



READING COMPREHENSION

(Coherence, Unity, Analysis, and Inference)

Critical Reading

Critical Reading Each passage in this subtest is followed by questions or incomplete statements. Each statement or question is followed by lettered words or expressions. Select the word or expression that most satisfactorily completes each statement or answers each question in accordance with what is stated or implied in that passage. Blacken the corresponding circle after the appropriate item number on your answer sheet.

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Selection 1: From Wolfgang Langewiesche's *A Flier's World*.

A puff of wind comes down on the street. An old newspaper stirs in the gutter, jumps up on the sidewalk, spirals up to second-story height and flaps about there for a moment; then with a new burst of energy, it sweeps upward again, and when you last see it, it is soaring high above the rooftops, turning over and over, blinking in the sunlight.

The wind has picked up a piece of paper and blown it away. A generation ago, in a philosophical discourse, one might have chosen this as an example of an event completely devoid of any significance, completely chance. But not in the air age. The tiny occurrence demonstrates an important fact concerning the air ocean – one that is only now becoming the practical knowledge of practical airfaring men: there are winds which blow neither east nor west, neither north nor south, but in the third dimension: straight up.



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- a. a piece of paper is buffeted by the wind
 - b. there's a third dimension to wind movement
 - c. about how a philosopher's discourse is done
 - d. it is easy to fly airplanes.
4. Which of the following statements describes the organization of the passage?
- a. A generalization is made and examples are given
 - b. Something specific is discussed to exemplify a generalization
 - c. The passage moves from the least to the most recent event.
 - d. Something specific is discussed, its components are given.

Selection 2: by E.B. White

Preparation for fighting a war is like preparation for taking a cruise in a small sailing boat— there is no end to it. It is possible to get so absorbed in the details of preparation as to lose sight of the trip. Anyone who has ever had the experience will know what I mean. If you were to wait until both of you and the boat were really ready to put to sea the summer would pass and the autumn would find you still at your home mooring. No boat is ever entirely ready to put to sea, no country is ever fully prepared to go to war; always there remain things which should be attended to, contingencies which should be provided for. But there comes a moment when you have to forget about preparations and think about the stars and the sea and the lengthening nights. You know that if you don't go now you will never go. So you drop off your mooring and shape your course to the wind. From then on things begin to move; you may not be ready for every particular, but you are under way and the ship is alive. And something vital in the ship imparts sudden life and resourcefulness to her crew.

5. What is the general tone of the author?
- a. advising
 - b. forbidding
 - c. pessimistic
 - d. whimsical
6. To what is fighting a war compared by the author?
- a. Endless sailing
 - b. Sailing a small boat
 - c. Preparation for taking a cruise
 - d. none of the above
7. The author believes that _____.
- a. no country can win a war
 - b. a boat is never ready for a sailing trip
 - c. a boat is never totally ready for a cruise

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- d. one should be completely prepared before going to war
8. What is the main point of the passage?
 - a. Drop off your mooring and sail now.
 - b. Think about the view and your motivation to sail will rise.
 - c. Preparing for every contingency in a war and a cruise take a long time.
 - d. Postponing a war because one isn't wholly prepared is tantamount to not going to war at all.
9. Based on the context of the passage, what does "lengthening nights" symbolize or refer to?

a. boredom	c. the coming of winter
b. the coming of night	d. the passing of time
10. From what you have read, what could be the motto of the author?
 - a. A country must be decisive in matters of war.
 - b. Diffidence is an effective war attitude.
 - c. A sailor's life is the best life.
 - d. A warlike attitude is a virtue.

Selection 3: by Kahlil Gibran

Love and Lovelife

"When love beckons you, follow him,
Though his ways are hard and steep
And when his wings enfold you yield to him
Though the sword be hidden among his opinions may wound you."

11. Whose ways are hard and steep?

a. life	c. your beloved
b. love	d. none of the above
12. The author is convinced that in the face of love _____.

a. one is helpless	c. one must fight
b. one must concede	d. one will suffer

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Selection 4: From Florian A. Alburo and Danilo A. Abella's *Skilled Labour Migration from Developing Countries: Study on the Philippines*

International migration of skilled persons has assumed increased importance in recent years reflecting the impact of globalization, revival of growth in the world economy and the explosive growth in the information and communications technology (ICT). A number of developed countries have liberalized their policies for the admission of highly skilled professionals.

The problem lies in that this demand is largely met by developing countries, triggering an exodus of their skilled personnel. While some amount of mobility is obviously necessary if developing countries are to integrate into the global economy, a large outflow of skilled persons poses the threat of a 'brain drain', which can adversely impact growth and development. The recent UK government (DFID) White Paper on International Development, "Eliminating World Poverty: Making Globalisation Work for the Poor" has rightly pointed out the need on the part of developed countries to be more sensitive to the impact on developing countries of the brain drain. It was in this context that the Department for International development, United Kingdom, approached the ILO for carrying out research relevant to the above issues.

13. From the passage, what may be meant by "brain drain"?
 - a. globalization
 - b. a fatal accident resulting to head injury
 - c. inflow of skilled labor to developing countries
 - d. outflow of skilled labor from developing countries

14. From the passage, it can be inferred that _____.
 - a. globalization is a regrettable phenomenon
 - b. out-migration or emigration must be stopped
 - c. skilled people tend to move where they are paid more for their expertise
 - d. the developing countries' liberal policy to migrants is the main reason for the brain drain

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15. What is one cause to the rise in the incidence of international migration, according to the selection?
- the ominous and imminent threat of *brain drain*
 - the growth of information and communication technologies
 - the development of industries in the United Kingdom
 - the encouragement of developed and developing countries
16. How is the above selection organized?
- examples are given and a generalization follows
 - a problem is explored and exposed
 - the selection is ordered according to time
 - a myth is refuted

Selection 8: From the National Statistics Office, *Population by Region: Census 2000*

REGION	TOTAL POPULATION
Philippines	76,504,077
NCR - National Capital Region	9,932,560
CAR - Cordillera Administrative Region	1,365,412
Reg. I - Ilocos Region	4,200,478
Reg. II - Cagayan Valley	2,813,159
Reg. III - Central Luzon	8,030,945
Reg. IV - Southern Tagalog	11,793,655
Reg. V - Bicol	4,686,669
Reg. VI - Western Visayas	6,211,038
Reg. VII - Central Visayas	5,706,953
Reg. VIII - Eastern Visayas	3,610,355
Reg. IX - Western Mindanao	3,091,208
Reg. X - Central Mindanao	2,747,585
Reg. XI - Southern Mindanao	5,189,335

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Reg. XII - Northern Mindanao	2,598,210
Reg. XIII - CARAGA	2,095,367
ARMM - Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao	2,412,159

For questions number 17 to 22, refer to the above table. Choose

- A = if the statement given is TRUE
B = if the statement given is FALSE
C = if there's no basis for saying

17. Region IV has the largest population.
18. CAR has the greatest number of male population.
19. Region VIII and I have extreme populations
20. NCR has the largest population of children.
21. The population of the Philippines has increased through time.
22. There's a greater difference between the population of Southern Tagalog and National Capital Region, than between the population of National Capital Region and Central Luzon.

Figurative Expressions

Choose the statement which means most nearly the same as the given figurative in each item. Then on your answer sheet, blacken the circle that corresponds to your answer.

23. "For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been!" – John Greenleaf Whittier
 - a. There are lots of sad things, and one of them is hankering for what hasn't been.
 - b. Lost opportunities are lost forever and will never come again.
 - c. The saddest feeling that can be expressed is the longing for lost opportunities.
 - d. It is very sad to think about *what might have been*.
24. "To be great is to be misunderstood." – Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - a. Being misunderstood is being great.
 - b. Being great means having many enemies.
 - c. Being great means standing apart and being lonely.
 - d. Few people can understand the sentiments of truly great persons.

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25. "Mankind has become so much one family that we cannot insure our own prosperity except by insuring that of everyone else." – Sigmund Freud
 - a. A man is not alone; he belongs to a family.
 - b. A man does not exist by himself and he cannot succeed by himself.
 - c. A man must have concern for all of mankind because men are interdependent.
 - d. All men are interdependent and one man's achievement is a triumph for all mankind.
26. Man's property is his body and the product of his hands. – John Locke
 - a. Man owns his body and his hands.
 - b. A man's labor determines what he owns.
 - c. His body and his hands are man's property.
 - d. A man can own whatever his hands can get.
27. "The unexamined life is not worth living." --Socrates
 - a. One must always test himself.
 - b. Living in ignorance is not a virtue.
 - c. Reflection is the key to a truly meaningful life.
 - d. When you are no longer thinking, you are dead.
28. "Man is the measure of all things." – Protagoras
 - a. Man is a measuring device.
 - b. Man is the standard of all things.
 - c. Humans are the Supreme Beings on Earth.
 - d. Knowledge is subjective and a man can only know as much as his personality and characteristics allow him to.
29. "A man is the center of his own universe, and there are as many universes as there are men."
 - a. All men are equal.
 - b. A man revolves around his axis.
 - c. Every man dreams of being an astronaut and exploring the universe.
 - d. Every man thinks of himself first, watches out for himself first, and loves himself first of all.
30. "Love increases directly with convenience, indirectly with inconvenience."
 - a. Love is measurable.
 - b. Man forgets love when it is not necessary.
 - c. A person loves when it is convenient to do so.
 - d. Convenience determines the love a person feels.

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Organization of Ideas

The following subsection consists of paragraphs, the parts of which are presented in scrambled order. Read each group of sentences and decide what should be the best order in which to arrange them so that they form a well-organized paragraph. After you have decided the best order, answer the questions that follow. Blacken the circle that corresponds to your answer.

For numbers 31 to 32:

- A. Aside from which, I miss my idealism, my zest for life, and my vitality.
 - B. I have a confession to make.
 - C. In fact, I have lost so many things it would take one whole shelf of books to recount all of them.
 - D. I am bereft of my innocence, am devoid of optimism, and am dispossessed of any sliver of hope.
31. Which of the above sentences should be *first*?
32. Which of the following sentences should be *third*?

For number 33 to 34:

- A. Repeat the procedure as many times as you like for the desired thickness and number of coating.
 - B. Apply the first coating evenly on the surface.
 - C. Scrape the area to be painted clean of all traces of its old paint.
 - D. Prime the brush and dip it into pre-treated paint.
33. Which should be the *second* sentence?
34. Which should be *last*?

For number 35:

- A. I let my eyes roam inside the room where I was in.
 - B. I took the mirror, and screamed.
 - C. As I opened my eyes, I saw my sister gawking at me.
 - D. They collided with those of a nurse holding a mirror and wearing a grave expression on her face.
35. Which of the following is the proper order of the above sentences?
a. A, B, C, D

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- b. A, D, B, C
- c. C, A, D, B
- d. D, C, B, A

Identifying an Irrelevant Sentence

Read each group of sentences then identify which one should not be included in the group. Blacken the circle that corresponds to your answer on your answer sheet.

- 36.
- a. Live birth is the complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception who, after such extraction, exhibits any evidence of life.
 - b. Birth is the complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception.
 - c. The birth of myself by my mother was very difficult; Caesarean was necessary.
 - d. Stillbirth is the expulsion of a dead fetus which died late in the gestation period.
- 37.
- a. A play is going to open tomorrow at *La Piazza*.
 - b. The fact that the cast members felt themselves part of a team, contributed much to the success of the play.
 - c. The feeling of belonging always makes a person care more for the thing to which he or she belongs.
 - d. The members of the cast gave their best to the play because of the loyalty such feeling of belonging gives.
- 38.
- a. A college entrance exam review is essential if one is determined to get into UP or any other premiere college or university.
 - b. Getting into the college of your choice wouldn't be easy.
 - c. Outstanding grades are also a must if one wants to be accepted to a good college.
 - d. There are lots of review centers that offer UPCAT review services.
- 39.
- a. Leave behind *might-have-been's*, *what if's* and *if only's*.
 - b. Regrets are such a heavy burden to lug around.
 - c. Move on and do not let any opportunity pass you by anymore.
 - d. There are lots of opportunities if you know where to look.

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40.

- a. It was my graduation day at the University of the Philippines.
- b. My father's dream has come true and he was really happy.
- c. The audience clapped when I came up the stage.
- d. Grinning from ear-to-ear, my father grasped my hand and hugged me.

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