

Part I : Speaking (Items 1-15)

Choose the best answer.

1. Tom: Debby is so brave. She isn't frightened of bungee jumping.

Ken: _____ If I were her, I would just watch other people do it.

1. Don't worry about it!

2. You can say that again.

3. What a pity!

4. By all means.

5. How cowardly of her!

2. A: _____ with my friend. She keeps borrowing my money and not returning any.

B: Maybe you should tell her that you're broke.

1. I get away

2. I'm off the record

3. I'm fed up

4. I talk something over

5. I'm on good terms

3. Jane: Can you teach me how to use this projector? I don't want to lose face during the presentation tomorrow.

Natty: _____ There are many people waiting for me, too.

1. I'll make the best of it.
2. Hold your tongue.
3. Don't beat around the bush!

4. First come, first serve.

5. I'm at your command.

4. A: You and your boyfriend seem so in love with each other. Any good news lately?

B: You know, we've actually decided to _____.

1. get on our nerves
2. keep our eyes open
3. keep a cool head
4. keep up the good work

5. tie the knot

5-7

Christian and Anna are talking about the party last night at Ethan's home.

Christian: Did you have a blast last night?

Anna: Oh, come on. _____5_____. We had so much fun dancing.

Christian: Yeah, I bet. There were so many people. I didn't expect that.

Anna: Well, you know Ethan always has _____6_____. People love him.

Christian: You're right. Look, I have to go. Can I call you later?

Anna: _____7_____. Take care.

5. 1. I didn't
2. What a night
3. I didn't bomb anything
4. That was awful
5. The dance was alright

6. 1. a big mouth
2. credit cards
3. the gift of gab
4. eye contact
5. the magic touch

7. 1. Get lost
2. Be my guest
3. Turn yourself in
4. No, I don't
5. I'm on call

8-11

Guest: Can I see a menu, please?

Waiter: Certainly, _____8_____.

Guest: Thank you. What's today's special?

Waiter: _____9_____.

Guest: That sounds good. I'll have that.

Waiter: Would you like something to drink?

Guest: Just a glass of water, please.

----Afterwards----

Waiter: Can I get you anything else?

Guest: No thanks. _____10_____, please.

Waiter: That'll be \$50.

Guest: Here you are. _____11_____ .

Waiter: Thank you. Have a good day.

8. 1. grab it
 2. it's on your table
 3. take this
 4. here you are
 5. there we go again
9. 1. It's Mother's Day
 2. We have a new chef from France
 3. Grilled tuna and cheese on rye
 4. You're our special guest
 5. It's a typical Friday

10. 1. Check bill

2. Check

3. How much is the rate

4. Menu

5. I'll tip you well

11. 1. I appreciate it

2. You're so kind

3. That's very cheap

4. That's a total rip-off

5. Keep the change

12-15

Receptionist: Good afternoon, ENC Hotel. May I help you?

Mrs. Potter: Yes. I'd like to book a room, please.

Receptionist: Certainly. When for, madam?

Mrs. Potter: March 24.

Receptionist: How long will you be staying?

Mrs. Potter: Three nights.

Receptionist: _____12_____, madam?

Mrs. Potter: Non-smoking double with bath will do.

Receptionist: Very well, madam. I'll just check what we have available. . . Yes, we have a
room on the 6th floor.

Mrs. Potter: Fine. ____13____?

Receptionist: It's \$120 per night excluding VAT.

Mrs. Potter: That's fine.

Receptionist: ____14____, please, madam?

Mrs. Potter: Mr. and Mrs. Potter, that's P-O-T-T-E-R.

Receptionist: Okay, let me make sure I got that: Mr. and Mrs. Potter. Non-smoking double with bath for March 24, 25 and 26. Is that correct?

Mrs. Potter: Yes it is. Thank you.

Receptionist: Let me give you your ____15____. It's: 665610. I'll repeat that: 665610.

Thank you for choosing ENC Hotel and have a nice day. Goodbye.

Mrs. Potter: Goodbye.

12. 1. What kind of room would you like
2. Where would you like to sleep
3. What will you do with the room
4. How do you like the hotel
5. What do you know about the hotel's smoking ban
13. 1. How much is the total price
2. How much is the charge per night
3. Can I pay by cash
4. How much for three night
5. How many percent is the VAT

14. 1. Who are you
 2. Who's your reference
 3. Who's the booking for
 4. How to spell your name
 5. Which name do you have on your ID card
15. 1. security number
 2. postal code
 3. identity number
 4. queue number
 5. confirmation number

Part II: Vocabulary (Items 16-27)**Odd One Out (Items 16-19)**

Three of the words in each group relate to one another in their meaning.

Choose the word that does NOT belong.

16. 1. denounce

2. downgrade

3. aggravate

4. impair

5. worsen

17. 1. heedless

2. impetuous

3. thoughtful

4. impulsive

5. reckless

18. 1. indispensable

2. excessive

3. crucial

4. vital

5. substantial

19. 1. primitive
2. barbaric
3. uncivilized
4. savage
5. sophisticate

Meaning Recognition (Items 20-23)

Choose the alternative which has the same meaning as the underlined word in the given sentence.

20. While you're waiting for a food truck or stand to set up in a neighborhood near you, satisfy your urge for fresh and flavorful street food with one of these recipes.
1. Every time I go to Puerto Rico, I go straight to a street vendor and have fritters and beer while I stand there looking at the beach.
2. A tough Chinese stand on North Korean or Iranian nuclear proliferation is now easily portrayed by nationalist elements as an accommodation to the United States.
3. That is, what does the entire screenplay stand for?
4. Big & Little's has 10 stools for customers and an open grill, just like a typical hot dog stand.
5. Our tent won't stand another storm like the last one.

21. Even stricter rules **apply** in Europe, where compensation ranges from 125 euros to 600 euros, depending on the length of the flight and the amount of time the passenger would be delayed.

1. Friday was the deadline to **apply** for the school district's lottery system.
2. After close analysis, I thought I could **apply** engineering principles to build a superior guitar.
3. You don't **apply** a little liquid wax polish to the surface.
4. He contends his current plans to construct a five-story building, so the new height limits would not **apply** to that project.
5. You can solve any problem if you **apply** yourself.

22. It is essential to **engage** a technician to determine if the interior structure is without flaw.

1. One of the most important things people can do for their health is to **engage** in regular physical activity.
2. Many well-known speakers try their best to **engage** audiences.
3. Parents would like to **engage** a tutor to guide their children in their studies and inspire them to develop excitement and passion about the topic.
4. Churches should move aggressively to **engage** battle against HIV/AIDS.
5. If a book doesn't **engage** my interest in the first few pages, I don't usually continue reading it.

23. Because of this, the magazine said, these women dismiss leaders like Gloria Steinem as ‘hopelessly outdated’.
1. The court may dismiss a petition if it is satisfied that the debtor is able to pay all his debts.
 2. The professor dismissed the class early because she had a meeting.
 3. I believe again that our members will support the call and in so doing call for a general election to dismiss this totally incompetent government.
 4. The company is entitled to dismiss you without notice.
 5. We appear to dismiss the fact that wind turbines are number one ‘gripe’ in Britain.

Meaning in Context (Items 24-27)

Choose the best alternative to make the sentence(s) meaningful.

24. Debt levels reached the point that Greece was no longer able to _____ its loans, and was forced to ask for help from its European partners and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the form of _____ loans.
1. rehabilitate – extreme
 2. refuse – enormous
 3. recompense – trivial
 4. repay – massive
 5. refund – superficial

25. The Buddha taught that making offerings of _____ gifts to the poor, to the spiritual community, or even to the fully enlightened Buddha would not be as spiritually _____ as bringing forth loving-kindness in the heart for the time it takes to milk a cow (which is about 20 minutes).

1. valuable – beneficial

2. worthless – benevolent

3. invaluable – malignant

4. precious – courteous

5. extravagant – profitable

26. Visitors to the Olympics can have a _____ time while they are in London even though they don't speak English, thanks to the VoiceTra4U-M speech translation mobile app that helps _____ the language barrier.

1. happy – reduce

2. pleasant – eliminate

3. wonderful – encourage

4. tough – remove

5. delightful – accumulate

27. In recent years, Asia has _____ a dramatic rise of both natural and man-made disasters, and the locals' knowledge in overcoming such tragedies has grown _____.

1. monitored – absolutely
2. encountered - uncommonly
3. decreased - impressively
4. defeated – persistently
5. witnessed – tremendously

Part III: Reading (Items 28-45)

Choose the best answer.



28. What does this comic strip imply?

1. Frisbees are one of children's favorite toys.
2. Children these days do not know music disks.
3. Old people love to collect music.
4. Music disks and Frisbees are both toys.
5. Music disks played a big part in most children's life back then.

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS MUSIC FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 - IRIS DEMENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 - KELLY JOE PHELPS

AND OVER A DOZEN MORE ARTISTS!

BLUEGRASS, FOLK, BLUES, JAZZ, SOUL

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29. Which statement is **TRUE**?

1. If you are a fan of Ember Swift, you should go on Saturday.
2. The festival takes place near a lake.
3. There are unlikely to be any rock bands performing in the event.
4. The event lasts for a week.
5. There are more foreign artists to be revealed.

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30. Raphael has been working in maintenance department at a company for a year, and now he's looking for a new job. He graduated from a vocational school. He is excellent at fixing things. Which position would you recommend him to apply for?

1. Asst. Manager Sales & Marketing
2. Sales Executive
3. Market Leader
4. Office Assistant
5. Technician

Passage 1

1 The combination of melting sea ice and global atmospheric warming are contributing to the high rate of warming in the Arctic, where temperatures are increasing up to four times faster than the global average, a new University of Melbourne study has shown. Professor Ian Simmonds from the University of Melbourne's School of Earth Sciences co-authored the study and said the new information showed this combined effect at both ground and atmospheric level played a key role in increasing the rate of warming in the Arctic. "Loss of sea ice contributes to ground level warming while global warming intensifies atmospheric circulation and contributes to increased temperatures higher in the Arctic atmosphere," Professor Simmonds said.

2 Lead author, Dr. James Screen of the School of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne, said the sea ice acted like a shiny lid on the Arctic Ocean.

"When it is heated, it reflects most of the incoming sunlight back into space. When the sea ice melts, more heat is absorbed by the water. The warmer water then heats the atmosphere above it," he said. Professor Simmonds said as temperatures increase across the globe, so does the intensity of atmospheric circulation. "**This** circulation transports energy to the Arctic region, increasing temperatures further up in the atmosphere," he said.

3 Water vapour is a very strong greenhouse gas. As the atmosphere warms, it can hold more moisture, which acts as a positive feedback signal, increasing the greenhouse effect. However, in the cold Arctic where there is less moisture in the air, this positive feedback is much weaker hence the 'direct' greenhouse effect is smaller in the Arctic than elsewhere. "Even though the Arctic region has a **relatively** small greenhouse effect, the effect of the melted ice combined with greater transports of heat from the south is more than enough to make up for this modest 'local' greenhouse warming."

31. What is the main idea of the passage?

1. Vapour is the only strong greenhouse gas.
2. The melting sea ice is the main cause of the temperature rise in the Arctic.
3. Arctic region has a small greenhouse effect compared to other regions.
4. Arctic warming has a great impact on global warming.
5. Arctic warming is linked to combination of reduced sea ice and global atmospheric warming.

32. Which of the following is **NOT** true?

1. Greenhouse effect in the Arctic region is a small problem.
2. Seawater absorbs more heat when the sea ice melts.
3. Loss of sea ice is a cause of ground level warming.
4. The incoming sunlight is reflected back into space by sea ice.
5. Water vapour amplifies any source of heat rising which causes the atmosphere to warm.

33. What does “**This**” (paragraph 2) refer to?

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| 1. energy | 2. temperature |
| 3. atmospheric circulation | 4. intensification |
| 5. warmer water | |

34. Which word is the closest meaning to “**relatively**” (paragraph 3)?

1. completely
2. approximately
3. moderately
4. regularly
5. comparatively

35. Why is the direct greenhouse effect smaller in the Arctic than elsewhere?

1. Because sea ice in the Arctic is melting.
2. Because the Arctic has less moisture in the air to increase the greenhouse effect.
3. Because circulation transports energy to the Arctic region.
4. Because water vapour is a very strong greenhouse.
5. Because the average global temperature on Earth hasn't increased much.

Passage 2

1 After suspenseful years, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a pill that could help to fight the US obesity epidemic. “It’s a start in the right direction.” says Abraham Thomas, an FDA’s endocrinologic and metabolic drugs advisory committee.

2 Belviq (Lorcaserin) is no wonder drug, but it can help people to lose about 3–4% of their body weight when combined with a healthy diet and exercise. The drug has been approved for use by obese people with a body mass index (BMI) greater than 30, and for a subset of overweight people (with a BMI of more than 27) who have health conditions such as high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol and type 2 diabetes.

3 The FDA had already rejected first application for approval of Belviq in September 2010 because the compound seemed to produce tumours in rats and because the company could not statistically rule out an increase in the risk of heart-valve problems. Belviq suppresses food cravings by **mimicking** the effects of serotonin in the brain, making people eat less and feel full.

4 The FDA's turnaround this week came after Arena, the pharmaceutical manufacturer performed echocardiograms in nearly 8,000 people to measure heart-valve function, which revealed that there was no increase in heart-valve abnormalities among those taking the drug. The firm has agreed to run six post-marketing studies, including a long-term cardiovascular trial, and patients with congestive heart failure are advised not to take the drug.

36. What is the main idea for this passage?

1. Obesity hardship conditions are proved to affect treatment of the disease.
2. Lorcaserin helps people conquer their craving for food.
3. A weight-loss drug wins the US FDA approval after years of waiting.
4. The most effective drug for obese people has recently been invented.
5. Belviq can help people lose their weight more effectively than other pills in the market.

37. What is **TRUE** about Belviq?

1. The new Belviq is likely to deliver tumours in examined rats.
2. It helps patients eat less and feel full.
3. It can be used for general patients in treatment of overweight problem.
4. It had been rejected for many times of attempting for application.
5. It cures obesity-related conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

38. Which word is closest in meaning to ‘**mimicking**’ (paragraph 3)?

1. emitting
2. devising
3. destroying
4. imitating
5. Irritating

39. According to the passage, which of the followings is **NOT** true?

1. Belviq, alone, helps lose 3-4 % of patients’ body weight.
2. The new Belviq is approved and limited for some groups of patients.
3. The new Belviq is carefully tested to assure that it produces no negative effects.
4. Patients with congestive heart failure are not advised to take Belviq.
5. Belviq was once rejected by the FDA in 2010 because of its risky chemical compound.

40. What **CANNOT** be inferred from the passage?

1. There is concern of patients’ health on the application of Belviq.
2. Belviq is likely to be beneficial for particular groups of obese people in the United States.
3. Application of Belviq has been simply accepted since it has great health benefits.
4. More studies are to be conducted by the drug’s pharmaceutical manufacturer.
5. Belviq works by imitating a brain’s chemical messenger to restrain consumers’ appetite.

Passage 3

1 To increase stealth and evade predators, the moth has evolved a remarkable eye that, rather than reflecting light, absorbs it almost completely. Engineers have mimicked its nanostructure in the past to design better solar panel coatings and antireflective surfaces and are now using the same principle to design a thin film that will absorb radiation from X-ray machines more effectively, exposing patients to a significantly lower risk while obtaining higher quality images.

2 The researchers focused on so-called scintillation materials. When they are hit by a particle, these materials first absorb its energy and then re-emit **it** in the form of light. Scintillators are used in medical imaging devices to convert the X-rays reflected by the body of the patient into the visible signals that, when elaborated, make up a picture - the final scan.

3 Better imaging is achieved by improving the number of particles received by the scintillator. This can be done either by subjecting the patient to a higher dose of radiation (which presents severe health risks), or by tweaking the scintillator itself. The research reported here follows the latter approach by developing a film that, when applied to a scintillator, captures almost three times as many particles as before, improving the quality of the images produced without compromising the patient's safety.

4 The film developed by the researchers is only 500 nanometers thick. It is a crystal encrusted with tiny pyramid-shaped bumps made of silicon nitride, a ceramic that is sometimes used as an insulator in integrated circuits.

5 Each of these bumps is modeled after the minuscule structures that make up a moth's eye. The bumps are designed to capture and absorb as many particles as possible, partly thanks to their large surface area. The **protuberances** are very small in size, with 100,000 to 200,000 of them

fitting in a 100-by-100 micrometer square. Incidentally, this is the same density of protuberances found in an actual moth eye.

6 To test its performance, the film was applied to the scintillator of an X-ray mammographic unit, and the intensity of the emitted light increased by up to 175 percent. But while the film seems promising, the researchers say they are still three to five years away from testing and perfecting the film to exploit its full potential.

41. What is the main idea for this passage?

1. The film material used in this technology is sometimes used as an insulator integrated circuit.
2. Moth eye-inspired technology could lead to better, safer X-rays.
3. Researchers have recently developed the effective X-ray technology.
4. The minuscule structures of moth's eye have become the greatest inspiration for medical innovation.
5. The X-rays scintillators have been improved so far by adapting a moth eye's anti-reflective ability to see the ultraviolet-rays.

42. What does 'it' (paragraph 2) refer to?

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| 1. particle | 2. X-rays |
| 3. energy | 4. scintillation |
| 5. radiation | |

43. Which word is closest in meaning to ‘**protuberances**’ (paragraph 5)?

1. promotions
2. probations
3. protractions
4. protrusions
5. propositions

44. According to the passage, which of the followings is **NOT** true?

1. This study aims to design a film that absorbs radiation from X-ray machine more effectively.
2. The more particles scintillator receives, the better image we will get.
3. The film makes scintillator captures more particles, but it is harmful to patient’s safety.
4. The film being developed is very thin and has very tiny bumps.
5. The researchers still need 3-5 more years for the trial before the film can show its full potentials.

45. What **CANNOT** be inferred from the passage?

1. The film has been inspired by the ability to absorb light and radiation of moth eye.
2. Animals can inspire us to develop something new and useful.
3. Moth has its nature to do things discreetly.
4. The film hasn’t been used in the hospital yet.
5. Developing a film to enhance scintillator ability is the best way to improve X-ray technique

Part IV: Structure and Writing (Items 46-60)**Items 46-50**

Read the following statements and choose the underlined part that is grammatically wrong.

46. (1) After 20 days, Copeland Monday left an Atlanta-area hospital, (2) where she (3) had her left leg, right foot and both hands (4) amputate in order to (5) save her life.

47. The pills were stuffed (1) in black plastic bags (2) hidden among (3) sacks of (4) chewing tobacco and (5) incentive sticks.

48. His Majesty visited (1) riverside communities in Nonthaburi that (2) were flooded last year, then (3) made a stop at the Royal Irrigation Department to preside (4) in the launch of five (5) royally initiated irrigation projects.

49. The reforms (1) undertaken so far in Myanmar (2) have given rise to expectations that are probably too high for any developing country (3) to meet, (4) let alone one that (5) has isolated from the world for half a century.

50. Experts at the conference also (1) stressed the importance of (2) keeping a free flow of information (3) on the Internet, (4) because (5) it risked possible distribution of false information.

Sentence Completion (Items 51-55)

Choose the best answer to complete the sentence.

51. Babies near dogs tended to need fewer courses of antibiotics _____ to those who were reared in pet-free households.

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| 1. comparing | 2. compared |
| 3. comparable | 4. comparative |
| 5. to compare | |

52. Some marine organisms such as algae have anti-ageing effects on skin, hair and organs _____ they have a high concentration of anti-oxidants.

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| 1. whereas | 2. because of |
| 3. as | 4. although |
| 5. despite | |

53. The poor kittens were born in a temple near Chatuchak and _____ need someone to give them a chance for a better life.

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| 1. fortunately | 2. likely |
| 3. accordingly | 4. friendly |
| 5. desperately | |

54. Admittedly, gold is _____ and the financial system but a reserve asset, an alternative currency and a store of value also. Those characteristics make gold an ideal diversifier, as it has low correlation to most financial assets in both expansionary and recessionary periods.

1. not just the governments' barometer of confidence only
2. not only a barometer of confidence in governments
3. both the confidence of the governments
4. either the barometer of confidence in governments
5. neither the barometer of confidence in governments

55. Bangkok Airways will hold the 3rd Samui Island Marathon, scheduled for Sept 23 at Nathon pier, Koh Samui, Surat Thani. The competition is _____ : Full Marathon (42.195km); Half Marathon (21.1km); Quarter Marathon (10.55km) and Mini Marathon for students aged 12-14 (5km) and Fun Run (2km).

1. categorized all kind of marathons
2. five lists of marathon racing
3. classified into five categories
4. included only five marathons
5. concluding five groups of marathon racing

Items 56-60**Choose the best answer.**

(A)_____. (B) Most people, unfortunately, think of sharks as vicious predators. (C) However, the perception is both unfortunate and incorrect, since there are relatively few unprovoked shark attacks on humans worldwide. (D) The majority of sharks eat fish and invertebrates, while some feed upon marine mammals such as seals and sea lions. (E) Of the more than 350 species of shark in the oceans, only a handful of them are even considered dangerous to humans. (F) Dangerous species found in Canadian waters include the great white, mako and oceanic whitetip. (G) Most sharks in Atlantic Canada are too small to eat large items, but fishing line, rod, balloons, lobster bands, candy wrappers and an oil filter have been found in their stomachs. (H) Overall, the chance of being attacked by a shark is considerably less than that of being hit by lightning or of being eaten by a crocodile. (I) Most of those attacks that do occur are in the waters off of South Africa and Australia. (J) In Atlantic Canada, there have been four accounts of sharks attacking small boats, three of which have been attributed to the great white shark by positive identification of teeth or tooth fragments found embedded in the hull. (K)_____.

56. What is the best topic sentence for this paragraph?

1. Roughly 70 million sharks are killed annually by humans for their fins.
2. Sharks are basically not dangerous.
3. Sharks have been around since the Upper Devonian, approximately 409 million years ago.
4. Sharks are wild animals and deserve the same level of respect given to any other wild animal.
5. Sharks play a vital role in the oceans in a way that the average fish does not.

57. Which one can be added after Sentence B to make a good paragraph?

1. Most sharks are predators although the two largest species (the basking shark and whale shark) have no obvious teeth and eat only plankton and tiny floating animals.
2. There are still a few shark species alive today that represent a transitional position between the hybodonts and today's modern shark.
3. This state of mind was popularized by the movie 'Jaws', 'Deep Blue Sea' and other shark- attack films.
4. In some parts of the world, dolphins are frequently preyed upon by large shark species such as great white, bull and tiger sharks.
5. But the most important aspect of sharks is their role in the marine ecosystem: as apex predators, they help control many fish and marine mammal populations and thus help keep the ecosystem healthy.

58. Which one does NOT belong?

1. B
2. C
3. E
4. F
5. G

59. Which one has the closest meaning to the highlighted part?

1. There are a few species of sharks that are both animal and human predators.
2. Only the largest species of sharks harm humans.
3. The great white shark attacks have been occurred more frequently than other species.
4. Only the bull, tiger and great white sharks are considered dangerous to humans.
5. There are many species of sharks that are considered harmful to humans.

60. What is the best concluding sentence for this paragraph?

1. To sum up, most shark attacks can be attributed to tourists feeding the sharks, which is illegal.
2. In conclusion, sharks seek out prey through electroreception, sensing the electric fields that are generated by all animals due to the activity of their nerves and muscles.
3. In summary, sharks will only attack humans who are perceived as a threat to them or a competitor to their food source.
4. In short, sharks rarely ever attack humans and would much rather feed on fish and marine mammals.
5. To conclude, sharks have been known to attack humans when they are hungry, so their attacks on humans are extraordinarily rare to occur.