

ENGLISH**This section contains 22 questions.**

The time allotted is 20 minutes.

The following section contains three types of questions: Sentence Completion, Restatement and Reading Comprehension. Each question is followed by four possible responses. Choose the response **which best answers the question** and mark its number in the appropriate place on the answer sheet.

Sentence Completions (Questions 1-8)

This part consists of sentences with a word or words missing in each. For each question, choose the answer **which best completes the sentence**.

1. The ____ war in Vietnam claimed the lives of thousands of soldiers and innocent civilians.

- (1) visual
- (2) individual
- (3) brutal
- (4) authentic

2. A car's many safety features give drivers a sense of ____.

- (1) caution
- (2) security
- (3) privacy
- (4) guilt

3. Before the passage of civil rights laws in the United States, there was widespread ____ against African Americans in employment, housing and education.

- (1) abundance
- (2) solitude
- (3) currency
- (4) discrimination

4. In Uganda, more than 90 percent of the people are farmers living in ____ areas.

- (1) bold
- (2) sane
- (3) casual
- (4) rural

5. The ancient Navajo Indians were a peaceful people, whose leaders were artisans and priests ____ military commanders.

- (1) including
- (2) rather than
- (3) except for
- (4) although

6. It can take a sloth up to six days to ____ the food it has eaten.

- (1) dignify
- (2) distract
- (3) disguise
- (4) digest

7. In 2001, Japan imposed heavy taxes on goods imported from China, angering the Chinese government and causing considerable ____ between the two countries.

- (1) friction
- (2) contraction
- (3) ambition
- (4) suction

8. The central plazas of many Latin American cities and towns are ____ with statues of freedom fighter Simón Bolívar.

- (1) afflicted
- (2) adorned
- (3) assaulted
- (4) averted

Restatements (Questions 9-12)

This part consists of several sentences, each followed by four possible ways of restating the main idea of that sentence in different words. For each question, choose the one restatement **which best expresses the meaning of the original sentence.**

9. A dog's life span is 12 to 14 years.

- (1) Dogs lead active lives for 12 to 14 years.
- (2) A dog's quality of life declines after 12 to 14 years.
- (3) Most dogs live longer than 12 to 14 years.
- (4) The life expectancy of a dog is 12 to 14 years.

10. The short stories of Damon Runyon were the inspiration for the musical *Guys and Dolls*.

- (1) *Guys and Dolls* is based on the short stories of Damon Runyon.
- (2) *Guys and Dolls* is a musical adaptation of Damon Runyon's life story.
- (3) *Guys and Dolls* was written by Damon Runyon.
- (4) *Guys and Dolls* inspired Damon Runyon to become a writer.

11. The last stage of the War of 1812 saw a string of U.S. victories.

- (1) The U.S. won the final battle of the War of 1812.
- (2) Until the last stage of the War of 1812, a U.S. victory did not seem likely.
- (3) Toward the end of the War of 1812, the U.S. won a series of battles.
- (4) The U.S. won every battle in the War of 1812.

12. Sumit Ganguly's book, *Conflict Unending: India-Pakistan Tensions Since 1947*, explicates the origins and evolution of the two countries' political and military strife in a manner that is both straightforward and nuanced – accessible to the neophyte but valuable to the specialist.

- (1) Because it portrays the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan in such a complex manner, Sumit Ganguly's book is more suitable for political and military scholars than for readers who are less well informed.
- (2) Although Sumit Ganguly's book describing the history of the India-Pakistan conflict is engaging, it provides no real insight into the situation.
- (3) Sumit Ganguly's book presents an even-handed view of the strife between India and Pakistan and avoids offering simplistic solutions.
- (4) Both experts on the history of tensions between India and Pakistan and those less familiar with the field will find Sumit Ganguly's book on the subject enlightening.

Reading Comprehension

This part consists of two passages, each followed by several related questions. For each question, **choose the most appropriate answer based on the text.**

Text I (Questions 13-17)

- (1) The people of Madagascar, an island off the coast of Africa, often go to traditional healers when they are sick. These healers have long told patients with diabetes to eat java plums, the fruit of the *Eugenia jambolana* tree. In the late 1960s, scientists began to study the fruit and were amazed to discover that its seeds do, in fact, contain a powerful medicine that can be used to treat diabetes. In 1997, the Malagasy Institute of Applied Research (IMRA) began producing a drug called Madeglucyl from this substance.

- (10) In order to make the medicine, IMRA needed large amounts of java plums. Entire families of villagers were hired and trained to pick the best fruit, remove the seeds, and dry them. IMRA suggested that the villagers make jam from the leftover fruit. This idea has been beneficial in more ways than one. Not only is the sweet jam very healthy, but the local people earn money selling it.

- (15) IMRA's project also helps protect the environment. In the past, *Eugenia jambolana* trees were often cut down for fuel and building material. But now, with so many people making their living from the fruit of the trees, the destruction of the forests has stopped.

Questions

13. The main purpose of the text is to discuss how -

- (1) traditional healers in Madagascar treat diabetes
- (2) a new drug has changed the lives of villagers in Madagascar
- (3) IMRA is trying to protect the environment
- (4) Madeglucyl is made from the fruit of the *Eugenia jambolana* tree

14. The main purpose of the first paragraph is to describe -

- (1) the relationship between traditional healers and scientists
- (2) a serious illness affecting people in Madagascar
- (3) the work of the Malagasy Institute of Applied Research
- (4) the discovery of a new medicine

15. According to the first paragraph, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Java plums grow on the *Eugenia jambolana* tree.
- (2) Diabetes is rare in Madagascar.
- (3) Java plums grow only in Madagascar.
- (4) A cure for diabetes was discovered in the 1960s.

16. In line 15, "making their living" refers to people's -

- (1) country
- (2) family
- (3) village
- (4) work

17. Who among the following has not benefitted financially from the production of Madeglucyl?

- (1) IMRA
- (2) traditional healers
- (3) villagers
- (4) jam makers

Text II (Questions 18-22)

- (1) Football fans inside the new Cape Town Stadium can scream at the top of their lungs and the people living in the nearby apartment buildings will hardly hear them. This is thanks to some clever engineering that has effectively made the stadium soundproof.
- (5) Built in Cape Town's Green Point neighbourhood for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, the stadium was originally planned as a completely open-air structure until residents raised concerns about the noise that would be generated. Schlaich Bergermann, a German engineering firm called in to solve the problem, redesigned the stadium, creating a partially open structure that leaves the playing field uncovered. Over the seating area is
- (10) a 37,000-square-metre roof consisting of 9,000 thick glass panels arranged in a wide ring, and a Teflon and fibreglass mesh suspended below the panels. Together, the roof and mesh reflect the crowd's roar back into the stadium so that very little noise is heard outside. The roof also protects fans from Cape Town's extremely strong winds. This is achieved by its unusual concave shape, which deflects the wind away from the stadium.

Questions

18. The main purpose of the text is to discuss -

- (1) the factors to be considered when building a stadium
- (2) fans' reactions to Cape Town's new stadium
- (3) the problems faced by Cape Town during the 2010 FIFA World Cup
- (4) a design feature of Cape Town Stadium

19. It can be understood from the text that something that is soundproof -

- (1) can protect people from strong winds
- (2) generates loud sounds
- (3) must be made from thick glass
- (4) keeps noise from being heard outside

20. It can be understood from the second paragraph that if it rained during a game at Cape Town Stadium -

- (1) the roof would close
- (2) the players would get wet
- (3) the fans would not be protected
- (4) the crowd's roar would not be reflected back into the stadium

21. In line 9, "partially" means -

- (1) not completely
- (2) frequently
- (3) obviously
- (4) not appropriately

22. Lines 13-14 ("The roof . . . stadium") -

- (1) describe Cape Town's strong winds
- (2) present an additional characteristic of the stadium
- (3) explain why it is necessary to deflect the wind
- (4) discuss a design flaw in the stadium



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