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Grade11 Foundation

Practice Test 2015
The reading/writing test has a total of 24 questions. It has three parts.

**USE OF LANGUAGE (Grammar & Vocabulary)**

Read the directions and the sample question carefully to be sure you understand how to answer the questions in this part of the test.

**Part One**

**Directions:** In this part of the test, you will answer some different questions. Choose the correct answer and mark the box next to it.

**Sample Question:**

Choose the word that belongs in the blank.

The worker was ______ to John for his help with carrying the heavy boxes.

A  fearful
B  grateful
C  peaceful
D  stressful

The word that belongs in the blank is “grateful”, so the correct answer is “B”.

When you take the test, you will mark the box next to the answer you choose as shown in the example.
Read the following.

There is always the ______________ of injury in wrestling and kickboxing.

Which of the following BEST completes the above statement?

A  harm
B  crisis
C  threat
D  danger

Read the following.

The language institute ____________ a registration fee.

Which of the following fits the gap in the above statement?

A  prices
B  values
C  charges
D  calculates
Read the following.

By this time tomorrow, ____________________________

Which of the following completes the above statement?

A  I complete my research.
B  I am completing my research.
C  I have completed my research.
D  I will have completed my research.

Read the following.

There was ____________ much noise in the room that I could hardly hear my own voice.

Choose the word that BEST completes the sentence.

A  as
B  so
C  too
D  very
5 Read the following.

Internet ______________ describes the practice of illegally downloading a computer program, music, a film, etc. to get personal benefit.

Which of the following BEST completes the above statement?

A  theft
B  piracy
C  robbery
D  burglary

6 Read the following.

If only Hassan ______________ his job well, he would certainly have got promoted.

Which of the following fits the gap in the above statement?

A  did
B  does
C  has done
D  had done
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Read the following.

By this time next week, _____________________________

Which of the following completes the above statement?

A Zahra completes her English course.
B Zahra is completing her English course.
C Zahra has completed her English course.
D Zahra will have completed her English course.

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Read the following.

They use special chemicals to accelerate the growth of crops.

Which of the following means the same in passive voice?

A Special chemicals are used to accelerate the growth of crops.
B Special chemicals will be used to accelerate the growth of crops.
C Special chemicals are being used to accelerate the growth of crops.
D Special chemicals will have been used to accelerate the growth of crops.
Questions 9-11:
Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow.

Shopping Mall

1 Doha is home to some of the most extravagant shopping centers in the Middle East. In addition to various markets located throughout the capital, there are a number of large shopping malls that occupy the city. While some are dedicated to food, others specialize in clothing, jewelry, and other goods. Recently, there has been talk of building yet another large shopping mall in the city of Doha. The proposed mall would include between 5 and 10 new stores, and it would be a one-stop shopping experience for all. Although many are excited about the idea, I believe there should not be a new mall built in Doha.

2 Building a new shopping area in the museum district seems logical because more shopping malls could help further stimulate the economy. Those visiting Doha’s museums would also be able to make shopping a part of their experience. However, all of this would be done at the expense of losing Mohammad Park. The specifics on the cost of a project like this are not available to the public; however, instead of building a shopping mall, how about using those funds to maintain one of Doha’s treasured historical sites?

3 The land that the proposed mall would be built on is home to Mohammad Park, a historical site. It is the only park like it in Doha, and a bunch of families have enjoyed it for a long time. Although the actual attractions are closed now, many people still enjoy the other parts of this park. The outdoor gardens, and walking paths draw many visitors who wish to escape the noise of surrounding plazas and museums. Mohammad Park also overlooks the seafront, so people can often sneak a peek at Doha’s marine life. On a good day, park visitors can even see dolphins along the Arabian Gulf.

4 _________ If the committee agrees to build the mall, Doha will lose a treasured family park. Mohammed Park means so much to the people of Doha, including my family and me. If the decision were mine to make, I would say no to a new shopping mall.
Which of the following is a better title for the essay?

A  The Attractions of Mohammad Park
B  An Appeal to Save Mohammad Park
C  A New Shopping Mall Is Coming to Doha
D  The Disadvantages of Large Shopping Malls

Which of the following BEST fills the blank for the first sentence of paragraph (4)?

A  Clearly
B  Specifically
C  Nevertheless
D  Consequently

How could the order of the paragraphs be revised to make the ideas in the essay flow better?

A  exchange paragraphs 1 and 4
B  exchange paragraphs 2 and 3
C  exchange paragraphs 3 and 4
D  exchange paragraphs 1 and 3
A Formula for Success

1. Zahra had just started her first year in high school. She was very quiet and didn’t interact much with others in her classes. One day, Zahra’s mother noticed that her daughter’s typical reserve had turned to complete silence. Zahra was never a talkative young lady; however, this was different. “How’s school going, dear?” “Fine, I guess. I was assigned to complete community service hours, and I have to choose a service partner by next week.” “You like to help others. You are very good at it, too.” “The service isn’t the problem, Mom. It’s finding a partner. I don’t have any friends at school.” “You may not have friends now, but you have a great personality. I’m sure you’ll be able to find a partner.” Zahra was not convinced; however, instead of worrying about that, she focused her attention on her academics.

2. Zahra loved math. She could memorize mathematic equations and calculate complex problems without writing any numbers down on paper. The next day in math class, the teacher announced a community service opportunity to tutor students who weren’t performing well in math. As class ended, Zahra overheard a classmate say, “I wish I were good at math; I’d volunteer to help this weekend!” This was Zahra’s chance. Should she say something? Would the girl think that she was rude for listening to her conversation? “I love math, and I’m pretty good at it too,” Zahra said shyly. “Maybe I could help you, and we could go tutor together … unless you already have a partner.”

3. The girl was interested. “No, I don’t have a partner. You wouldn’t mind working with me? My name is Hala.” “No, not at all, Hala. My name is Zahra. We can meet after school.” Zahra helped Hala with her math until Hala had improved enough to tutor other students. Soon word spread about Zahra’s math skills, and other girls started asking for her help.

4. By the end of her first year, Zahra had started her own tutoring club and helped many of her classmates. She was better than most with numbers and had no trouble meeting her community service hours and making new friends.
Read the sentence from the story.

“How’s school going, dear?”

Why does Zahra’s mother ask this question?

A. She wants to distract Zahra from her friends.
B. She wants to ask Zahra to tutor other children.
C. She wants to know why Zahra is acting differently.
D. She wants to know whether Zahra is receiving good grades.

What does Zahra’s mother think about Zahra choosing a service partner?

A. She is confident Zahra will find a partner.
B. She is surprised Zahra has trouble finding a partner.
C. She expects Zahra to begin her service without a partner.
D. She expects Zahra to wait for another student to ask to be her partner.

According to the story, which characteristic does Zahra exhibit the most?

A. concern
B. skepticism
C. sadness
D. quietness
15 How does Zahra make new friends?

A by talking to her mother  
B by attending her classes  
C by starting a tutoring club  
D by focusing on academics

16 What do the connecting phrases indicate about the structure of the story?

A The beginning of the story is a flashback.  
B There is a gap in time before the end of the story.  
C There is a separate story in the middle that is distinct from the main story.  
D The events at the beginning of the story occur simultaneously with the events at the end.
How does Zahra's character develop throughout the story?

Use details and examples from the story to support your answer.

Imagine that you are Zahra and retell the events of PARAGRAPH (1) from Zahra's point of view.
Questions 19-23: Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow.

Overview of Concerns About the Internet and Young People

The Internet has become the focus of many young lives. It is the place where they socialize, shop, do their work, and view entertainment. Some are worried that the Internet, with its visual images and constant distractions, is changing the way young people think. Some studies indicate that excessive use of the Internet may even impact students' brains, perhaps affecting the part of the brain that creates long-term memories. But every new way of communicating information has caused concern about ill effects on attitudes and the ability to think. Regardless, the Internet is one of the greatest technological changes in communication in the past century.

Opinion 1
The Internet Is Good for Students
The Internet is just a pathway to knowledge. If used wisely, the Internet provides facts, data, and other kinds of information that are essential to academic study. Twenty years ago, prior to the widespread availability of the Internet, it was not possible for many students to access the wealth of information and documents now widely available for free on the Internet. Today, students who want to write a paper on the history of Japan, for example, can use the Internet to access a variety of primary and secondary sources that would have been unavailable to many students in the past. All with just a few clicks! It is the variety and general reliability of information that make the Internet a great resource for students and teachers alike.

Opinion 2
The Internet Can Negatively Affect Young People
It is true that the Internet is a potentially useful tool for academic study. The problem is that it can negatively affect the way students perceive new information. As one eleventh-grade student commented: “I recently completed a research project on Hawaii’s volcanoes. I initially used the Internet to do my research, but there was just too much information for me to make a choice about what was useful. I wanted basic information, and I ended up with too many specialized articles that were for scientists with expert knowledge.” The student ended up finishing her research project by using library books and journals. The student’s experience suggests that when students do research using the Internet, they often encounter too much information. Students are often reminded by their teachers to “pay attention to details.” However, thanks to the Internet, many kids seem unable to focus on so much information and to determine what is useful and what is not.
19 What is the main idea of the first paragraph of the article?

A The Internet has changed students' lives and may change their brains.
B The Internet is a technological tool that many students use too much.
C The Internet has altered students' attitudes about thinking and communicating.
D The Internet is a constant distraction to students that can impact their ability to focus.

20 How does the author of Opinion 1 use an appeal to logic to support the argument?

A by describing the Internet as “free” and “great”
B by stating that the Internet provides essential facts and date
C by describing how availability of the Internet is an improvement over past conditions
D by stating that writing a research paper is easier when using the Internet

21 What could be added to Opinion 2 to strengthen the author's claim?

A more statements from students
B more details about the assignment on volcanoes
C a statement from scientists on the use of the Internet
D a description of how to best use the Internet for research
22. Which statement is supported by all three sections of the article?

A. The Internet is overused as a research tool.
B. The Internet provides a variety of information.
C. Documents on the Internet can be found in a library.
D. Using the Internet effectively can be difficult for students.

23. Read this statement from Opinion 1.

All with just a few clicks!

Which detail from Opinion 1 does All refer to?

A. access to wealth
B. technological changes
C. general information
D. available source
Directions:
Plan and write a persuasive essay on the following topic.

Topic:
Many students who graduate high school often go directly to university. However, there is a growing number of students who decide to take a “gap year” between high school and university. During this gap year, they may travel, get a job, or volunteer for a nonprofit organization.
Write a persuasive essay in which you present your opinion on whether or not a gap year is a good idea for college students. Support your opinion with convincing reasons, examples, and details. Use complete sentences and check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

• The quality of what you write is more important than the quantity, but you should write at least 3–4 paragraphs to clarify your position.
• Write your response in English.
• Organize your thoughts and make sure that your essay is clear and focused.
• Use complete sentences and check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
• Plan and write your essay in the space provided.
Plan your writing inside the box

Topic:

Reason 1:

Fact/Example:

Reason 2:

Fact/Example:

Conclusion:
Be sure to write your answer inside the box.