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LISTENING DIAGNOSTIC PRE-TEST

(Paper)

SECTION 1 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Time—approximately 35 minutes
(including the reading of the directions for each part)

In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand conversations and talks in English. There are three parts to this section. Answer all the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied by the speakers you hear. Do not take notes or write in your test book at any time. Do not turn the pages until you are told to do so.

Part A

Directions: In Part A you will hear short conversations between two people. After each conversation, you will hear a question about the conversation. The conversations and questions will not be repeated. After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Listen to an example.

Sample Answer

On the recording, you hear:

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(man) *That exam was just awful.*
(woman) *Oh, it could have been worse.*
(narrator) *What does the woman mean?*

In your test book, you read:

- (A) The exam was really awful.
- (B) It was the worst exam she had ever seen.
- (C) It couldn't have been more difficult.
- (D) It wasn't that hard.

You learn from the conversation that the man thought the exam was very difficult and that the woman disagreed with the man. The best answer to the question, "What does the woman mean?" is (D), "It wasn't that hard." Therefore, the correct choice is (D).

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1. (A) Her concerns were expressed.
(B) She wonders if the concert was good.
(C) The music was fantastic.
(D) She wandered about during the night.
2. (A) In a bus station
(B) In a post office
(C) In an airport
(D) In a travel agency
3. (A) He spends half his time with his daughter.
(B) His daughter's under a year old.
(C) His daughter will start school in a year and a half.
(D) His daughter's eighteen months old.
4. (A) He's on the basketball team.
(B) He doesn't even like to play basketball.
(C) He's too short to make the team.
(D) He thinks he's tall enough.
5. (A) She's thinking about her grade in the seminar.
(B) The seminar is quite realistic.
(C) The seminar will take a great deal of time.
(D) She agrees with the man about the seminar.
6. (A) The location of the meeting
(B) The purpose of the meeting
(C) Who will attend the meeting
(D) The time the meeting starts
7. (A) Preparing dinner later
(B) Going to a restaurant
(C) Cooking a full dinner
(D) Eating dinner outside in the garden
8. (A) She is fond of Joe.
(B) Joe is not lost anymore.
(C) She visits Joe regularly.
(D) The call was already made.
9. (A) He was quite fortunate.
(B) He lacked the opportunity to play the game.
(C) He didn't actually win the game.
(D) He came sometime after Luke.
10. (A) It's quite clean.
(B) It doesn't move.
(C) It's clearly better.
(D) It's rather dirty.
11. (A) A bus driver
(B) An art teacher
(C) A flight attendant
(D) A travel agent
12. (A) His desk is made of metal.
(B) He never meddles with his office workers.
(C) His desk is on the right side of the office.
(D) He works in the center of the office.
13. (A) Learning something about golf
(B) Taking fewer lessons than he has in the past
(C) Letting her play golf instead of him
(D) Going to play golf together
14. (A) He does not live nearby.
(B) They will go later.
(C) It is not time to deliver the paper.
(D) He does not have time to read.
15. (A) She will assign the homework tomorrow.
(B) The man can do the homework next week.
(C) She will return the homework next week.
(D) The assignment must be turned in tomorrow.

16. (A) The woman is really beautiful.
(B) The woman should repeat what she said.
(C) He shares the woman's opinion.
(D) He has time this year to travel.
17. (A) In a shoe store
(B) In a motel
(C) In a clothing store
(D) In a storage facility
18. (A) She's going to the supermarket.
(B) She works in a grocery store.
(C) She's not going out.
(D) She doesn't have enough money for groceries.
19. (A) He didn't really get the highest grade.
(B) He's rather intelligent.
(C) He's not done with the exam.
(D) He's not even in the class.
20. (A) Resting for a few minutes
(B) Studying a bit longer
(C) Taking a five-hour break
(D) Studying for shorter periods of time
21. (A) She needs a new suitcase.
(B) She's putting on a suit.
(C) She's preparing for a trip.
(D) She just received a package.
22. (A) It was the last game.
(B) The dream was really bad.
(C) The man never lets her talk.
(D) She feels the same way as the man.
23. (A) He's a bit too strong.
(B) He's bitter about the accident.
(C) He's still weak.
(D) He feels the accident was not his fault.
24. (A) There seems to be a problem with the motor.
(B) He does not want to be an engineer.
(C) The music on the car stereo is good.
(D) He likes the sound of the engine.
25. (A) An artist
(B) A tour guide
(C) A teacher
(D) A pilot
26. (A) Buying some cream for coffee
(B) Cleaning out the garage
(C) Painting the apartment walls green
(D) Putting the apartment in order
27. (A) He was happy to write the check.
(B) He received a large sum of money.
(C) He was working in a huge factory.
(D) He found some hidden bones.
28. (A) She doesn't need to store anything.
(B) She prefers shopping nearby.
(C) The stores are all too far away.
(D) She doesn't want to go shopping.
29. (A) The door was closed really hard.
(B) Alice left because she was hungry.
(C) The door was smoothly sanded.
(D) Alice went out through the door on the left side.
30. (A) Take a bike ride
(B) Take the high road
(C) Go for a walk in the forest
(D) Look for firewood

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Part B

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear longer conversations. After each conversation, you will hear several questions. The conversations and questions will not be repeated.

After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Remember, you are not allowed to take notes or write in your test book.

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| 31. (A) A new bicycle
(B) An inexpensive bicycle
(C) A fast bicycle
(D) A stationary bicycle | 35. (A) Planning a trip
(B) Camping in the woods
(C) Putting up a tent
(D) Looking at photos |
| 32. (A) A half mile
(B) A mile
(C) Two miles
(D) Four miles | 36. (A) It looks comfortable.
(B) It doesn't seem very big.
(C) It looks funny.
(D) It's full of fish. |
| 33. (A) He doesn't like it.
(B) It doesn't work very well.
(C) It's broken.
(D) He got a new one. | 37. (A) Standing in a river
(B) Putting up a tent
(C) Sitting in front of the tent
(D) Swimming in the river |
| 34. (A) Go see his friend's bicycle
(B) See her new apartment
(C) Walk to school
(D) Buy a new bicycle | 38. (A) Lots
(B) A few
(C) One
(D) None |

Part C

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear several talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions. The talks and questions will not be repeated.

After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Here is an example.

On the recording, you hear:

(narrator) *Listen to an instructor talk to his class about painting.*

(man) *Artist Grant Wood was a guiding force in the school of painting known as American regionalist, a style reflecting the distinctive characteristics of art from rural areas of the United States. Wood began drawing animals on the family farm at the age of three, and when he was thirty-eight, one of his paintings received a remarkable amount of public notice and acclaim. This painting, called American Gothic, is a starkly simple depiction of a serious couple staring directly out at the viewer.*

Now listen to a sample question.

Sample Answer

(narrator) *What style of painting is known as American regionalist?*

(A) (B) (C) ●

- In your test book, you read:
- (A) Art from America's inner cities
 - (B) Art from the central region of the United States
 - (C) Art from various urban areas in the United States
 - (D) Art from rural sections of America

The best answer to the question, "What style of painting is known as American regionalist?" is (D), "Art from rural sections of America." Therefore, the correct choice is (D).

Now listen to another sample question.

Sample Answer

(narrator) *What is the name of Wood's most successful painting?*

(A) (B) ● (D)

- In your test book, you read:
- (A) *American Regionalist*
 - (B) *The Family Farm in Iowa*
 - (C) *American Gothic*
 - (D) *A Serious Couple*

The best answer to the question, "What is the name of Wood's most successful painting?" is (C), *American Gothic*. Therefore, the correct choice is (C).

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39. (A) Only three chapters
(B) Three chemistry books
(C) Lecture notes and part of the book
(D) Only class notes from the lectures
40. (A) Only multiple choice
(B) Short and long essays
(C) Three short essays
(D) Essays and multiple choice
41. (A) Half an hour
(B) Fifty minutes
(C) An hour
(D) Ninety minutes
42. (A) Listen to a lecture
(B) Study for the exam
(C) Read three chapters
(D) Take an exam
43. (A) In a zoo
(B) On a boat
(C) In a prison
(D) In a lecture hall
44. (A) A type of rock
(B) A Spanish explorer
(C) A prison in San Francisco
(D) A kind of bird
45. (A) Five
(B) Ten
(C) Twenty-four
(D) Thirty-nine
46. (A) It is open to visitors.
(B) It is still in use as a prison.
(C) It is closed to the public.
(D) It contains few prisoners.
47. (A) Artificial plants
(B) Plants in plastic containers
(C) Plants that resemble plastic
(D) Plants that produce a usable substance
48. (A) It lasts longer.
(B) It is more artificial.
(C) It is easy to make in a laboratory.
(D) It is good for the environment.
49. (A) It biodegrades slowly.
(B) It kills plants.
(C) People never throw it away.
(D) It is not very strong.
50. (A) Engineering
(B) Art
(C) Botany
(D) Geology

This is the end of the Listening Diagnostic Pre-Test.



Circle the number of each of the questions in Part A that you *answered incorrectly* or *were unsure of*. Then you will see which skills you should be sure to focus on.

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