

Sample Language Usage Questions

Language Usage Test

(60 items, 15 minutes)

The Language Usage Test contains 18 to 20 sentences, each with several underlined portions. You will decide whether each underlined part is correct or incorrect. The test measures your skill levels in the following areas.

Punctuation. Determining appropriate end-of-sentence punctuation and use of the comma, colon, semicolon, quotation marks, parentheses, and hyphen.

Grammar. Recognizing subject-verb agreement of pronouns and their antecedents; identifying proper use of pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, prepositions, and conjunctions.

Sentence Structure. Identifying relationships between and among sentence clauses; identifying dangling or misplaced modifiers, sentence fragments, run-on sentences, comma splices, and sentence combinations.

Capitalization and Spelling. Recognizing proper capitalization and spelling.

Logic and Organization. Recognizing the logical organization and sequencing of ideas, cause-and-effect relationships, relevance of ideas, and relationships among ideas in a sentence.

Language Usage Sample Questions

Directions: This unit consists of sentences, each having underlined parts. Some underlined parts are correct as they are; others are incorrect. Incorrect parts involve common errors in the use of the English language. For each underlined part, mark "C" if it is correct and "I" if incorrect. You should assume that any part of a sentence which is not underlined is grammatically correct.

According to a recent

ne newspaper article, the demand for gardeners and

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landscape designers , should grow steadily.

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My teenage children assure of me that rock

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music , although now over thirty,

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has not been slowed down by its "old age."

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Answers:

1. C

2. C

3. I

4. I

5. C

6. C

Sample Reading Skills Questions

Reading Skills Test

(30 items, 25 minutes)

The Reading Skills Test consists of five short passages, each followed by five to seven multiple-choice questions with four possible responses. The questions measure your skills in the following areas.

Comprehension Skills- Identifying material stated directly in the passage, including recognizing information and ideas in the passage, translating information and ideas, and relating concepts to facts.

Interpretation Skills- Reasoning to answer questions about information that is not directly mentioned in the passage but can be determined from the passage (for example, main ideas, summary statements, and interpretations).

Generalization/Transfer Skills- Demonstrating the ability to apply information or ideas in a passage to new situations.

Reading Skills Sample Questions

Directions: Read the passage, then choose the best answer to each question. You may refer to the passage as often as you wish. Mark your answers by filling in the corresponding spaces on the Reading Skills section of the answer sheet.

Travel agents assist prospective travelers in a number of ways. They provide information and suggestions regarding travel plans, make transportation and hotel reservations, and consult with clients regarding other details associated with traveling, such as passport regulations, foreign currency, and hotel rates. While an

agent who works in a small office usually performs all of these duties, some who work in large agencies with many employees specialize in a single function. Because travel agents make many detailed reservations, they must be capable of the utmost accuracy. Some experienced and highly skilled agents develop package tours. This involves planning an itinerary, finding a tour leader, making travel and hotel reservations, and publicizing the tour. Sometimes travel agents serve as tour guides. This gives them a chance to acquire personal travel experience and to become thoroughly acquainted with people who may be potential customers for future trips.

7. Travel agents help their clients to:
 - A. develop package tours.
 - B. make travel plans.
 - C. meet other travelers.
 - D. serve as tour guides.

8. According to the passage, travel agents must be especially capable of accuracy when they:
 - A. convert foreign currency.
 - B. serve as tour guides.
 - C. arrange publicity.
 - D. make reservations.

9. In general, the passage describes a travel agent's:
 - A. work environment.
 - B. education and training.
 - C. method of making detailed reservations.
 - D. duties and experiences.

Answers:

7. B

8. D

9. D

Sample Numerical Skills Questions

Numerical Skills Test

(25 items, 20 minutes)

Some Numerical Skills questions present basic math problems directly and measure your ability to perform the necessary arithmetic operations. Other questions are presented as short story problems that require you to figure out how to solve the problem before performing the necessary arithmetic operations. All of the questions are multiple-choice with five alternative answer choices, the last of which may be "Not Given." The test assesses your mathematics skills in the following areas.

Arithmetic Operations. Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing using whole numbers, decimals, and fractions.

Arithmetic Problem-Solving. Reading a story problem, identifying the arithmetic problem, selecting the appropriate strategy to solve the problem, and performing the necessary operations.

Multiple Arithmetic Operations and Logical Progressions. Performing several operations in a logical or appropriate order, as well as solving whole number problems using combinations of the four basic arithmetic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

Numerical Skills Sample Questions

Directions: You are to choose the correct answer for each question. For some questions, the fifth answer choice will be "Not Given." You should mark this choice as your answer if none of the first four possible answer choices is correct.

10. $5 \times \frac{3}{4} = ?$

- A. $\frac{3}{20}$
- B. $\frac{15}{20}$
- C. $\frac{8}{4}$
- D. $\frac{15}{4}$
- E. Not Given

11. If the price of a \$21 pair of jeans is reduced by one-third, how much tax must be paid on the jeans in a state that has a 3% sales tax?

- A. \$.14
- B. \$.28
- C. \$.38
- D. \$.42
- E. \$.63

Answers:

10. D

11. D