

DIAGNOSTIC TEST ONE

SECTION 1

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Tune—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, with special directions for each part. 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.

Here is an example.

On the recording, you will hear:

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

In your test book, you will 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).**

PART A – DIRECTIONS

1. A. Her trip will last only a few days.
B. She departs in several days.
C. She's leaving in a few hours.
D. Her trip began a few days ago.
2. A. salesclerk.
B. lawyer.
C. painter.
D. An apartment manager.
3. A. His paper was on the top of the pile.
B. He received the highest mark.
C. He's a graduate student in math.
D. He had a tough math exam.
4. A. He's upset.
B. He's not present.
C. He's seated in his chair.
D. He's where he should be.
5. A. A rainstorm is coming.
B. He'd like to tell the woman about that storm.
C. He agrees with the woman.
D. The storm damage was minimal.
6. A. He said he was sorry.
B. He was temporarily lost.
C. He finally polished the silver.
D. He was the last to appear.
7. A. Marking the pages in red.
B. Buying some bread.
C. Reading more often.
D. Jogging to the market.
8. A. The letters were sent.
B. She picked up some mail from the post office.
C. She spent a lot of time at the post office.
D. The post office delivered some letters.
9. A. He has a problem understanding a certain book.
B. He never browses through books.
C. He needs to return to the library.
D. He'll give the book back soon.
10. A. The chair is not soft enough.
B. The set of jars is unaffordable.
C. It's hard to find a comfortable chair.
D. He hardly has time to sit.
11. A. At a ball game.
B. At an exam.
C. At a dance.
D. At a concert.

12. A. She's like most people.
B. She reaches out to most people.
C. She's nice to almost everyone.
D. She has a lot of money.
13. A. Helping him solve a personal problem.
B. Only working on the harder problems.
C. Getting some assistance.
D. Solving the problems herself.
14. A. The apartment has a nice closet.
B. It's not far to the school from his apartment.
C. He was able to find the university from his apartment.
D. The university apartments are closed.
15. A. She was certain about the time of the party.
B. She traveled several miles to the party.
C. She planned the surprise party.
D. She looked happy
16. A. The rain is really heavy.
B. She shares the man's opinion.
C. The heavy traffic was expected.
D. The man should repeat what he said.
17. A. A general.
B. A runner.
C. A police officer.
D. A truck driver.
18. A. Recopy her paper.
B. Check the spelling on her homework.
C. Give the right answers.
D. Have another cup of coffee.
19. A. He doesn't like warm water.
B. The weather is not very warm.
C. He's going swimming anyway.
D. The water's too cool.
20. A. Visiting a different store.
B. Closing the door.
C. Storing things in a closet.
D. Buying something else.
21. A. There are three new buildings at the university.
B. The theater is under construction.
C. The university is accepting bids on a theater.
D. The university has to pay the bill for the theater.

22. A. She also thinks they should not leave now.
B. They will both live until tomorrow.
C. The leaves will be falling tomorrow.
D. She thinks they should leave today.
23. A. The teacher assigned the work carefully.
B. The grade was not really low.
C. She didn't do her homework.
D. Her homework contained a lot of errors.
24. A. His weekend was relaxing.
B. He spent the weekend on the beach.
C. He needed a piece of paper.
D. He preferred a more relaxing weekend
25. A. In the dining room.
B. At school.
C. In a hospital.
D. At a concert.
26. A. Sitting up in bed.
B. Waking up without an alarm.
C. Turning on the alarm clock.
D. Setting the alarm clock on the floor.
27. A. Additional writing supplies are necessary.
B. The man needs to bring the test.
C. Pencils and paper are not necessary.
D. The man needs to take an extra test.
28. A. It is unusual to play hide-and-seek.
B. The baby's temperature is not normal.
C. She is taking care of the baby temporarily.
D. The baby is not sick.
29. A. Only Alex went on the trip.
B. He was given the chance to go.
C. The trip was a good opportunity.
D. No one went on the trip.
30. A. She has several children.
B. She doesn't believe what he says.
C. She is only a child.
D. She behaves immaturely.

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.

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PART B

31. (A) A boat trip.
(B) A bus trip.
(C) A plane trip.
(D) A train trip.

32. (A) Spring.
(B) Summer.
(C) Autumn.
(D) Winter.

33. (A) They are heading north.
(B) They are looking for warmer water.
(C) They are returning to their home.
(D) They are heading toward Alaska.

34. (A) One hour.
(B) Two hours.
(C) Three hours.
(D) Four hours.

35. (A) How to enroll in university classes.
(B) What is bad about mail service.
(C) How to fill out university applications.
(D) The location of a campus building.

36. (A) It is a long process.
(B) It is the only way to enroll.
(C) It is easy to complete.
(D) It begins in the administration building.

37. (A) It takes place in one office.
(B) It involves many hours in line.
(C) It is very efficient.
(D) It takes almost no time.

38. (A) Write a letter to a friend.
(B) Go to the administration building.
(C) Stand in line.
(D) Register by mail.

Part C

Directions: In Part C of this section, 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, you will 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 will 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?*

In your test book, you will 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?*

In your test book, you will 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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Part C

39. (A) A professor.
(B) A tour guide.
(C) A furniture.
(D) An apartment manager.
40. (A) One.
(B) Two.
(C) Three.
(D) Four.
41. (A) It is not large.
(B) It has fireplace.
(C) It has some windows.
(D) It does not have a refrigerator.
42. (A) There is none.
(B) It has already been rented.
(C) The apartment owner will give them some.
(D) The apartment has great furniture.
43. (A) The New York City subway system.
(B) The development of the subway.
(C) The history of the railroad system.
(D) The IRT.
44. (A) The railroads.
(B) Private business in New York City.
(C) The mayor of New York City.
(D) The subway in New York City.
45. (A) It was more important than the railroads.
(B) It took a long time to develop.
(C) It was developed by the government of New York.
(D) It was quite easy to accomplish.
46. (A) In 1870.
(B) In 1874.
(C) In 1900.
(D) In 1904.

47. (A) Studying animals in the wild.
(B) Animal songs on the radio.
(C) Problems with radio signals.
(D) Weather satellites.
48. (A) By using radio transmitters.
(B) By following their tracks.
(C) With weather balloons.
(D) With satellites.
49. (A) With radio collars.
(B) With atmospheric pressure.
(C) With radio receivers.
(D) With satellites.
50. (A) Geography.
(B) Botany.
(C) Zoology.
(D) Communication.