

Directions: Please choose the best answer choice for each of the following questions.

1. Use the passage below to answer the following question.

Vitamin C is important for healthy teeth and gums, as well as the structure of bones, muscles, and blood vessels. Some good sources of vitamin C are oranges, grapefruits, limes, mustard, and turnip greens. The body can't manufacture vitamin C on its own. Therefore, it's important to eat or drink sources of it daily.

What is the transition word in this passage?

- A. vitamin C
- B. some
- C. it's
- D. therefore

2. *Read the paragraph and answer the question.*

¹Last weekend, the ecology club went camping at the State Park. ²First, they went for a hike. ³Then, the campers pitched their tents and cooked supper. ⁴In the evening, they sang songs around the campfire.

What is the transition word in sentence 3?

- A. Then
- B. the
- C. pitched
- D. and

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3. *Read the paragraph below and answer the question.*

¹Receiving a good education is very important. ²First, learning to read, write, and decipher math computations is essential in everyday life. ³_____, education offers an opportunity to develop social skills that are also important in everyday life. ⁴You must have basic academic skills and be able to get along and cooperate with others in most situations.

What word should be placed at the beginning of sentence 3?

- A. In Summary
- B. Second
- C. Last
- D. Therefore

4. *Read the paragraph below and answer the question.*

¹Swimming is a good form of exercise. ²First of all, it exercises practically every muscle in your body. ³Secondly, it is a very good cardiovascular exercise that greatly benefits your heart and lungs. ⁴Finally, swimming allows you to stay cool and comfortable even on the hottest of days, lessening the chance of overheating during a vigorous workout.

What is the transition word in sentence 3?

- A. Secondly
- B. that
- C. and
- D. lungs

5. Read the paragraph.

Thousands of tourists go to the city every year to see the beautiful cherry trees in bloom along the tidal basin. Many parades, demonstrations, and other activities are held throughout the city. The Cherry Blossom Festival ends with a parade along Constitution Avenue near the Washington Monument.

Which statement would be the BEST topic sentence for this paragraph?

- A. The Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., lasts for only two weeks.
- B. The Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., has a parade and other activities.
- C. The Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., is one of the most popular festivals in the city.
- D. The Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., is only one of the festivals that attract visitors to the city.

6. Fara is writing an essay about the Jazz Age during the 1920s. Her essay uses the cause and effect structure. Which sentence is MOST appropriate for this type of essay?

- A. Jazz musicians faced opposition from some people who disapproved of the music genre.
As a result, jazz musicians flocked to New Orleans to sing their songs in clubs and lounges.
- B. At first, jazz musicians sang for small audiences, but later in the year their music became more popular.
- C. Some people believe that the two most famous jazz musicians are Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington.
- D.

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7. Read the paragraph.

Loggerhead sea turtles are commonly found along the coast from North Carolina to Florida. Due to beachfront development and water pollution, many of these turtles have lost their homes. Loggerhead sea turtles often get caught in fishermen's nets and other equipment as well.

_____, they are listed as an endangered animal in the United States.

Which transition words would BEST complete the last sentence?

- A. On the other hand
 - B. In the first place
 - C. As a result
 - D. That is
8. Max went to a town hall meeting for an assignment in his social studies class. His teacher asked him to write an essay about what was talked about at the meeting. Which organization structure would be BEST for Max's essay?
- A. cause and effect
 - B. chronological order
 - C. question and answer
 - D. compare and contrast

9. Victor made a list of notes in his social studies class for an essay about Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin

1. some of his inventions during his life: odometer, lightning rod, and bifocals
2. born in 1706 in Boston
3. started the first newspaper in Boston when he was fifteen
4. had a job as a postmaster and figured out mail delivery routes
5. fires were common in big cities, so he organized the first fire department in Philadelphia in 1736

Based on the notes, which organizational structure would be BEST to use for this essay?

- A. sequential order
 - B. cause and effect
 - C. chronological order
 - D. problem and solution
10. Emma needs to write an essay about how events during the Great Depression led people to spend their money differently. What is the BEST way for Emma to organize her essay?
- A. sequential order
 - B. cause and effect
 - C. chronological order
 - D. problem and solution

Directions: Review the content below and answer the questions that follow

The Egg and You

Read this draft of a student's report and answer the question(s) below.

(1) Which came first, the chicken or the egg? (2) There may be no correct answer to this <u>old</u> riddle. (3) But if we ask which one prehistoric humans first ate, the answer is almost certainly the egg. (4) The ancestor of today's plump chicken was a scrawny and unappetizing bird. (5) But eggs then were just about as appealing and nutritious as they are now. (6) They were also the easier of the two to get.
(7) Today, eggs are still one of the most universally consumed foods. (8) Eggs are also one of the most versatile foods. (9) They serve as binders and thickeners in baked goods and processed foods. (10) They also contain most of the important dietary minerals. (11) Eggs <u>are used</u> in dishes ranging from dense and creamy custards to soufflés.
(12) But although the egg has remained one of the staples of our diet, in recent years its healthfulness has been called into question. (13) Scientists are constantly questioning the healthfulness of foods like white flour, fried potatoes, and even chicken liver. (14) Some nutritionists have raised concerns about the high level of cholesterol in eggs. (15) Other scientists have pointed out the danger of food poisoning if eggs are not cooked to the proper temperature.
(16) Despite such concerns, eggs are rated as having an extremely high nutritional value. (17) They not only provide all of the amino acids needed for growth, but also all of the essential vitamins except vitamin C. (18) All of these good things come wrapped in an elegant and compact <u>shell</u> containing only 80 to 100 calories.
(19) Given its nutritional value and versatility, it would be a shame if consumers eliminated the egg from their diet entirely. (20) Eaten in moderation, and cooked with a little care and common sense, the positive qualities of the egg far outweigh any potential health risks for most people. (21) Eggs could simply be gathered, but chickens and other fowl could fly away from the primitive hunter. (22) So don't be chicken—scramble up an egg for breakfast!

11. Which BEST describes the organization of this report?
- A. alphabetically
 - B. in chronological order
 - C. by topic
 - D. in order of importance

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12. What would be a good closing sentence for the details provided below?

Bazaars

At bazaars, there are crafts.
You can also buy treats.
People in the community try to raise money.
Shoppers love all the different items.

- A. Usually hundreds of people go to bazaars.
 - B. Bazaars are often held in a building's basement.
 - C. Bazaars offer so many different things.
 - D. Craft shows are similar to bazaars.
13. Which sentence below would make the best closing sentence for the paragraph?

Dogs can be great companions. They often provide company to people who live alone, and they can be a fun addition to a family. Most dogs can do activities like running and swimming; they are good for people who like outdoor sports.

- A. Dogs make excellent pets.
- B. Dogs come in many different colors.
- C. Dogs like to eat bones.
- D. Many people own dogs.

14. Which phrase BEST completes the paragraph below?

George surveyed the fifth-grade class at Porter School to find out what sport they like best. Seventeen students prefer to play basketball. Six students voted for volleyball, while four others chose kickball. The remaining three students favor baseball. The results of George's survey show that

- A. volleyball was the least popular sport among fifth graders.
- B. kickball was more popular than basketball among fifth graders.
- C. basketball was the most popular sport among fifth graders.
- D. baseball was the most popular sport among fifth graders.

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15. Which of these sentences could be removed from the following paragraph?

¹We know that the North Pole is not a pole sticking out of the ground. ²Few people realize that the earth has three North Poles. ³It is a fact that there are three North Poles. ⁴Although they can't be seen, two are always moving. ⁵Each pole serves a different function.

- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 4
 - D. 5
16. What is the BEST way to rewrite the sentence below?

Wearing a funny-looking hat, we watched the clown at the circus.

- A. We, wearing a funny-looking hat, at the circus watched the clown.
- B. At the circus, we watched the clown wearing a funny-looking hat.
- C. We watched at the circus wearing a funny looking-hat the clown.
- D. We at the circus watched the clown wearing a funny-looking hat.

17. How can the sentence below be BEST written?

Chris walked to the park and walked to the grocery store.

- A. Chris walked. She walked to the park and to the grocery store.
- B. Chris walked to the park. And walked to the grocery store.
- C. Chris walked to the park and to the grocery store.
- D. Chris walked to the park. But she walked to the grocery store.

Stop! You have finished this exam.