criticism to make of him. I would fain accept him just as he was, and make the most of him,

- 25 defining and discriminating him as I would a flower or a bird or any other product of nature—perhaps exaggerating some features the better to bring them out. I suppose there were greater men among his contemporaries, but I doubt if there were any more genuine and sincere,
- 30 or more devoted to ideal ends. If he was not this, that, or the other great man, he was Thoreau, and he fills his own niche well, and has left a positive and distinct impression upon the literature of his country. He was, perhaps, a little too near his friend and master,
- 35 Emerson, and brought too directly under his influence. But the contour of his moral nature was just as firm and resisting. He was no more a soft-shelled egg, to be dented by every straw in the nest, than was his distinguished neighbor.

Passage B by Wallace Stegner

Walden Woods is the 2,680-acre area outside of Boston, Massachusetts, that inspired Thoreau's book Walden.

- 40 Before I get around to saying why I think that Walden Woods absolutely must be preserved from subdivision and development, let me confess that, much as I admire Thoreau's hard-mouthed intellectual integrity and his knotty grappler's mind, I have some reserva-
- 45 tions about him. There are writings of his that I admire more than Walden—the essay "Walking," for example, which is superb from first line to last, and "Civil Dis-

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obedience," though this latter is as explosive as dynamite caps, and should not be left around where children 50 might find it and play with it. Reading *Walden*, I am alternately exhilarated and exasperated, as some of the author's contemporaries were with the man himself. In one paragraph he may say something that has been waiting a thousand years to be said so well; in the next 55 he is capable of something so outrageous that it sets my

teeth on edge.

With the Thoreau who observed and participated in nature, the Thoreau who loved wildness, and the Thoreau who trusted physical labor so long as it was 60 not a compulsion, and who mistrusted material ambition, I am completely in accord. It is Thoreau the moralizing enemy of the tradition to which he owes all his own authority who puts me off.

Like any zealot, he is intemperate. At times he 55 sounds perilously like his spiritual descendants of the 1960s, who trusted no one over thirty and believed that they existed outside of, and were exempt from, the society they were protesting. What I miss in him, as I missed it in the more extreme rebels of the 1960s, is the 70 acknowledgment that their society shaped them, that without it every individual of them would be a sort of Sasquatch, a solitary animal without language, thought, tradition, obligation, or commitment. It is culture, tradition, that teaches us to be human, teaches us almost 75 everything, including how to protest and what to protest about.

I never hear Thoreau admitting this—in fact, he often specifically denies it, and his denials raise my temperature. "How about a little well-deserved humil-80 ity?" I feel like asking him. It is like arguing with a television screen, but it eases the mind.

The fact is, it is precisely Thoreau's repudiation of the dead hand of the past that makes him so excruciatingly American. He pretends to believe that all experi-85 ence is not merely fruitless, but damaging. "Men think they are wiser by experience, that is, by failure," he remarks in *Walden*. "I have always been regretting that I was not as wise as the day I was born."

Questions 21-23 ask about Passage A.

- The main idea of the first paragraph of Passage A is that Thoreau's:
 - lectures are still taught despite students' disapproval of the topics.
 - B. most significant works of literature have been overshadowed by criticism of his personality.
 - C. literature will continue to increase in value and relevance for future generations.
 - D. literature is more appreciated than Emerson's literature is.

- 22. Passage A states that although readers may not initially approve of Thoreau's books, they will ultimately appreciate Thoreau's writing for its:
 - F. sympathy and poetry.
 - G. patriotism and devotion.
 - generosity and compassion.
 - J. beauty and wisdom.
- 23. Based on Passage A, the passage author's only criticism of Thoreau is that:
 - Thoreau might have been too heavily influenced by Emerson.
 - B. Thoreau's literature focuses more on refusal than on acceptance.
 - C. Thoreau was less talented than his contemporaries were.
 - D. Thoreau was overly quick to judge those whose moral nature differed from his own.

Questions 24-27 ask about Passage B.

- 24. Which of the following statements best describes how the author of Passage B feels about Thoreau compared to how the author of Passage B feels about Walden Woods?
 - F. He rejects Thoreau's ideals and therefore does not see the value in preserving Walden Woods.
 - G. He embraces Thoreau's ideals but does not make clear his stance on the preservation of Walden Woods.
 - H. He believes that Thoreau's contemporaries were more talented and therefore does not think it's necessary to preserve Walden Woods.
 - J. He disagrees with some of Thoreau's ideals but still recognizes the value of preserving Walden Woods.
- Based on Passage B, the passage author's main criticism of Thoreau is that Thoreau:
 - A. mistrusts material ambition.
 - B. is more interested in maintaining the status quo than in inciting change.
 - C. denies the influence that society has had on him as an individual.
 - D. writes about concepts that are inappropriate for a younger audience.

- 26. It can reasonably be inferred that the "dead hand of the past" (line 83) mainly refers to:
 - F. American cultural tradition.
 - G. Thoreau's Walden.
 - H. protestors in the 1960s.
 - J. the development of Walden Woods.
- 27. The author of Passage B compares Thoreau to a television screen most likely to indicate that arguing with Thoreau is:
 - A. entertaining.
 - B. futile.
 - C. unavoidable.
 - D. educational.

Questions 28-30 ask about both passages.

- Compared to the author of Passage A, the author of Passage B provides more specific information about the:
 - F. opinion Thoreau's contemporaries had of his writing.
 - G. professional relationship Thoreau had with Emerson.
 - H. themes that Thoreau explored in his work.
 - J. reasons for Thoreau's increasing fame.
- 29. Compared to the assessment the author of Passage B makes about Thoreau's writing, the assessment the author of Passage A makes can best be described as more:
 - A. complimentary.
 - B. critical.
 - C. unbiased.
 - D. unenthusiastic.
- 30. Which of the following statements best captures the main difference in the purposes of the two passages?
 - F. Passage A predicts Thoreau's legacy as a writer while Passage B evaluates the soundness of some of Thoreau's ideals.
 - G. Passage A provides an example of one literary critic's opinion of Thoreau while Passage B provides examples of several critics' opinions.
 - H. Passage A questions Thoreau's literary clout while Passage B explains why Thoreau is an exceptional American writer.
 - J. Passage A compares Thoreau to a product of nature while Passage B compares Thoreau to a 1960s-era protester.



Passage IV

NATURAL SCIENCE: This passage is adapted from the article "Molecular Evolution" by Tina Hesman Saey (©2009 by Society for Science & the Public).

Richard Lenski, an evolutionary biologist, is among the scientists hitting the rewind button on evolution. Meter-high letters taped to the window of his lab spell out the lab's motto: EVOLVE.

5 Inside the lab, a dozen glass flasks containing clear liquid swirl in a temperature-controlled incubator. Although the naked eye can't see them, millions of *E. coli* bacteria grow in the flasks, doing what the window exhorts. Lenski started the cultures in 1988,
10 intending to follow the course of natural selection for several hundred generations. Now, two decades later, the cultures are still growing and have produced more

than 45,000 generations of bacteria each.

These 12 flasks "represent the stripped-down bare 15 essentials of evolution," says Zachary Blount, a graduate student in Lenski's lab. The environment never changes. No new genes enter the system from migrating microorganisms. And the scientists take no action to affect the course of evolution within the flasks. Only

20 the intrinsic, core processes of evolution influence the outcome, Blount says.

Lenski and his colleagues have watched the game play out, occasionally analyzing DNA to peer over the players' shoulders and find out what cards they hold.

- 25 On the surface, the populations in the 12 flasks seem to have traveled similar paths—all now grow larger cells and have become more efficient at using glucose than their ancestors. And many of the strains have accumulated mutations in the same genes. Notably, though,
- 30 none of the strains developed exactly the same genetic changes.

Randomness is an important part of the evolutionary equation, as the experiment illustrates. During the first 2,000 generations, all of the 12 populations rapidly 35 increased in size and fitness. But then these changes began to slow down, hitting the evolutionary equivalent of a dieter's plateau.

After 10,000 generations, it became apparent that not all the flasks were on the same trajectory. Though 40 cells in all the flasks became larger, each population differed in the maximum size the cells reached. The populations also differed in how much fitter they were than their ancestors, when grown in direct competition. Several of the flasks now contain mutator strains, bac-

- 45 teria that have defects in their DNA replication system. Such defects make mistakes more likely to happen every time those bacterial strains copy their DNA to divide. Sometimes a mistake can have lethal consequences, damaging a gene crucial for survival. But
- 50 other times coloring a bit outside the lines creates opportunity for advancement.

Even within a given flask, some bacteria take slightly different paths. One flask now contains two separate strains—one that makes large colonies when

- 55 grown on petri dishes, and one that makes small colonies. The large- and small-colony strains have coexisted for more than 12,000 generations. The largecolony producers are much better at using glucose so they grow quickly, but they make by-products that the
- 60 small-colony producers can eat. Both strains have increased in fitness over the generations.

Still, though the details were different, replaying evolution in a dozen flasks produced very similar outcomes in each.

- 65 But then something completely unexpected happened. After about 31,500 generations, glucose-eating bacteria in one flask suddenly developed the ability to eat a chemical called citrate, something no other *E. coli* do.
- 70 The switch was clearly a radical change of destination for the bacteria. The inability to eat citrate is a biochemical hallmark of the *E. coli* species, so by some definitions, the citrate eaters in that flask are no longer *E. coli*.

75 But a single change did not a citrate eater make. The researchers found that the bacteria went through a series of steps before evolving the ability to use citrate. One initial mutation happened at least 11,000 generations before the citrate eaters appeared. Lenski doesn't

80 yet know which specific DNA changes led to citrate use, but it's clear that the ability to use citrate is contingent upon those earlier changes. And even bacteria that have undergone those initial changes are still not guaranteed to eat citrate. Blount tested 40 trillion bacteria 85 from earlier generations to see if any could evolve the

ability to eat citrate. Fewer than one in a trillion could.

The profound difference between the citrate caters and the other 11 strains, as well as the dependence of the citrate change on earlier mutations, seems to sug-90 gest that replaying evolution will result in some surprise endings.

- 31. Based on the passage, which of the following statements best describes the evolution of bacteria populations in the flasks?
 - A. Although most populations exhibited few evolutionary changes, one underwent a striking transformation within the first 100 generations.
 - B. Although most populations followed the same evolutionary path, one produced bacteria that consumed glucose.
 - C. Although the populations evolved differently at first, the populations became increasingly similar after 2,000 generations.
 - D. Although not all of the populations followed the same evolutionary path, the outcomes were all similar up to about 31,500 generations.

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- 32. The passage indicates that the differences that have developed between the flask populations are in part a result of:
 - F. temperature changes occurring within each flask.
 - G. random mutations occurring within each flask.
 - H. variations in the number of bacteria initially placed in each flask.
 - J. variations in the age of the populations initially placed in each flask.
- 33. When the author states the bacteria in the flasks are "doing what the window exhorts" (lines 8-9), she most nearly means the bacteria are:
 - A. moving.
 - B. evolving.
 - C. swirling.
 - D. growing.
- 34. Based on the passage, Blount claims that the flasks "represent the stripped-down bare essentials of evolution" (lines 14-15) due to which of the following conditions?
 - The bacteria in the flasks are maintained in a consistent, closed environment.
 - II. No genes from migrating microorganisms enter the flasks.
 - III. Scientists refrain from actions that affect the course of evolution in the flasks.
 - F. I only
 - G. II only
 - H. III only
 - J. I, II, and III
- **35.** The main purpose of the seventh paragraph (lines 52-61) is to:
 - contrast the age of small-colony strains of bacteria with that of large-colony strains.
 - B. compare conclusions reached by Lenski's experiment to those reached by similar experiments.
 - C. offer an example of how bacterial strains grown within a single flask can differ.
 - D. suggest several conclusions scientists could draw by comparing the colonies within a given flask.

- 36. The passage suggests that some strains of bacteria produce larger colonies than do others because the largercolony strains:
 - F. use glucose more effectively.
 - G. eat the by-products of other colonies.
 - H. have fewer mutator genes in their DNA.
 - J. have coexisted with other strains for generations.
- 37. Based on the passage, what was the most surprising development observed during Lenski's experiment?
 - Citrate eaters outnumbered the other eleven strains of bacteria after just two generations.
 - **B.** Bacteria in one flask divided into two separate strains.
 - C. Bacteria in one flask developed into a new species of citrate eaters.
 - D. Both large- and small-colony bacteria strains increased in fitness over 12,000 generations.
- 38. According to the passage, after 10,000 generations, one indication that bacteria were developing differently in different flasks was that:
 - F. cells in each flask reached a different maximum size.
 - G. there were more cells in some flasks than in others.
 - H. some flasks produced new generations more quickly than did other flasks.
 - J. cells in some flasks began to die off at a quicker rate.
- According to the passage, by some definitions, one characteristic of the E. coli species is its inability to:
 - A. eat citrate.
 - B. consume glucose.
 - C. coexist with other types of bacteria.
 - D. duplicate its DNA.
- 40. As it is used in line 87, the word profound most nearly means:
 - F. perceptive.
 - G. extreme.
 - H. heartfelt.
 - J. difficult.

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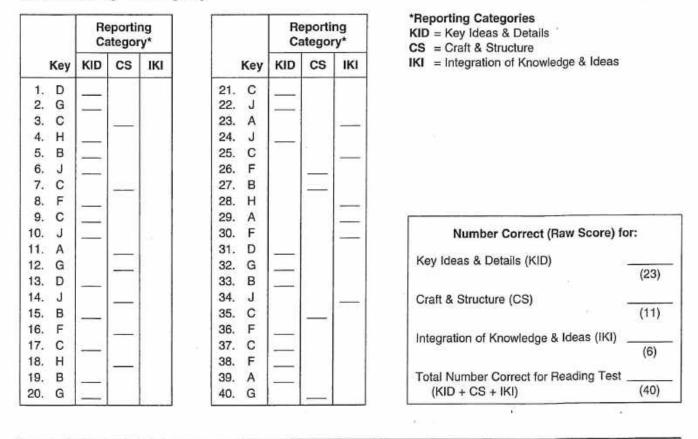
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*Reporting Categories POW = Production of Writing KLA = Knowledge of Language CSE = Conventions of Standard English

Number Correct (Raw Score) fo	r:
Production of Writing (POW)	(23)
Knowledge of Language (KLA)	(12)
Conventions of Standard English (CSE)	(40)
Total Number Correct for English Test POW + KLA + CSE)	(75)

Test 3: Reading—Scoring Key



Test 4: Science-Scoring Key

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5.	в				25.	в	_		
6.	J				26.	J			_
7.	D				27.	в			
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*Reporting Categories

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IOD = Interpretation of Data SIN = Scientific Investigation EMI = Evaluation of Models,

Inferences	&	Experimental	Results
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Number Correct (Raw Score) for	or:
Interpretation of Data (IOD)	
	(19)
Scientific Investigation (SIN)	(10)
Evaluation of Models, Inferences &	(,
Experimental Results (EMI)	
	(11)
Total Number Correct for Science Test (IOD + SIN + EMI)	(40)

Explanation of Procedures Used to Obtain Scale Scores from Raw Scores

On each of the four tests on which you marked any responses, the total number of correct responses yields a raw score. Use the table below to convert your raw scores to scale scores. For each test, locate and circle your raw score or the range of raw scores that includes it in the table below. Then, read across to either outside column of the table and circle the scale score that corresponds to that raw score. As you determine your scale scores, enter them in the blanks provided on the right. The highest possible scale score for each test is 36. The lowest possible scale score for any test on which you marked any responses is 1.

Next, compute the Composite score by averaging the four scale scores. To do this, add your four scale scores and divide the sum by 4. If the resulting number ends in a fraction, round it off to the nearest whole number. (Round down any fraction less than one-half; round up any fraction that is one-half or more.) Enter this number in the blank. This is your Composite score. The highest possible Composite score is 36. The lowest possible Composite score is 1.

Your Scale Score
1)

Composite score (sum + 4)

NOTE: If you left a test completely blank and marked no items, do not list a scale score for that test. If any test was completely blank, do not calculate a Composite score.

Scale Score	Raw Scores						
	Test 1 English	Test 2 Mathematics	Test 3 Reading	Test 4 Science	Scale Score		
36	74-75	59-60	40	39-40	36		
35	72-73	57-58	38-39	38	35		
34	71	55-56	37	37	34		
33	69-70	54	36	-	33		
32	68	53	35	36	32		
31	67	51-52	34	35	31		
30	66	49-50	33	34	30		
29	65	47-48	32	33	29		
28	63-64	44-46	31	_	28		
27	62	41-43	30	31-32	27		
26	60-61	39-40	29	30	26		
25	58-59	36-38	28	29	25		
24	55-57	34-35	27	27-28	23		
23	52-54	32-33	25-26	26	24		
22	49-51	31	24	24-25	23		
21	47-48	29-30	22-23				
20	44-46	28	21	23 21-22	21		
19	42-43	26-27	20		20		
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17	38-39	20-22	18-19	18-19	18		
16	35-37	17-19	17	17	17		
15	31-34	13-16	16	15-16	16		
14	28-30		14-15	13-14	15		
13	26-27	10-12	13	12	14		
12		8-9	12	11	13		
11	24-25 21-23	6-7	10-11	10	12		
		5	9	8-9	11		
10	18-20	4	7-8	7	10		
9	15-17		6 5	6	9		
8	13-14	3		5 4	8		
1	11-12	2		4	7		
6	9-10	2	4	3	6		
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4	5-6	1	2	2	4		
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