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Part I: Vocabulary and Structure

Section A: Complete each sentence using the correct word or expression given below.

impromptu   attendance   provisional   acceptance   ambitious   resistance   defy   productive  
ingenious   skip   allot   surf   humiliation   prologue   inevitably   promotion   permanently  
chronologically   untimely   uncertainty

1. Leave it to Carlos to think of a(n) ingenious ✓ solution to our most difficult problem!
2. The clerks feel highly motivated since there are a lot of chances of promotion ✓ in the firm.
3. You can't stay at home and surf ✓ the net all the time.
4. Any physical theory is always provisonal ✗ (provisional), in the sense that it is only a hypothesis: you can never prove it.
5. Chronologically ✓ , which of the following events happened first according to the account?
6. Steve is one of the most ambitious ✓ people I know; he wants to own his own business by the time he's 25.
7. Inevitably ✓ , she divorced him after years of unhappiness and separation.
8. A newspaper reader can select what he is interested in and skip ✓ what he thinks is boring.
9. After his plane landed, the prime minister gave a(n) impromptu ✓ speech about global warming in the welcome ceremony.
10. I told my parents I wanted to take a year off before going to college, and my suggestion surprisingly met with little resistance ✓ .
11. The world was shocked by the untimely ✓ death of the young singer who was popular with the younger generation.
12. "How dare you defy ✓ a direct order? You're a soldier now!" the officer roared.
13. The accident left him permanently ✓ disabled, so he would spend the rest of his life on the wheelchair.
14. During the World Cup, attecertainy nc ✗ (attendance) in class was down because everyone stayed at home to watch television.
15. The French people attacked and captured the Bastille, henceforth had opened the French Revolution's prologue ✓ .
16. Normally, we allot ✓ one vote to each member of our committee, but this is a special case.
17. I can remember feeling very insecure when I was young; I was desperate for my classmates' acceptance ✓ .
18. Her final year of school was marked by considerable uncertainty ✓ as she tried to figure out what to do next.
19. I've tried working in the morning, but I find that I'm most productive ✓ late at night, and that's why I decide to stay up late.
20. The ceremonial job seems a humiliation ✓ for the ambitious politician.

Section B: Complete each sentence with a suitable word.

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21.

We don't have the budget to do everything, so I'm afraid your plan will have to go on ✓ the back burner.
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All I need is some peace and quiet, and I'll be able to figure out ✓ a solution.
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Brace yourself for ✓ some bad news, this doesn't look good.
24.

It's all down to ✓ you! Don't let us down! We count on you!
25.

The new evidence creates a lot of uncertainty about ✓ who really reached America first.
26.

I'm only a law school student — I'm hardly in ✓ any position to help you with your legal problems.
27.

In the back of ✓ my mind, I have my doubts about whether he's right for the job.
28.

You should have a shot at ✓ making things work with the father of your child.
29.

Jessica had her life mapped out ✓ since she was a little girl: college, marriage, children, career.
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Sam, quick, cram the bag under ✓ the bed before she finds out what it is!

Part II: Banked Cloze

Questions 31 to 40 are based on the following passage.

For ten years, I lived in the city and loved it. Everything was stable, and I didn't have many worries. Then, within one month, I got a (31) promotion ✓ at work and my girlfriend and I decided to get married. Suddenly, my life was in (32) transition ✓ with big changes ahead!

The new position at work was wonderful. I was no longer relegated to the (33) budding ✗ (sidelines). My boss was starting to notice all of my hard work! After a (34) lengthy ✓ speech about my new responsibilities, my boss took me to my new private office. Fantastic! I didn't have to sit in the (35) rear ✓ of the office anymore, behind the copy machine. I loved my job already.

My girlfriend also suggested that we move out of the city and buy a house in the suburbs. We had been city (36) dwellers ✓ for so long that it was a difficult decision for us to make. On top of that, I was worried about taking out a (37) mortgage ✓ for the house. My new job paid better, but our resources were still (38) finite ✓. Finding a down payment would be tough.

In the end, we decided to go for it. There's no time like the present, right? With the new job, I could honestly say that I had a (39) budding ✓ career, so it felt right to take the plunge and buy a house. After all these changes, we'd be ready to just relax and enjoy life. So, we took on a honeymoon to the (40) coastal ✓ California.

Part III: Reading Comprehension

Questions 41 to 45 are based on the following passage.

It would be a fairly accurate statement to say that, when I was in elementary school and high school, I was a painfully shy child. I usually kept to myself, had only a few friends, and rarely spoke in class. My parents were always very busy, so they never pushed me to become more involved in activities and meet more people. I was perfectly happy by myself. I spent much of my time with my nose buried in a book. The only times that I ventured away from the comforts of my bedroom were when I explored the seemingly endless aisles of stocked bookshelves at my favourite bookstore.

In retrospect, it was no surprise that I read with such an incredible appetite. Reading was my escape. My favourite books were adventure and travel stories — stories that brought the readers to exotic, unexplored, or dangerous places. These were places I longed to go, and they were adventures I yearned to experience, but I knew it was all just a fantasy. I had a hard time working up the nerve to talk to a fellow classmate, I knew there was no way I could travel around the world and live out one of these adventures. Therefore, I read. I read every book I could find



that promised adventure, excitement, or escape. By the time I graduated from high school, I had probably read more books than our school had in its library. It was quite an achievement, but no one knew about it except for me. I told no one because I had no one to tell. My only friend was Justin, and that relationship only existed because we had been next-door neighbours for fifteen years.

Like most of my classmates, I applied to college and eventually worked up the courage to go. It wasn't easy. I had lived at home with my parents my whole life, and I rarely ever thought about leaving. However, it had finally become inevitable; I couldn't stay with them forever. I attended a local college and moved out to live in a dormitory with a roommate. It would be an understatement to say that I was nervous. I was terrified.

My roommate's name was Greg, and the first few weeks of school were very awkward. He kept trying to start conversations and be friendly. I was able to answer his questions, of course, but I found it difficult to keep the conversation going. I just wasn't used to it — I had no practice at this sort of thing. Then one day I returned from an afternoon class and found him reading a Jack London book. Suddenly, I found that I had a hundred questions to ask Greg. Did he like Jack London? Which was his favourite book? Did he read a lot? What other authors did he like? The list was endless.

To my surprise, Greg was also in love with adventure and travel books. One of his dreams was to travel around the world and follow in the footsteps of some of history's greatest explorers. There must have been magic at work that day. It was as if my shyness suddenly disappeared. Greg and I talked for hours about our favourite books and dreams of travel. I also found it easier to talk to other people at school and make friends since that day. I felt like the world opened up to me. So many things suddenly seemed possible. In fact, Greg and I are planning a great adventure for this summer! It may have taken me a while, but I finally found a way to break out of my shell and start enjoying life.

41. Which of the following is a rite of passage that helped the writer to become less shy?

- ☐ A. Attending high school.
- ☐ B. Reading many books.
- ☒ C. Attending college.
- ☐ D. Planning a great adventure.

42. In which paragraph does the author compare his desire to read to hunger?

- ☐ A. Paragraph 1.
- ☒ B. Paragraph 2.
- ☐ C. Paragraph 4.
- ☐ D. Paragraph 5.

43. Which of the following would make the best title for this passage?

- ☐ A. *A Painfully Shy Child*
- ☐ B. *My College Life*
- ☐ C. *Travels with Greg*
- ☒ D. *Breaking Out of My Shell*

44. "It would be an understatement to say that I was nervous. I was terrified." What does the writer mean by this statement?

- ☐ A. He wasn't nervous at all.
- ☐ B. He was mildly nervous.
- ☐ C. He was as nervous as usual.

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D. He was extraordinarily nervous.
45. Which of the following statements can you infer from the passage?
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A. Jack London wrote exciting stories.
- ☐

B. Jack London wrote dull stories.
- ☐

C. Jack London wasn't a famous writer.
- ☐

D. Jack London was the writer's favourite writer.

Answer