


Section 1: Verbal Skills

Time: 16 minutes


Directions: Choose the best answer for Questions 1–60.

1. Conservative is to liberal as pepper is to
 - (A) soda
 - (B) salt
 - (C) seasoning
 - (D) spice
2. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
 - (A) restaurant
 - (B) house
 - (C) condominium
 - (D) apartment
3. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
 - (A) surrender
 - (B) yield
 - (C) relinquish
 - (D) object
4. Cryptic most nearly means
 - (A) mysterious
 - (B) basic
 - (C) frightening
 - (D) secure
5. Sommerville is closer to the lake than Derbyville is. Dillon is closer to the lake than Sommerville is. Dillon is closer to the lake than Derbyville is. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
 - (A) true
 - (B) false
 - (C) uncertain
6. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
 - (A) wretched
 - (B) miserable
 - (C) glum
 - (D) happy
7. Patient is to hospital as student is to
 - (A) cave
 - (B) bus
 - (C) school
 - (D) clouds
8. Genial most nearly means
 - (A) intelligent
 - (B) amiable
 - (C) distant
 - (D) slow
9. A daft fellow is
 - (A) wise
 - (B) dexterous
 - (C) aged
 - (D) foolish
10. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
 - (A) advise
 - (B) apprise
 - (C) instruct
 - (D) reprimand
11. Incarcerate is to jail as deposit is to
 - (A) account
 - (B) store
 - (C) apartment
 - (D) prison

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12. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) simple
(B) tenacious
(C) persistent
(D) obstinate
13. Maggie is younger than David. David is younger than Stuart. Stuart is younger than Maggie. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
14. An actor is a
(A) stage
(B) director
(C) thespian
(D) musician
15. Savory most nearly means
(A) bitter
(B) flavorful
(C) unattractive
(D) gutsy
16. Field is to wildflower as pond is to
(A) stone
(B) lily pad
(C) frog
(D) river
17. Sinister most nearly means
(A) menacing
(B) insipid
(C) zesty
(D) searing
18. Tepid most nearly means
(A) enthusiastic
(B) scalding
(C) lukewarm
(D) calm
19. Hour is to minute as year is to
(A) century
(B) clock
(C) calendar
(D) day
20. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) gregarious
(B) sociable
(C) introvert
(D) outgoing
21. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) ludicrous
(B) sensible
(C) farcical
(D) absurd
22. Micky has more trophies than Donald does. Donald has more trophies than Cal does. Cal has more trophies than Micky does. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
23. Colfax Avenue is longer than Speer Street. Speer Street is longer than Downing Drive. Downing Drive is longer than Mitchell Road. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
24. A shrewd investment is
(A) naive
(B) wise
(C) classy
(D) recent

25. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) solace
(B) destitution
(C) desolation
(D) ruin
26. Discipline is the *opposite* of
(A) regulation
(B) anarchy
(C) evil
(D) rebuke
27. All professors are teachers. All teachers are tenured. All professors are tenured. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
28. Tension is the *opposite* of
(A) serenity
(B) strain
(C) security
(D) potential
29. An irrevocable agreement is
(A) definitive
(B) displeasing
(C) binding
(D) flexible
30. Abundant is the *opposite* of
(A) copious
(B) meager
(C) heavy
(D) weak
31. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) narrow
(B) swollen
(C) puffy
(D) distended
32. Contract is the *opposite* of
(A) agree
(B) dwell
(C) enlarge
(D) engage
33. Shift is the *opposite* of
(A) alter
(B) maintain
(C) change
(D) destroy
34. Cloud is to confusion as illuminate is to
(A) shadow
(B) combustion
(C) consumption
(D) clarification
35. Which word does *not* belong with the others?
(A) dispute
(B) argue
(C) challenge
(D) acquiesce
36. Green Mountain is higher than Smoky Hill. Smoky Hill is lower than Windy Peak. Green Mountain is higher than Windy Peak. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
37. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) trip
(B) journey
(C) sojourn
(D) skirmish
38. Labor is the *opposite* of
(A) struggle
(B) rest
(C) join
(D) divide



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39. A provisional government is
(A) temporary
(B) tyrannical
(C) unrestricted
(D) democratic
40. Which word does *not* belong with the others?
(A) blunt
(B) dull
(C) quick
(D) rounded
41. Seismograph is to earthquake as speedometer is to
(A) time
(B) velocity
(C) rotation
(D) hurricane
42. Mow is to lawn as shave is to
(A) fitness
(B) energy
(C) beard
(D) garden
43. Daphne plays more sports than Angela. Angela plays more sports than Brittany but fewer than Trini. Trini plays more sports than Brittany. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
44. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) porch
(B) parlor
(C) veranda
(D) terrace
45. Hypocritical most nearly means
(A) legitimate
(B) annoying
(C) analytical
(D) insincere
46. A satiated appetite is
(A) satisfied
(B) diminutive
(C) voracious
(D) hearty
47. Horse is to stable as airplane is to
(A) sky
(B) wing
(C) runway
(D) hangar
48. Talkative is most *opposite* of
(A) chatty
(B) reserved
(C) garrulous
(D) miserable
49. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) subordinate
(B) sovereign
(C) independent
(D) autonomous
50. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) remiss
(B) meticulous
(C) careful
(D) scrupulous
51. Engaged most nearly means
(A) free
(B) married
(C) occupied
(D) separated

52. Emancipated is the *opposite* of
(A) uncontrolled
(B) open
(C) restricted
(D) sheltered
53. Hooterville is southwest of Jamestown. Marshdale is northeast of Kellysburg and southeast of Hooterville. Marshdale is north of Jamestown. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
54. Grounded most nearly means
(A) established
(B) dirty
(C) scared
(D) volatile
55. Major is the *opposite* of
(A) foremost
(B) substantial
(C) civilian
(D) trivial
56. The economy car is smaller than the full-size model. The luxury car is larger than the full-size model but not as big as the SUV. The SUV is not as large as the full-size model. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain
57. An indigenous plant is
(A) foreign
(B) beautiful
(C) dehydrated
(D) native
58. Which of these words does *not* belong with the others?
(A) celebrity
(B) star
(C) luminary
(D) upstart
59. Ice cream is to caramel sauce as hot dog is to
(A) ketchup
(B) bun
(C) hamburger
(D) baseball
60. No tipples are mammals. No mammals fly. All tipples fly. If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
(A) true
(B) false
(C) uncertain



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Section 2: Quantitative Skills

Time: 30 minutes

Directions: Choose the best answer for Questions 61–112.

61. What is the next number in this sequence:
33, 37, 41, ... ?

(A) 44
(B) 47
(C) 45
(D) 43

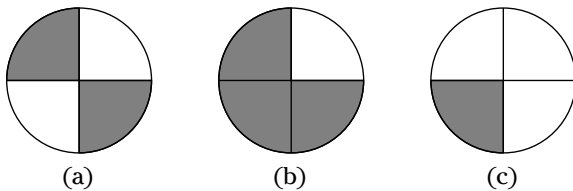
62. What number is 5 less than 20% of 100?

(A) 5
(B) 10
(C) 15
(D) 20

63. What number is 10 less than the average of
40, 45, 50, 55, and 40?

(A) 46
(B) 36
(C) 45
(D) 35

64. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the
best answer.



- (A) (a) is more shaded than (b).
(B) (b) is less shaded than (a) and more shaded than (c).
(C) (c) is less shaded than (a) and more shaded than (b).
(D) (a) is less shaded than (b) and more shaded than (c).

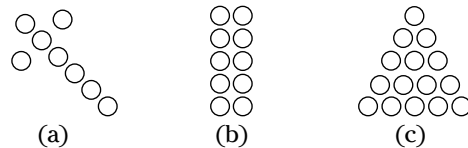
65. What is the next number in this sequence:
75, 69, 63, ... ?

(A) 56
(B) 57
(C) 58
(D) 55

66. What number is 16 more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 32?

(A) 32
(B) 16
(C) 48
(D) 12

67. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the
best answer.



- (A) (a) has fewer circles than (b).
(B) (b) has fewer circles than (a) or (c).
(C) (a), (b), and (c) have an equal number of circles.
(D) The number of circles in (a) plus the number in (b) equals the number in (c).

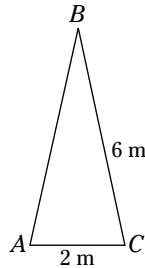
68. What are the next two numbers in this
sequence: 3, 6, 12, 24, ... ?


(A) 48, 96
(B) 36, 48
(C) 46, 92
(D) 30, 42

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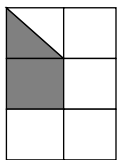
69. What is the cube of 3 divided by 3?
(A) 3
(B) 1
(C) 7
(D) 9
70. What number is $\frac{1}{6}$ of 30?
(A) 6
(B) 1
(C) 7
(D) 5
71. What is the missing number in this sequence: 56, 63, _____, 77, 84?
(A) 69
(B) 70
(C) 91
(D) 76
72. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the best answer.
(a) three quarters
(b) two quarters, two dimes, and one nickel
(c) one quarter, four dimes, one nickel, and five pennies
(A) (a) is greater than (b) or (c).
(B) (b) is greater than (a).
(C) (c) is greater than (a).
(D) (a), (b), and (c) are equal.
73. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the best answer.
(a) 30% of 90
(b) 90% of 30
(c) 30% of 90%
(A) (a) is less than (b) or (c).
(B) (a) is equal to (c).
(C) (a) is equal to (b).
(D) (c) is less than (b) and greater than (a).
74. What number added to 30 is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 124?
(A) 1
(B) 4
(C) 6
(D) 9
75. What is the next number in this sequence: 1,000, 500, 250, 125, . . . ?
(A) 62
(B) 63
(C) 62.5
(D) 60.5
76. What is the missing number in this sequence: 5, 10, _____, 40?
(A) 15
(B) 25
(C) 30
(D) 20
77. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the best answer.
(a) $\frac{2}{9}$
(b) 0.5
(c) 4.2×0.65
(A) (b) is greater than (a) and less than (c).
(B) (a) is greater than (b) and less than (c).
(C) (c) is less than (a) and greater than (b).
(D) (a) plus (b) is equal to (c).
78. What number divided by 4 is $\frac{1}{8}$ of 72?
(A) 36
(B) 9
(C) 8
(D) 288

79. Examine the isosceles triangle ABC and choose the best answer.

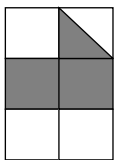


- (A) AB is greater than BC .
 (B) AB is twice as long as AC .
 (C) The length of AB plus AC is equal to BC plus AC .
 (D) AC is 1 m shorter than the length of AB less BC .
80. What is the next number in this sequence: 279, 275, 271, ... ?
 (A) 277
 (B) 269
 (C) 265
 (D) 267
81. $\frac{1}{2}$ of what number is 5 times 8?
 (A) 150
 (B) 120
 (C) 40
 (D) 39
82. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the best answer.
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(a)



(b)



(c)
- (A) (a) is more shaded than (b) and less shaded than (c).
 (B) (b) and (c) are equally shaded.
 (C) (a) and (c) are equally shaded.
 (D) (a) is shaded less than (b).
83. What is the missing number in this sequence: 5, 10, 6, 11, _____, 12?
 (A) 7
 (B) 10
 (C) 13
 (D) 6
84. What number subtracted from 50 is 3 times the quotient of 36 and 9?
 (A) 40
 (B) 12
 (C) 38
 (D) 4
85. $\frac{1}{4}$ of what number is 10 times 4?
 (A) 80
 (B) 160
 (C) 40
 (D) 120
86. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the best answer.
 (a) $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12
 (b) $\frac{2}{3}$ of 15
 (c) $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10
 (A) (b) and (c) are equal.
 (B) (a) plus (c) is greater than (b).
 (C) (c) is greater than (a) and (b).
 (D) (b) is greater than (a) and (c).
87. What is the missing number in this sequence: 3, 6, 14, 28, _____, 72?
 (A) 46
 (B) 25
 (C) 48
 (D) 36
88. What is the next number in this sequence: V, 10, XV, _____?
 (A) XX
 (B) 20
 (C) XVI
 (D) XXV

89. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and choose the best answer.

(a) 8^2
 (b) $(8 \times 2)(2 \times 8)$
 (c) 2^8

(A) (a) is equal to (c) and greater than (b).

(B) (b) is equal to (c).

(C) (a) is equal to (b).

(D) (a) plus (b) is equal to (c).

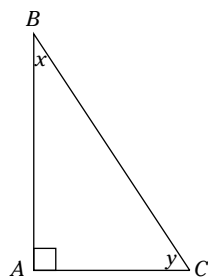
90. 40% of a number plus 80% of the same number equals 144. What is the number?

(A) 48
 (B) 96
 (C) 144
 (D) 120

91. What is the missing number in this sequence: 4, 8, 7, _____, 13?

(A) 10
 (B) 14
 (C) 8
 (D) 12

92. Examine this triangle and choose the best answer.



- (A) AB is equal to BC .
 (B) AB plus AC is equal to BC .
 (C) AC is less than BC .
 (D) The measure of $\angle x$ plus the measure of $\angle y$ is greater than the measure of the right angle.

93. What number is 7 less than 4 cubed?

(A) 64
 (B) 55
 (C) 63
 (D) 57

94. What are the next two numbers in this sequence: 47, 43, 41, 41, 43, 47, ...?

(A) 49, 42
 (B) 47, 53
 (C) 53, 61
 (D) 45, 43

95. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and select the best answer.

(a) $(4 \times 7) + 2$
 (b) $(5 \times 7) - 7$
 (c) $(3 \times 9) + 1$

(A) (c) is equal to (b).

(B) (a) is greater than (b) plus (c).

(C) (b) is equal to (c) and greater than (a).

(D) (a), (b), and (c) are equal.

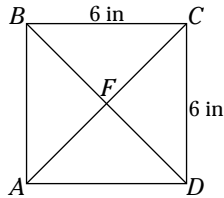
96. What number is 10 less than $\frac{7}{8}$ of 112?

(A) 88
 (B) 98
 (C) 16
 (D) 56

97. What is the next term in this sequence: A^1, B_2, C^3, \dots ?

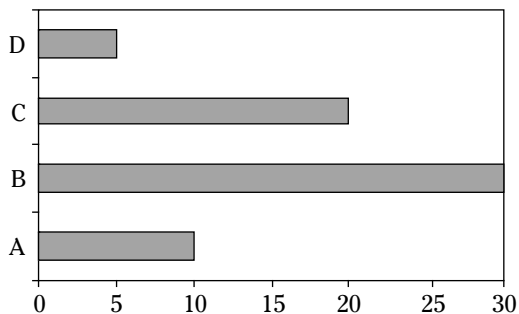
(A) C_4
 (B) C^4
 (C) D^4
 (D) D_4

98. Examine this figure and select the best answer.



- (A) The area of Triangle AFB is less than the area of Triangle BFC .
- (B) CD is equal to CF .
- (C) The area of Quadrilateral $ABCD$ is 36 in^2 .
- (D) The measure of $\angle BAD$ is greater than the measure of $\angle BFC$.
99. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and select the best answer.
- (a) $3^3 \times 10$
- (b) $\frac{2}{3}$ of 150
- (c) $\frac{1}{2}$ of 12^2
- (A) (a) is greater than (b) plus (c).
- (B) (b) is less than (a) and greater than (c).
- (C) (b) is equal to (c).
- (D) (c) is less than (b), which is less than (a).
100. What are the next three numbers in this sequence:
101, 102, 103, 118, 119, 120, 137, ... ?
- (A) 138, 139, 140
- (B) 138, 156, 157
- (C) 138, 139, 158
- (D) 154, 155, 156
101. What is the missing number in this sequence: 5, 20, 6, 24, 10, _____, 26?
- (A) 40
- (B) 28
- (C) 22
- (D) 20
102. The number that is 5 more than 76 is the square of what number?
- (A) 11
- (B) 9
- (C) 8
- (D) 7
103. What number multiplied by 7 is 4 more than 80?
- (A) 12
- (B) 84
- (C) 9
- (D) 13
104. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and select the best answer.
- (a) $2(45 + 25)$
- (b) $(45 + 25)^2$
- (c) $45 + 2(25)$
- (A) (c) is greater than (a).
- (B) (a) plus (c) is greater than (b).
- (C) (b) is more than 20 times greater than (a) plus (c).
- (D) (b) minus (c) is less than (a).
105. What is the missing term in this sequence:
 $L_3, N_5, \text{_____, } R_9?$
- (A) P_6
- (B) Q_7
- (C) Q_8
- (D) P_7

106. Examine the graph and select the best answer.

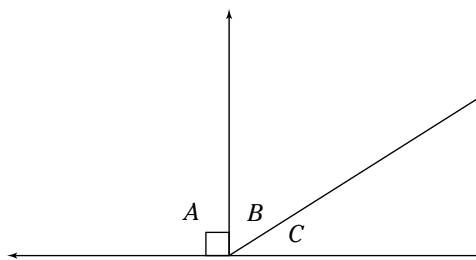


- (A) D plus A is equal to C.
 (B) B minus C is equal to A.
 (C) A plus C is greater than B.
 (D) A plus B is twice that of D plus C.
107. What are the next three numbers in this sequence:
 20, 21, 25, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 25, ... ?
 (A) 30, 31, 33
 (B) 28, 29, 25
 (C) 29, 30, 25
 (D) 26, 27, 28
108. What number added to 70 is a perfect cube?
 (A) 125
 (B) 100
 (C) 50
 (D) 55
109. What number decreased by 20% of itself is 72?
 (A) 18
 (B) 92
 (C) 90
 (D) 96

110. Examine (a), (b), and (c) and select the best answer.

- (a) 3^3
 (b) 4^2
 (c) 2^4
 (A) $(b) = 2 \times (c)$
 (B) $(b) > (a) > (c)$
 (C) $(b) + (c) > (a)$
 (D) $(a) > (c) > (b)$

111. Examine this figure and select the best answer.



- (A) $\angle A$ plus $\angle B$ is equal to 135° .
 (B) $\angle A$ plus $\angle B$ equals an acute angle.
 (C) $\angle B$ is equal to $\angle C$.
 (D) $\angle B$ plus $\angle C$ equals a right angle.
112. What number is 3 less than $\frac{3}{5}$ of 15?
 (A) 9
 (B) 3
 (C) 6
 (D) 12



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Section 3: Reading

Time: 25 minutes

Comprehension


Directions: Read the following 5 passages and choose the best answers for Questions 113–152.

Challenged by the recession, state and municipal leaders have considered somewhat novel methods to cut government spending in an effort to balance the annual budget. One of the cost-cutting ideas being bandied about involves shortening prison sentences and releasing nonviolent inmates to be cared for by neighborhood probation officers. Another cost-saving idea under debate involves teaching inmates vocational and career skills so that they are more likely to become gainfully employed once released, thereby reducing the rate of recidivism.

Given the financial and economic challenges currently confronting our federal, state, and local treasuries, many legislators are advocating for decriminalizing some current crimes and releasing those presently incarcerated for committing nonviolent “victimless” crimes. Crimes considered to be without victims commonly consist of drug possession, gambling, and prostitution. Studies conducted by the Federal Bureau of Prisons last year demonstrated that the government spends an average of \$256 million per state to catch, prosecute, and incarcerate perpetrators of victimless crimes. Legalizing some victimless crimes and releasing those currently serving time for those crimes would result in a significant savings for taxpayers.

The second legislative proposal to teach vocational skills to prisoners will lead to significant annual tax savings along with a well-trained inmate population. Statistics demonstrate that an investment in vocational training saves money in the long run because inmates are less likely to commit crimes after they are released if they have been trained for a career. Contrary to those naysayers who believe that vocational programs represent a waste of taxpayers’ money, vocational training would result in fewer criminals repeating their crimes, which means an overall savings in continually catching, prosecuting, and incarcerating past inmates.

113. The author of this article would most likely agree that
- (A) Victimless crimes should not be legalized.
 - (B) Drug possession is the easiest victimless crime to prosecute.
 - (C) One method of saving law enforcement costs is to cease prosecuting victimless crimes.
 - (D) Society does not have a say about what should be considered criminal behavior.
114. The argument in favor of vocational and career training for inmates assumes which of the following?
- (A) that taxpayers do not mind spending money to create new jails
 - (B) that the definition of “victimless crimes” will be expanded to include white-collar crimes
 - (C) that inmates who have received vocational or career training will be hired when they are released
 - (D) that many taxpayers do not believe that victimless crimes should be decriminalized

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115. The word decriminalizing, as it is used in the passage, most nearly means
- (A) legalizing
 - (B) declaring unconstitutional
 - (C) outlawing
 - (D) prosecuting
116. According to the passage, about how many dollars would be saved per state if victimless crimes were decriminalized?
- (A) \$256 million
 - (B) \$256,000
 - (C) \$2.56 million
 - (D) \$256 billion
117. The term recidivism, as it is used in the passage, most nearly means
- (A) progression
 - (B) repetition of criminal behavior
 - (C) improvement of career skills
 - (D) deterioration
118. You would expect to find the information contained in this passage in
- (A) the editorial section of a newspaper
 - (B) a professional journal for biology
 - (C) a sports magazine
 - (D) none of the above
119. The word vocational, as it is used in the passage, most nearly means
- (A) remedial
 - (B) positive
 - (C) job
 - (D) detrimental
120. Which of the following is *not* a proposal for saving money provided by the passage?
- (A) releasing nonviolent prisoners
 - (B) shortening prison terms
 - (C) providing job training to prisoners
 - (D) writing novels about prison life
121. People who are opposed to the author's proposal for vocational training would say what?
- (A) that drug possession is not a victimless crime
 - (B) that the government spends too much money prosecuting criminals
 - (C) that gamblers are more likely than other criminals to commit crimes after they have been released
 - (D) that job training does not result in a reduction of future crimes
122. Which of the following statements can be logically inferred from the information presented in the passage?
- (A) Most inmates confess to wrongdoing and become successfully employed in executive positions once they are released from prison.
 - (B) Career training programs offer hope for those criminals who wish to change their prior lifestyles.
 - (C) It costs less to imprison perpetrators of victimless crimes than other criminals.
 - (D) Because most prisoners are repeat offenders, they will never get jobs.

It is commonly agreed that recycling is a critical step in both maintaining a clean and green environment and sustaining America's quest for energy independence. The secondary markets for recycled paper, cardboard, aluminum, asphalt, copper, plastic, and glass are at all-time highs. Public education regarding the moral and ethical responsibilities to keep the environment clean has increased. There is now a large supply of and an increasingly strong demand for recycled goods. But we still have problems in one area: the ability to collect and sort recyclables.

Recycle bins have seemingly become depositories for virtually any type of trash, recyclable or not, from a tattered mattress to last week's TV dinner. The recycle bins that newspaper publishers, grocery stores, and big-box department stores have traditionally placed in their parking lots have become trash magnets that produce increasingly determined complaints from patrons and neighbors. Neighbors frequently ask stores to remove their recycle bins largely because they become unsightly. Part of the reason that the stores are so willing to remove the bins is because of the significant expense involved in having to separate trash from newsprint and other recyclables, including aluminum, cardboard, plastic, and glass.

One solution to the problem has come from entrepreneurs who have begun charging for monthly pickups of recyclable materials, like paper, aluminum, plastic, and glass, from customers' curbsides. The monthly fee for this service usually pays for the costs associated with collection and separation of the materials. Additionally, these businesses sell the materials for a profit on the secondary recyclable market after they separate them. This practice is generally viewed as a "win-win" situation for the businesses and their contented customers, who have to pay only a small fee to contribute toward a cleaner, more energy-independent America.

123. As used in the passage, the word determined most nearly means
- (A) bitter
 - (B) proven
 - (C) resolute
 - (D) weak
124. According to the passage, which group has been successful in collecting recycled materials from consumers?
- (A) government agencies
 - (B) garbage companies
 - (C) entrepreneurs
 - (D) grocery stores
125. As used in this passage, the term contented most nearly means
- (A) unselfish
 - (B) greedy
 - (C) relaxed
 - (D) satisfied
126. For what reason did neighbors of recycling bins wish to have them removed?
- (A) They were opposed to the idea of recycling.
 - (B) The smell coming from the bins attracted wild animals.
 - (C) The bins were ugly.
 - (D) All of the above.
127. Which of the following is a lament of the author?
- (A) Recycling is an important step for maintaining a clean and green environment.
 - (B) Recycling bins have become depositories for trash.
 - (C) Recycling assists in America's quest for energy independence.
 - (D) The secondary markets for reprocessed materials are at all-time highs.

128. Which of the following items have been placed in recycle bins?
- (A) torn mattresses
 - (B) newspapers
 - (C) TV dinners
 - (D) all of the above
129. Which of the following words best describes the author's attitude toward the businesses that pick up recycled materials for a fee?
- (A) grateful
 - (B) naive
 - (C) suspicious
 - (D) uninterested
130. Which of the following is true given the information in the passage?
- (A) The biggest problem regarding recycling is that Americans do not care about the environment.
 - (B) Consumers who participate in recycling contribute toward making America cleaner and more energy efficient.
 - (C) Recycling bins in store parking lots have solved the problem of collecting and sorting recycled materials.
 - (D) The pickup service provided by businesses is free.
131. Which of the following is *not* a practice of the businesses that pick up recycling?
- (A) They provide recycling bins in their store parking lots.
 - (B) They charge a monthly fee.
 - (C) They separate the recyclable materials.
 - (D) They sell the materials on the secondary market.
132. Which of these is *not* a recyclable material?
- (A) plastic
 - (B) newsprint
 - (C) aluminum
 - (D) bedding

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the preoccupation with a liberal arts curriculum in higher education is misplaced as the unemployment rate and student loan delinquency rate reach new highs. The days when college students were virtually guaranteed immediate placement upon graduation are rapidly disappearing as our workforce competes for graduates with vocational training skills.

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor tell us that the demand for graduates trained in trades, like plumbers, electricians, mechanics, and other technicians, has never been greater in the last century. Similarly, unemployment rates for vocational grads, who often attend private trade schools rather than public state universities, are also at an all-time low. Based upon these facts, it is time for our state legislature to allocate more funding for vocational educational programs rather than schools that focus on a liberal arts curriculum.

133. Based on the information in the passage, which of these professions is probably *not* considered to be a trade?
- (A) plumber
 - (B) psychologist
 - (C) automotive technician
 - (D) electrician
134. According to the article, vocational training is most commonly offered in which of the following settings?
- (A) private liberal arts colleges
 - (B) public libraries
 - (C) large, public universities
 - (D) private trade schools
135. Which of the following is true?
- (A) Graduates from liberal arts schools cannot work as technicians.
 - (B) The demand for plumbers, electricians, and mechanics is high.
 - (C) All plumbers, electricians, and mechanics have degrees from trade schools.
 - (D) Schools that offer a liberal arts curriculum will no longer exist in the next century.
136. Which of these would be the best title for this passage?
- (A) Vocational Education Should Receive More Funding
 - (B) Learning a Trade Is the Only Way to Get a Job
 - (C) A Liberal Arts Education Is Useless
 - (D) How to Earn Top Dollar in Today's Job Market

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that “Congress shall make no law respecting or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” This amendment and nine others constitute the Bill of Rights, which is comprised of the first ten amendments to our Constitution. The Bill of Rights protects more than 30 liberties and rights. The Fourteenth Amendment made most of the Bill of Rights applicable to the states through a process called incorporation.

The origins of the Bill of Rights include the English Magna Carta of 1215, the English Bill of Rights of 1689, various other English precedents and acts, and the experience of people in England and America. Once our Bill of Rights was ratified by three-fourths of the fourteen states, virtually all opposition to the U.S. Constitution quickly disappeared.

The effect of the Bill of Rights is deeply embedded in our daily lives. For example, the Bill of Rights prohibits most attempts to censor certain types of art or music. It also protects speech, which means you can pretty much say whatever you want about a government official in the editorial section of a newspaper or in a blog on the Internet. The Bill of Rights protects our often heated debates on abortion, school prayer, and the death penalty. And the speech you hear police officers give on TV shows when they tell someone who has been arrested that he has “the right to remain silent” is also a Bill of Rights issue. This practice is known as reading someone the Miranda rights. The First Amendment protection of the rights of extremist groups to peacefully assemble means that any group can stage a protest as long as it is not violent. By protecting the civil liberties of even extreme groups, the police and courts seek to preserve the right to freedom of expression for all Americans.

137. Which of the following did *not* provide inspiration to the creators of the Bill of Rights?
- (A) the U.S. Constitution
 - (B) the English Magna Carta of 1215
 - (C) the English Bill of Rights of 1689
 - (D) the experience of the English people
138. Which amendment made most of the U.S. Bill of Rights apply to the states?
- (A) First Amendment
 - (B) Tenth Amendment
 - (C) Second Amendment
 - (D) Fourteenth Amendment
139. What is the name of the process that made most of the U.S. Bill of Rights applicable to the states?
- (A) opposition
 - (B) reading the Miranda rights
 - (C) incorporation
 - (D) ratification
140. According to the passage, the Bill of Rights was ratified by approximately how many of the fourteen states?
- (A) 8
 - (B) 9
 - (C) 7
 - (D) 11
141. Which of the following civil liberties would *not* be protected under the Bill of Rights?
- (A) the right to stage a violent protest
 - (B) the right of an extremist group to assemble peacefully
 - (C) the right of an arrested person to be read the Miranda rights
 - (D) the right of a magazine to print an article that criticizes a government official
142. The U.S. Bill of Rights is made up of how many amendments?
- (A) 30
 - (B) 10
 - (C) 9
 - (D) 14

143. As is it used in the passage, embedded most nearly means
- (A) implied
 - (B) rooted
 - (C) respected
 - (D) disregarded
144. This passage probably appeared in
- (A) a letter to a state senator
 - (B) an impassioned speech to an extremist group
 - (C) a science textbook
 - (D) a pamphlet about the U.S. Constitution

After a series of well-publicized failures by various inventors, Orville and Wilbur Wright succeeded in flying and controlling a heavier-than-air craft on December 17, 1903. The War Department, stung by its investment in a failed effort by Samuel Langley and troubled by the Wrights' secretiveness, initially rejected the brothers' requests for the government to buy the aircraft. Prevailing sentiments held that the immediate future still belonged to the balloon. In August 1908, the two brothers delivered the first Army aircraft to the U.S. government. That the U.S. government agreed to purchase an airplane was a minor miracle. For more than four years after the Wright brothers' successful flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the government refused to accept the fact that man had flown in a heavier-than-air machine.


145. Which of the following is true?
- (A) The Wright brothers were the first to attempt to fly a heavier-than-air craft.
 - (B) The U.S. government agreed to purchase an airplane from the Wrights in 1903.
 - (C) The Wright brothers approached the government with their proposal to sell it an airplane several years before 1908.
 - (D) The Wright brothers successfully flew the heavier-than-air craft in 1903, but they were not able to control the craft until four years later.
146. For what purpose did the government purchase the first airplane?
- (A) to transport government officials across the country
 - (B) to form the first private air transportation company
 - (C) for use in the military
 - (D) to completely replace balloons as a form of air transportation
147. As it is used in the passage, prevailing most nearly means
- (A) existing
 - (B) triumphant
 - (C) crushing
 - (D) minority
148. Which of the following is *not* supported by the passage?
- (A) At the time of the Wrights' successful flight, balloons were already in existence.
 - (B) The Wright brothers' secretiveness contributed to their problems in getting the government interested in their aircraft.
 - (C) The historic flight took place on the East Coast.
 - (D) It took more than six years for the Wright brothers to interest the U.S. government in their airplane.
149. A good title for this passage would be
- (A) Never Give Up
 - (B) Famous Inventions
 - (C) A History of Flight
 - (D) The Wright Brothers' Minor Miracle
150. The author of this passage is most likely
- (A) a pilot
 - (B) an Army officer
 - (C) a historian
 - (D) a U.S. senator

151. The reason that the author calls the Wright brothers' sale a minor miracle is
- (A) The government did not need an airplane.
 - (B) The government did not believe that heavier-than-air craft could fly.
 - (C) The government was more interested in Langley's invention.
 - (D) Balloons were less expensive than and as effective as airplanes.
152. Which of the following terms describes the government's attitude toward the Wright brothers' invention?
- (A) ecstatic
 - (B) agitated
 - (C) confident
 - (D) skeptical

Vocabulary

Directions: For Questions 153–174, choose the answer that is closest to the same meaning as the underlined word.

153. a paltry sum of money
- (A) substantial
 - (B) insignificant
 - (C) fat
 - (D) clean
154. a foul smell
- (A) musty
 - (B) repulsive
 - (C) fresh
 - (D) floral
155. a state of tedium
- (A) boredom
 - (B) enthusiasm
 - (C) agitation
 - (D) tranquility
156. a zealous fan
- (A) ardent
 - (B) uninterested
 - (C) continual
 - (D) fleeting
157. a debilitating disease
- (A) rapid
 - (B) sudden
 - (C) devastating
 - (D) lengthy
158. to mind your manners
- (A) object to
 - (B) pay attention to
 - (C) worry about
 - (D) ignore
159. a glowing eulogy
- (A) lamp
 - (B) humiliation
 - (C) interment
 - (D) tribute
160. to propose a plan
- (A) end
 - (B) marry
 - (C) allow
 - (D) suggest

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161. a commemorative plaque
(A) dedicatory
(B) wooden
(C) ancient
(D) contemporary
162. a delightful gathering
(A) objectionable
(B) brief
(C) agreeable
(D) dull
163. abhorrent morals
(A) likeable
(B) odious
(C) pleasant
(D) weak
164. a foreign realm
(A) kingdom
(B) tribe
(C) tongue
(D) technique
165. a literal interpretation
(A) ambiguous
(B) factual
(C) symbolic
(D) fictitious
166. a congenial disposition
(A) irascible
(B) sociable
(C) cynical
(D) reserved
167. to vilify an enemy
(A) justify
(B) compliment
(C) disparage
(D) dislike
168. a discourteous heckler
(A) ally
(B) companion
(C) detractor
(D) stranger
169. the cantankerous old woman
(A) grumpy
(B) affable
(C) lethargic
(D) ailing
170. an experienced cosmopolitan
(A) sophisticate
(B) manager
(C) bragger
(D) plebeian
171. to discombobulate the expert
(A) execute
(B) recognize
(C) comfort
(D) confound
172. an obvious truth
(A) unknown
(B) inconspicuous
(C) flimsy
(D) axiomatic
173. an unwanted interloper
(A) hermit
(B) intruder
(C) citizen
(D) affiliate
174. to conjure a memory
(A) destroy
(B) plan
(C) summon
(D) suppress



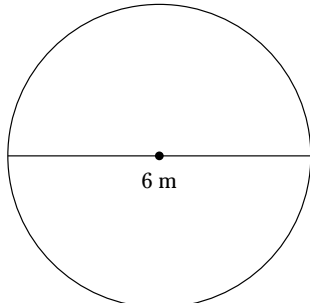
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Section 4: Mathematics

Time: 45 minutes

Directions: Choose the best answer for Questions 175–238.

Concepts

175. What is 54.673 written to the nearest tenth?
(A) 55
(B) 54.7
(C) 54.67
(D) 54.6
176. Which of the following is a type of angle?
(A) pythagorean
(B) rhomboid
(C) obtuse
(D) parallel
177. Simplify: $2(-5)^2$
(A) 50
(B) -50
(C) 25
(D) -25
178. $\{2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \cap \{1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11\} =$
(A) $\{1, 3\}$
(B) $\{2, 3, 4\}$
(C) $\{11, 10, 7\}$
(D) $\{4, 7\}$
179. What is an example of a pair of consecutive numbers?
(A) 4, -4
(B) 2, 3
(C) 2, 2
(D) $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$
180. What is 0.23 written as a fraction?
(A) $\frac{23}{100}$
(B) $\frac{23}{10}$
(C) $\frac{100}{23}$
(D) $\frac{1}{100}$
181. When multiplying a number by 100, how many places does the decimal place need to be moved?
(A) five places to the right
(B) four places to the right
(C) three places to the right
(D) two places to the right
182. What is the radius of the circle?
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- (A) 3 m
(B) 6π m
(C) 6 m
(D) 3π m
183. How many integers are between $\frac{35}{3}$ and 17.4?
(A) 4
(B) 5
(C) 6
(D) 7
184. The square root of 95 is between which of these two numbers?
(A) 8 and 9
(B) 81 and 100
(C) 5 and 6
(D) 9 and 10

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185. How many centimeters are in 1 meter?

- (A) 10,000
- (B) 1,000
- (C) 100
- (D) 10

186. Which of the following is *not* true?

- (A) When adding a negative and a positive number, the answer is always negative.
- (B) Multiplying two negatives results in a positive number.
- (C) Multiplying a negative and a positive always results in a negative number.
- (D) None of the above.

187. The ratio of two numbers is 4:1. The sum of the two numbers is 60. What is the larger of the two numbers?

- (A) 60
- (B) 48
- (C) 5
- (D) 10

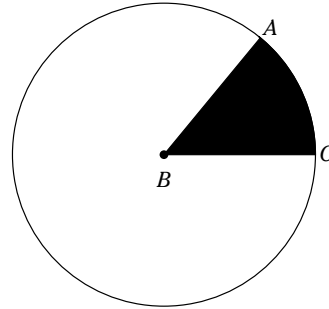
188. What fraction has a value between $\frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$?

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (B) $\frac{3}{8}$
- (C) $\frac{3}{4}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{4}$

189. Which of the following is true?

- (A) $0.35 = 3.5 \times 10$
- (B) $0.032 = 3.2 \times (\frac{1}{10})^2$
- (C) $320 = 3.2 \times 10^3$
- (D) $3,200 = 3.2 \times 10^4$

190. The angle of the shaded area in the circle is $ABC = 40^\circ$. What fraction of the circle is shaded?



- (A) $\frac{2}{9}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{6}$
- (C) $\frac{1}{9}$
- (D) $\frac{5}{6}$

191. Royce spent 30% of his allowance on baseball cards. If Royce's allowance is \$20, how much did he spend on baseball cards?

- (A) \$6
- (B) \$7
- (C) \$8
- (D) \$9

192. Which of the following numbers is one of the prime factors of 30?

- (A) 5
- (B) 30
- (C) 7
- (D) 4

193. At a recent re-election for a fire chief, 43% voted yes to keeping the old fire chief, 27% voted no, and the rest did not vote at all. What fractional part of the whole did not vote?

- (A) $\frac{1}{5}$
- (B) $\frac{3}{10}$
- (C) $\frac{3}{100}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{10}$

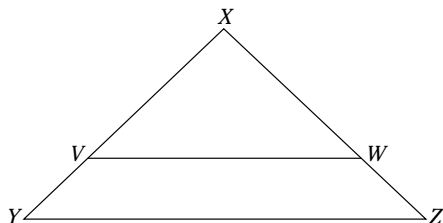
194. Which of the following is a type of quadrilateral?

- (A) octagon
- (B) pentagon
- (C) rhombus
- (D) hexagon

195. What is the least common multiple of 3 and 5?

- (A) 5
- (B) 15
- (C) 12
- (D) 30

196. What proportions must be true if Triangle XYZ and Triangle XVW are similar?

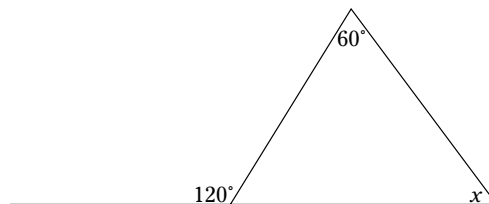


- (A) $\frac{XV}{XW} = \frac{VW}{XZ}$
- (B) $\frac{XY}{XZ} = \frac{VW}{YZ}$
- (C) $\frac{XY}{YZ} = \frac{XZ}{WZ}$
- (D) $\frac{XV}{XY} = \frac{VW}{YZ}$

197. Which of these is an example of the associative property of addition?

- (A) $(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3}) + 4 = \frac{3}{4} + (\frac{1}{3} + 4)$
- (B) $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3} = 3\frac{1}{3}$
- (C) $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (D) $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{4} + 3 = 2(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{4})$

198. What is the measure of Angle x ?



- (A) 30°
- (B) 60°
- (C) 90°
- (D) 120°

Problem Solving

199. Marsha bought 8 notebooks at \$4.35 each and 5 folders at \$3.78 each. How much did she spend?

- (A) \$53.70
- (B) \$52.38
- (C) \$54.12
- (D) \$50.47

200. Mr. Black uses the public transportation system and spends \$630 a year on bus and subway tickets. Approximately how much does he pay, on average, each month (rounded to the nearest dollar)?

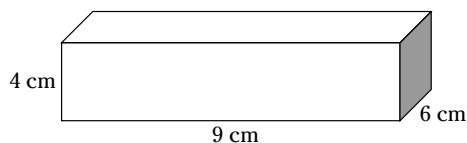
- (A) \$50
- (B) \$51
- (C) \$52
- (D) \$53

201. Solve for x : $15 + 4x = x + 30$

- (A) 10
- (B) 15
- (C) 5
- (D) 3

202. What is the difference between $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{3}{4}$?
- (A) $\frac{3}{4}$
(B) $1\frac{1}{2}$
(C) $\frac{1}{4}$
(D) $\frac{1}{5}$
203. Simplify this equation: $3 + (-4) + 8 + (-5) =$
- (A) 5
(B) 4
(C) 3
(D) 2
204. The formula for converting temperature from Centigrade to Fahrenheit is $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$. What is the Fahrenheit temperature that is equal to 10° Centigrade?
- (A) 32°
(B) 40°
(C) 50°
(D) 53°
205. Solve this equation: $(-6) + (-2) + 5 + (-2) =$
- (A) 5
(B) -5
(C) -3
(D) 3
206. Wade has 5 fewer baseball cards than 3 times the amount Casey has. If Casey has 106 cards, how many does Wade have?
- (A) 313
(B) 310
(C) 527
(D) 400
207. Solve this equation: $1\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} =$
- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
(B) $\frac{2}{3}$
(C) $\frac{3}{4}$
(D) $\frac{3}{4}$
208. If Kathy can do 15 math problems in an hour, how many can she do in 5 hours?
- (A) 60
(B) 65
(C) 70
(D) 75
209. A butcher charges \$3 per pound for select meats. What would be the cost for 1 pound 8 ounces of select meats?
- (A) \$4.00
(B) \$4.50
(C) \$5.00
(D) \$5.50
210. The sum of two numbers is N . If one of the numbers is 3, then three times the other number would be what?
- (A) $3N$
(B) $3 + N \times 3$
(C) $3(N \times 3)$
(D) $3(N - 3)$
211. If $2x - 3 > 5$, then x^2 must be
- (A) <5
(B) 16
(C) >16
(D) >5
212. If $a + 3 = b + 8$, then
- (A) $a > b$
(B) $a = b$
(C) $a = 5b$
(D) $b > a$
213. Katie has 6 shoes fewer than 2 times the number of shoes her best friend has. If her best friend has 48 shoes, how many shoes does Katie have?
- (A) 96
(B) 48
(C) 60
(D) 90

214. The cost of a bicycle includes a 4% tax that equals \$8.60. How much does the bike cost excluding the tax?
- (A) \$225
(B) \$215
(C) \$205
(D) \$250
215. If $x = 4$ and $y = \frac{1}{2}$, then what does $x^3 + 5y - 7$ equal?
- (A) 57
(B) $59\frac{1}{2}$
(C) $61\frac{1}{2}$
(D) 59
216. Billy is going to put carpet in his room that will cover his whole floor. If carpeting is \$5 per square foot, how much will the carpet cost if his room is 10 ft by 16 ft?
- (A) \$800
(B) \$550
(C) \$120
(D) \$255
217. Find the volume of this rectangular solid.



- (A) 88 cm^3
(B) 156 cm^3
(C) 198 cm^3
(D) 216 cm^3
218. In the first year that he held a loan, Mr. Caldwell paid \$47.50 in interest. The simple interest rate was 4%. What was the original loan amount?
- (A) \$1,187.50
(B) \$1,015.00
(C) \$1,137.50
(D) \$1,371.00

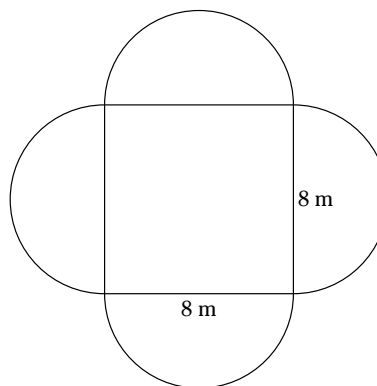
219. If $l = 3$, $m = 5$, and $n = 2$, then $3lmn =$
- (A) 45
(B) 90
(C) 110
(D) 13
220. $5.29 + 0.649 + 1.19 =$
- (A) 7.245
(B) 8.546
(C) 7.129
(D) 6.973
221. In the equation $4b - 8 = a$, what is the value of b if $a = 16$?
- (A) 6
(B) 10
(C) 12
(D) 4
222. Solve for x : $5x + 6 = -x + 9$
- (A) $\frac{1}{4}$
(B) $\frac{1}{3}$
(C) $\frac{2}{3}$
(D) $\frac{1}{2}$
223. What is a possible value of z if z is an even integer and $-8 > z > -13$?
- (A) -9
(B) -12
(C) 0
(D) 10
224. $36.43 \times 0.062 =$
- (A) 22.5866
(B) 2.25866
(C) 0.225866
(D) 225.866

225. Stan has lost 3 buttons in 10 days. If Stan keeps on losing buttons at the same rate for 30 days, how buttons will he have lost?
- (A) 6
(B) 10
(C) 9
(D) 13
226. Jessie earns \$40 a week doing chores for her parents. She puts 30% of her earnings in a bank account. How much does she put in this bank account every 4 weeks?
- (A) \$48
(B) \$50
(C) \$52
(D) \$54
227. What is a possible value of x if $3x - 5 > 17$?
- (A) 2
(B) 4
(C) 7
(D) 8
228. What is $2.5455\overline{)4.31}$?
- (A) 1.69
(B) 59
(C) 0.59
(D) 0.69
229. Renting 4 movies costs \$23.40. How much would it cost to rent 2 movies at the same price?
- (A) \$11.00
(B) \$11.70
(C) \$12.35
(D) \$12.50
230. Solve for x : $\sqrt{x} + 6 = 11$
- (A) 95
(B) 100
(C) 110
(D) 25
231. Find the value of $\frac{3}{4}x$ if $\frac{1}{2}x = 40$.
- (A) 60
(B) 65
(C) 70
(D) 75
232. $436 \times 42 =$
- (A) 18,123
(B) 18,312
(C) 18,321
(D) 18,100
233. Ten years ago, Sally's mother was 3 times as old as Sally. How old is Sally's mother today if Sally is 25?
- (A) 75
(B) 35
(C) 45
(D) 55
234. What is the ratio of $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$?
- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
(B) $\frac{3}{5}$
(C) $\frac{1}{5}$
(D) 2
235. What is x if $\sqrt{x+10} = 8$?
- (A) 65
(B) 64
(C) 54
(D) 50
236. Andrew has twice as much money saved up as his older sister. If Andrew gives his sister \$5, both Andrew and his sister will have equal amounts of money. How much money did Andrew save?
- (A) \$35
(B) \$30
(C) \$25
(D) \$20

237. If y is an even integer and $8 > y > 5$, what is y ?

- (A) 6
- (B) 8
- (C) 5
- (D) 7

238. What is the area of the following figure?



- (A) $(64 + 4\pi) \text{ m}^2$
- (B) $(64 + 32\pi) \text{ m}^2$
- (C) $(64 + 16\pi) \text{ m}^2$
- (D) $(64 + 8\pi) \text{ m}^2$




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Section 5: Language

Time: 25 minutes

Directions: For Questions 239–278, choose the answer with the sentence that has an error in punctuation, capitalization, or usage. If no sentence contains an error, choose Answer D.

239. (A) Andy swims in the Snake River when we go camping.
(B) Our school always has a party on Valentine’s day.
(C) My dad and I have seen *The Wizard of Oz* 20 times.
(D) No mistakes
240. (A) Him and Mary bought several items.
(B) “Have you see my gloves?” Helen asked.
(C) The dog ran around the block.
(D) No mistakes
241. (A) Jessica placed her textbook next to my glasses on the table.
(B) Before she packed her suitcase, Marcia checked the weather.
(C) Gerald remarked, “I think I’ll set down on this bench and wait for the train.”
(D) No mistakes
242. (A) When we were growing up, our mother tells us that nothing is impossible.
(B) Please note that I will be collecting exams at exactly 11:00 a.m.
(C) Duke worked at the pizza counter every Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
(D) No mistakes
243. (A) Peter commented, “I’m not sure whether or not I will go hiking tomorrow.”
(B) Daisies are my favorite flowers.
(C) Dad takes my brother and me to school before he goes to work.
(D) No mistakes
244. (A) Suzanne hardly never stops by our house to visit us.
(B) The children wore makeup instead of masks for Halloween.
(C) I love when the snow finally melts and the garden shows the first signs of spring.
(D) No mistakes
245. (A) Get to bed without delay!
(B) Terry has played the tuba in the marching band for three years.
(C) We celebrated Passover on Thursday this year.
(D) No mistakes
246. (A) Every year my family summered at the beach.
(B) Belinda was born on October 21 1995.
(C) Do you know the way to the airport?
(D) No mistakes
247. (A) The cat has been licking its paw for hours.
(B) On Saturdays and Sundays we visit our grandparents.
(C) Neither my brother or I have any idea how to fly a kite.
(D) No mistakes
248. (A) Missy asked her teacher to explain the assignment to her.
(B) Matt is the younger of the five brothers.
(C) He sits in his armchair and reads the newspaper every night.
(D) No mistakes

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249. (A) Patsy melted butter in the microwave.
(B) Christmas is the busiest season of the year for shoppers.
(C) This year there have been less cases of flu than there were last year.
(D) No mistakes
250. (A) Be sure to buy your ticket for the raffle by 3:00.
(B) Gladys asked if I knew the way to the grocery store?
(C) We had to travel through a long, dark tunnel to reach our destination.
(D) No mistakes
251. (A) I refuse to believe that you haven't had a thing to eat all day.
(B) Where did you get that shirt?
(C) Sal broke his tooth when he bit into the apple.
(D) No mistakes
252. (A) The band played 15 songs before it took a break.
(B) I set the book on the desk.
(C) When you get to Chicago, give my aunt a call.
(D) No mistakes
253. (A) Jackie and Mannie have waited all of they're lives to travel to Europe.
(B) Driving while talking on a cell phone is dangerous.
(C) Ask Pat to help you with the cake.
(D) No mistakes
254. (A) If you want your computer to run efficient, you must perform regular maintenance.
(B) Only time will tell how effective the medication actually is.
(C) In the autumn, we see herds of elk grazing in the fields behind our house.
(D) No mistakes
255. (A) It mystifies me that such a large sleeping bag fits into such a tiny sack.
(B) Paul couldn't eat dessert because he had eaten to much for dinner.
(C) Nora decided to set the table with the good silverware.
(D) No mistakes
256. (A) I didn't unload the dishwasher until the dishes were dry.
(B) My fathers' coat is too big for me.
(C) She and I have been arguing about this topic for years.
(D) No mistakes
257. (A) Pretend that you don't see Margie.
(B) We asked for directions at the gas station.
(C) If we had known you were coming, we would of saved a place for you.
(D) No mistakes
258. (A) If you follow the rules, you will be rewarded.
(B) Please don't track mud into the house.
(C) Dustin ordered a hot chocolate, because he was cold.
(D) No mistakes
259. (A) Did the Cougars win the game?
(B) The students will vote for either Bobbie or Jasmine.
(C) Strawberry is the most popular of the three types of ice cream.
(D) No mistakes
260. (A) The puppy ran away with it's tail between it's legs.
(B) I have never been as embarrassed as I was last night!
(C) Have you seen the Grand Canyon?
(D) No mistakes

261. (A) Gary doesn't understand why he can't attend the meeting.
(B) Grandmother met us at Kennedy airport in her new car.
(C) Gardening is my mother's favorite hobby.
(D) No mistakes
262. (A) Joe's parents have lived in Reno for several years.
(B) If you travel to Seattle, bring your umbrella.
(C) Do you know who's book this is?
(D) No mistakes
263. (A) I stop at the coffee shop after work.
(B) Please don't tell no one about the secret I've told you.
(C) Your secret is safe with me.
(D) No mistakes
264. (A) Angel and Joshua have differing opinions on the effects of global warming.
(B) Can't you stop talking and start listening for once?
(C) The toddler learned how to climb the stairs by himself.
(D) No mistakes
265. (A) The cat hissed at the whirling leaves as they fell from the tree.
(B) There isn't a soul around.
(C) The company makes their money by selling intricate widgets.
(D) No mistakes
266. (A) The noise was deafening as we walked into the gymnasium.
(B) Shouts and applause emanated from all four corners of the room.
(C) We felt very privileged to be honored at the Lincoln Center last year.
(D) No mistakes
267. (A) Zachary was meticulous about choosing the correct answer to the question.
(B) Did you see how quick that cat chased after the mouse?
(C) Rex hoped that his soccer coach would give Pete and him a break.
(D) No mistakes
268. (A) Anthony based his opinion on something his father had said.
(B) Carlos has been skiing for as long as I have known him.
(C) Have you talked to Ruby lately?
(D) No mistakes
269. (A) Kevin bought Agatha a diamond ring for their anniversary.
(B) Don't you wish that we had more time to take the test?
(C) After his run, Dad lied down on the couch and took a nap.
(D) No mistakes
270. (A) Marco joined the Air Force when he graduated from college.
(B) Carl and Cathy bought there snowboards through an online auction.
(C) Jack hasn't been to Wyoming since he started working.
(D) No mistakes
271. (A) Big things come in small packages.
(B) If you can't beat them, join them.
(C) Nellie is much better at softball than me.
(D) No mistakes
272. (A) I expect wonderful news from my cousins today.
(B) There has been breaking news in the developing story about the fire.
(C) Kids of all ages enjoy the Circus.
(D) No mistakes

273. (A) After the party ended, Marty and Paul wash dishes.
(B) I haven't heard from Dave, and I don't expect to until Friday.
(C) Maria and he have been friends since third grade.
(D) No mistakes
274. (A) I haven't been to Coney island since my brother was born.
(B) We used to go there at least once each summer.
(C) People are really mad about the highway closure.
(D) No mistakes
275. (A) Sunshine on my shoulders makes me feel warm and cozy.
(B) Roberta missed the bus, now she must walk home.
(C) My experience at camp last summer was one of the best of my life.
(D) No mistakes
276. (A) Mother has been wondering where you have been.
(B) Correct me, if I'm wrong.
(C) Isn't Bridget your sister?
(D) No mistakes
277. (A) The tortoise married the hare, and they lived happily ever after.
(B) There's no place like home.
(C) I figured out where you were hiding.
(D) No mistakes
278. (A) After waiting an hour, I simply gave up.
(B) If you don't have to time to pick up Sarah and me, my mom can do it.
(C) If you go East on Pennsylvania Avenue, you'll get there more quickly.
(D) No mistakes

Directions: For Questions 279–288, choose the answer that has the spelling error. If no sentence contains an error, choose Answer D.

279. (A) The hospital recieved notice that the patients had not been admitted.
(B) The passengers' families waited eagerly for the plane to land.
(C) Nobody noticed that the thief had slipped out of the room.
(D) No mistakes
280. (A) Stephanie stepped up to bat for the first time.
(B) The physician was examinng the boy for any signs of illness.
(C) She was covered from head to toe in spider webs and soot.
(D) No mistakes
281. (A) Barry mastered his golf swing just in time for the tournament.
(B) Please do not approach the counter without having your ticket ready.
(C) The restaurant serves a wide variety of dishes.
(D) No mistakes
282. (A) Until I met Sandy, I did not know that she was a sciencetist.
(B) Melanie and Mitch met at the laundry room to wash their clothes.
(C) We were told to use our best judgment in making the decision.
(D) No mistakes
283. (A) Patty and Steve have skated together for more than forty years.
(B) Traveling to Spain is something I want to accomplish before I graduate.
(C) Don't you wish that teachers made their lectures more humorous?
(D) No mistakes

284. (A) Thanksgiving is a holiday that celebrates family and food.
(B) Immediately after ordering the chicken sandwich, I wished I had ordered turkey instead.
(C) The cherry blossoms make March a lovely time to visit Washington D.C.
(D) No mistakes
285. (A) Business has been booming since we decided to open earlier in the morning.
(B) No one really knows how long the expedition into the jungle will take.
(C) Our forfathers constructed the Constitution to preserve our rights.
(D) No mistakes
286. (A) Whenever I go to class, I make sure that I have pen and paper in my possession.
(B) Grant thinks he will make the varsity soccer team next year.
(C) I made my decision independant of others' opinions.
(D) No mistakes
287. (A) Before you climb mountains, make sure you have the right equiptment.
(B) The amount you spend on travel should not exceed the designated limit.
(C) Peter was relaxing on the porch when we came by for a visit.
(D) No mistakes
288. (A) The north wind brought a heavy snowstorm to the state.
(B) Our house in Georgia had two gigantic columms at the front entrance.
(C) I was not conscious of how much time my mother had spent sewing my costume.
(D) No mistakes

Directions: Follow the given directions for Questions 289–298.

289. Choose the group of words that best completes the sentence.
Gazing out the schoolroom window,
_____.
- (A) a herd of grazing deer caught my eye
(B) I spotted a herd of grazing deer
(C) a herd of deer was spotted by me
(D) I spotted a herd of deer grazing in a group
290. Choose the word that best joins the thoughts together.
Visiting China has always been a dream of mine; _____ until now I have not had the funds to go there.
- (A) therefore,
(B) additionally,
(C) however,
(D) none of these
291. Which of these sentences expresses the idea most clearly?
- (A) After graduating from high school, college seemed like the natural next step for Sam.
(B) Sam graduated from high school, and then college naturally, for Sam, seemed like the next step.
(C) After he graduated from high school, Sam considered college to then be the natural next step.
(D) Sam considered college to be the natural next step after he graduated from high school.

292. Which sentence does *not* belong in the paragraph?
- ⁽¹⁾Fantasy is the language of the imagination. ⁽²⁾Therefore, I think it is appropriate to use fantasy to educate children. ⁽³⁾I can make this statement with the support of the great poet, Shelly. ⁽⁴⁾He stated, "The great instrument of moral good is the imagination." ⁽⁵⁾Science fiction stories are based on fantasy.
- (A) Sentence 2
(B) Sentence 3
(C) Sentence 4
(D) Sentence 5
293. Which of these sentences would fit best under the topic of "Finding a Summer Job"?
- (A) Review your resume and brush up on your interview skills.
(B) The summer months are the hottest, so drink plenty of liquids when you are at the pool.
(C) Summer and spring break are when most students go on vacation.
(D) None of these
294. Choose the word or words that best join the thoughts together.
- Doug has run a four-minute mile in his last three races; _____ it is reasonable to conclude that he will run a four-minute mile in the race this weekend.
- (A) therefore,
(B) nevertheless,
(C) in contrast,
(D) none of these
295. Which of these sentences expresses the idea most clearly?
- (A) I left the schedule for the meeting on my desk, and I had to go back to my office and get it.
(B) Going back to get it, the meeting schedule was left on my desk by me.
(C) The meeting schedule was left on my desk, and going back to get it was I.
(D) I left the meeting schedule on my desk, and I had to go back to my office to get it.
296. Choose the group of words that best completes the sentence.
- After hearing how cold it was outside, _____.
- (A) putting on hats and mittens was required of the children by their teacher
(B) hats and mittens were put on by the children at the request of their teacher
(C) the teacher required the children to put on their hats and mittens
(D) the teacher required that hats and mittens be put on by the children
297. Which of these sentences expresses the idea most clearly?
- (A) Again, I will never attempt to cross without my waders and snorkel the wide and treacherous river.
(B) The wide, treacherous river I will again never attempt to cross without both my waders and snorkel.
(C) Never again will I attempt to cross the wide, treacherous river without my waders and snorkel.
(D) Attempting to cross the wide and treacherous river again without my waders and snorkel I will never do.

298. Where is the best place for this sentence in the following paragraph?

Therefore, the federal government should permit private companies to take over transportation so that federal interstates and state-held roads and highways would run more efficiently and economically.

⁽¹⁾It has been proven statistically that private companies do a better job of operating public transportation than the government does. ⁽²⁾For instance, private companies could easily change state-maintained roads into toll roads, which would make it so only those who use the roads would be responsible for paying for them. ⁽³⁾Instigating toll roads would save some citizens lots of money.

- (A) Before Sentence 1
- (B) Between Sentence 1 and Sentence 2
- (C) Between Sentence 2 and Sentence 3
- (D) The sentence does not belong in this paragraph.



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