

Grammar Test

Time: **40** minutes

50 questions

Part I

Directions:

Questions **1-15** are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases marked **(A)**, **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Note: you **may not choose two answers as correct**. In this situation, none of these answers will be counted in.

1. A strong swimmer, ____.
(A) that fish and seal are eaten chiefly by the polar bear **(C)** the polar bear eating chiefly fish and seal
(B) the polar bear eats chiefly fish and seal **(D)** eating fish and seal chiefly by the polar bear

2. The Dallas Theater Center presents plays in two buildings, ____ was designed by the internationally renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.
(A) which **(C)** that which
(B) which one **(D)** one of which

3. Penicillin, probably ____, came into widespread use after the Second World War.
(A) an antibiotic of known **(C)** the best-known antibiotic
(B) was known the antibiotic **(D)** known best antibiotic

4. Although Emily Dickinson is now a well-known American poet, only seven of her poems ____ while she was alive.
(A) publishing **(C)** have published
(B) to publish **(D)** were published

5. Thomas Jefferson served as president of the American Philosophical Society, an organization that encouraged ____ of scientific and intellectual research.
(A) ranging wide **(C)** which ranged widely
(B) a wide range **(D)** a widely ranging

6. Part of the Great Plains, Kansas is famous for ____ fields of wheat.
(A) its seemingly endless **(C)** it is seemingly endless
(B) it seems endless **(D)** it is endless it seems

7. Skimming along the surface of the ocean or rising from its depths like delicate balloons, ____ to their aquatic habitat.
(A) the perfect adaptation of jellyfish **(C)** jellyfish are adapted to perfectly
(B) jellyfish are perfectly adapted **(D)** and the adaption is perfect for jellyfish

8. Mango trees, ____ densely covered with glossy leaves and bear small fragrant flowers, grow rapidly and can attain heights of up to 90 feet.
(A) whose **(C)** are when
(B) which are **(D)** which

18. Despite of the Taft-Hartley Act which forbids unfair union practices, some unions such as the air traffic controllers have voted to strike even though this action might endanger the national security.

A

B

C

D

19. John Dewey thought that children will learn better through participating in experiences rather than through listening to lectures.

A

B

C

D

20. Matthew C. Perry, a United States naval commander, gained fame not in war and through diplomacy.

A

B

C

D

21. One of the most impressive collections of nineteenth-century European paintings in the United States can be found to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

A

B

C

D

22. Several million points on the human body registers either cold, heat, pain, or touch.

A

B

C

D

23. The ballad is characterized by informal diction, by a narrative largely dependent on action and dialogue, by thematic intense, and by stress on repetition.

A

B

C

D

24. Financier Andrew Mellon donated most of his magnificent art collection to the National Gallery of Art, where it is now locating.

A

B

C

D

25. Soil temperatures in Death Valley, California, near the Nevada border, have been known to reach 90 of degrees Celsius.

A

B

C

D

26. When the Sun, Moon, and Earth are alignment and the Moon crosses the Earth's orbital plane, a solar eclipse occurs.

A

B

C

D

27. Mary Cassatt's paintings of mothers and children are known for its fine linear rhythm, simple modellings, and harmonies of clear color.

A

B

C

D

28. Plants synthesize carbohydrates from water and carbon dioxide with the aid of energy is derived from sunlight.

A

B

C

D

29. The best American popular music balances a powerful emotions of youth with tenderness, grace, and wit.

A

B

C

D

30. In the nineteenth century, women used quilts to inscribe their responses to social, economic, and politics issues.
A **B** **C** **D**
31. Although it cannot be proven, presumable the expansion of the universe will slow down as it approaches a critical radius.
A **B** **C** **D**
32. Rainbows in the shape of complete circles are sometimes seen from airplanes because they are not cutting off by the horizon.
A **B** **C** **D**
33. While highly prized for symbolizing good luck, the four-leaf clover is rarity found in nature.
A **B** **C** **D**
34. A musical genius, John Cage is noted for his highly unconventional ideas and he respected for his unusual compositions and performances.
A **B** **C** **D**
35. As many as 50 percent of the income from motion pictures produced in the United States comes from marketing the films abroad.
A **B** **C** **D**
36. Sleep is controlled by the brain and associated by characteristic breathing rhythms.
A **B** **C** **D**
37. The walls around the city of Quebec, which was originally a fort military, still stand, making Quebec the only walled city in North America.
A **B** **C** **D**
38. The manufacture of automobile was extremely expensive until assembly-line techniques made them cheaper to produce.
A **B** **C** **D**
39. Charleston, West Virginia, was named for Charles Clendenin who son George acquired land at the junction of the Elk and Kanawha rivers in 1787.
A **B** **C** **D**
40. There are twenty species of wild roses in North America, all of which have prickly stems, pinnate leaves, and large flowers, which usually smell sweetly.
A **B** **C** **D**

Part III

Directions:

Questions **41-50** are sentence correction questions that present a sentence, part or all of which is underlined. Beneath the sentence, you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined passage. The first answer choice repeats the original; the other four are different. **If you think the original phrasing is best, choose the first answer; otherwise choose one of the others.**

This type of question tests your ability to recognize the correctness and effectiveness of expression in standard written English. In choosing your answer, follow the requirements of standard written English; that is, pay attention to grammar, choice of words, and sentence construction. Choose the answer that produces the most effective sentence; this answer should be clear and exact, without awkwardness, ambiguity, redundancy, or grammatical error.

Note: you **may not choose two answers as correct.** In this situation, none of these answers will be counted in.

41. Recently implemented "shift-work equations" based on studies of the human sleep cycle have reduced sickness, sleeping on the job, fatigue among shift workers, and have raised production efficiency in various industries.

- (A) fatigue among shift workers, and have raised
- (B) fatigue among shift workers, and raised
- (C) and fatigue among shift workers while raising
- (D) lowered fatigue among shift workers, and raised
- (E) and fatigue among shift workers was lowered while raising

42. A firm that specializes in the analysis of handwriting claims from a one-page writing sample that it can assess more than three hundred personality traits, including enthusiasm, imagination, and ambition.

- (A) from a one-page writing sample that it can assess
- (B) from a one-page writing sample it has the ability of assessing
- (C) the ability, from a one-page writing sample, of assessing
- (D) to be able, from a one-page writing sample, to assess
- (E) being able to assess, from a one-page writing sample,

43. Gall's hypothesis of there being different mental functions localized in different parts of the brain is widely accepted today.

- (A) of there being different mental functions localized in different parts of the brain is widely accepted today
- (B) of different mental functions that are localized in different parts of the brain is widely accepted today
- (C) that different mental functions are localized in different parts of the brain is widely accepted today
- (D) which is that there are different mental functions localized in different parts of the brain is widely accepted today
- (E) which is widely accepted today is that there are different mental functions localized in different parts of the brain

44. Bihar is India's poorest state, with an annual per capita income of \$111, lower than in the most impoverished countries of the world.

- (A) lower than in
- (B) lower than that of
- (C) and lower than that of
- (D) which is lower than in
- (E) which is lower than it is in

45. Despite protests from some waste-disposal companies, state health officials have ordered the levels of bacteria in seawater at popular beaches to be measured and that the results be published.

- (A) the levels of bacteria in seawater at popular beaches to be measured and that the result be
- (B) that seawater at popular beaches should be measured for their levels of bacteria, with the result being
- (C) the measure of levels of bacteria in seawater at popular beaches and the results be
- (D) seawater measured at popular beaches for levels of bacteria, with their results
- (E) that the levels of bacteria in seawater at popular beaches be measured and the results

46. Most state constitutions now mandate that the state budget be balanced each year.

- (A) mandate that the state budget be balanced
- (B) mandate the state budget to be balanced
- (C) mandate that the state budget will be balanced
- (D) have a mandate for a balanced state budget
- (E) have a mandate to balance the state budget

47. Unlike computer skills or other technical skills, there is a disinclination on the part of many people to recognize the degree to which their analytical skills are weak.

- (A) Unlike computer skills or other technical skills, there is a disinclination on the part of many people to recognize the degree to which their analytical skills are weak
- (B) Unlike computer skills or other technical skills, which they admit they lack, many people are disinclined to recognize that their analytical skills are weak
- (C) Unlike computer skills or other technical skills, analytical skills bring out a disinclination in many people to recognize that they are weak to a degree
- (D) Many people, willing to admit that they lack computer skills or other technical skills, are disinclined to recognize that their analytical skills are weak
- (E) Many people have a disinclination to recognize the weakness of their analytical skills while willing to admit their lack of computer skills or other technical

48. The technical term "pagination" is a process that leaves editors, instead of printers, assemble the page images that become the metal or plastic plates used in printing.

- (A) is a process that leaves editors, instead of printers, assemble
- (B) refers to a process that allows editors, rather than printers, to assemble
- (C) is a process leaving the editors, rather than printers, to assemble
- (D) refers to a process which allows editors, but not to printers, the assembly of
- (E) has reference to the process leaving to editors, instead of the printer, assembling

49. That educators have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said that it is their fault : Alvin Toffler, one of the most prominent students of the future, did not even mention microcomputers in Future Shock, published in 1970

- (A) That educators have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said that it is their fault
- (B) That educators have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said to be at fault
- (C) It can hardly be said that it is the fault of educators who have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology
- (D) It can hardly be said that educators are at fault for not anticipating the impact of microcomputer technology
- (E) The fact that educators are at fault for not anticipating the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said.

50. While larger banks can afford to maintain their own data-processing operations, many smaller regional and community banks are finding that the cost associated with upgrading data-processing equipment and with the development and maintenance of new products and technical staff are prohibitive.

- (A) cost associated with
- (B) costs associated with
- (C) costs arising from
- (D) cost of
- (E) costs of