



2012 Academic Challenge

ENGLISH TEST - STATE FINAL

This Test Consists of 100 Questions

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Be sure ovals are marked as  , not  ,  ,  , etc.

If you wish to change an answer, erase your first mark completely before marking your new choice.

You are advised to use your time effectively and to work as rapidly as you can without losing accuracy. Do not waste your time on questions that seem too difficult for you. Go on to the other questions, and then come back to the difficult ones later if time remains.

***** TIME: 40 MINUTES *****

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Choose the standard spelling for each word in items 1 – 10.

1. a. Parsimonious
b. Parsemonious
c. Parcemonious
d. Parcimonious
e. Parsimoneous
2. a. Lacconic
b. Lecanic
c. Laconic
d. Leconic
e. Laeconic
3. a. Caccophony
b. Cacophany
c. Cacaphony
d. Cacophony
e. Cacofone
4. a. Pulcritude
b. Pulchritude
c. Pullcritude
d. Pulcratude
e. Pullcratude
5. a. Xenophobia
b. Xenaphobia
c. Xenophoebia
d. Xennophobia
e. Xeniphobia
6. a. Cuneform
b. Cuneiform
c. Cueniform
d. Cuniform
e. Cuniforme
7. a. Temb्रे
b. Tymbre
c. Timbre
d. Tymber
e. Tambre
8. a. Hegeminy
b. Hegemany
c. Hedgemany
d. Hegemony
e. Heggemony
9. a. Gastronamy
b. Gastronemy
c. Gastranemy
d. Gastronny
e. Gastronomy
10. a. Veresimilitude
b. Verisymilitude
c. Verisymillitude
d. Verasimillitude
e. Verisimilitude

Select the answer that best explains the meaning of the word in boldface type.

11. It was an **aberration** for that team to win.
- Astounding success
 - Disaster
 - Departure from the norm
 - Gamble
 - Momentous event
12. He is **apathetic** about the coming election.
- Excessively emotional
 - Encouraging of others
 - Uncaring, unconcerned
 - Strongly partisan
 - Completely neutral
13. The story was **apocryphal**.
- Exciting
 - Biblical
 - Accurate
 - Unkind
 - Fictitious
14. There is little **arable** land in that part of the state.
- Dry
 - Wooded
 - Swampy
 - Suitable for growing crops
 - Having clay soil
15. The dessert was **cloysingly** sweet.
- Pleasantly
 - Slightly
 - Sickeningly
 - As if made with honey
 - As if artificially sweetened
16. I did not want to encounter that **virago**.
- Overbearing woman
 - Problem, difficulty
 - Dangerous curve
 - Challenging exam
 - Ogre
17. The speaker **decried** the actions undertaken by Congress.
- Applauded
 - Explained
 - Spoke about
 - Expressed disapproval of
 - Showed no concern for
18. Are we **culpable** for doing this?
- Blameworthy
 - Likely to be appreciated
 - Getting in over our heads
 - Able to get paid
 - Covered by insurance
19. The teacher asked us to write a **vignette**.
- A short story
 - A one-act play
 - A short descriptive sketch
 - A letter of apology
 - An invitation
20. Her **melismatic** interpretation of the song received a round of applause.
- Emotionally charged
 - Having several notes sung within one syllable
 - Rhythmic, having a beat
 - Clearly enunciated
 - Easily understood
21. The **nacreous** clouds glowed on the horizon.
- Having a yellowish glow
 - Reflecting light from the sun
 - Long, thin, wispy
 - Strangely shaped
 - Having the shine of a mollusk shell
22. We could detect his **hircine** odor when he entered the room.
- Sweaty, as resulting from work
 - Unclean, unbathed
 - Like stale cooking odors
 - Like the smell of a goat
 - Resulting from excessive use of hair pomade and/or cologne
23. Did you know that Max is an **oenophile**?
- Lover of wine
 - Lover of good food
 - Sheep farmer
 - Book collector
 - Senior citizen

24. That area of the coast is known for its **pellucid** waters.
- Polluted
 - Murky
 - Mineral-filled
 - Light-reflecting
 - Bright blue
25. Their disagreement was quite **jejune**.
- Juvenile
 - Well known
 - Vociferous
 - Serious
 - Vengeful
26. Isaac Asimov was a **prolific** writer.
- Famous
 - Profound
 - Skillful
 - Writing essays
 - Abundantly productive
27. The motel room was surprisingly **commodious**.
- Well decorated
 - Roomy
 - Expensive
 - Conveniently located
 - Well equipped
28. He worked as a **lapidary** for a downtown business.
- Accountant specializing in payroll
 - Messenger
 - Security guard
 - Maker of gold jewelry
 - Gem cutter
29. Cirque de Soleil is known for the **éclat** of its productions.
- Settings and costumes
 - Dazzling effect
 - Perfect timing
 - Amazing skill
 - Expensive tickets
30. The pundits **bluviated** about the recent event.
- Commented on
 - Spoke verbosely
 - Failed to speak logically
 - Spoke rudely, interrupting each other
 - Provided little insight into

Select the word or words that best fit in the blank or blanks.

31. Once Henry Clay Frick had bought the _____ portrait by Rembrandt and placed it in his mansion, the walls around demanded work of equal _____.
- expensive----realism
 - magisterial----caliber
 - unusual----majesty
 - notorious----sublimity
 - garish----refinement
32. The _____ bookkeeping system _____ organized by Frick is evidence of his obsession with order.
- careless----thoughtlessly
 - documented----purposefully
 - operative----incredulously
 - traditional----carefully
 - elaborate----meticulously

33. Otto Gunkunst was a _____ and talented art dealer whose _____ was a match for Bernard Berenson's.
- knowledgeable----expertise
 - wily----success
 - fortunate----skill
 - thorough----luck
 - well-educated----tenacity
34. Uncle Marvin is a(n) _____ man whom we can always count on for a warm greeting, a smile, and then a funny story.
- somber
 - aloof
 - jocund
 - amenable
 - caustic
35. In all _____, even though you may not care to hear it, I feel that I must tell you that you are on the wrong track with this project.
- sincerity
 - sympathy
 - concern
 - candor
 - deference

Choose the word that best completes the statement.

36. When told that the cake was a cross between a pound cake and a sponge cake, Dan responded that it must be a “spounge” cake. The word *spounge* could be considered
- a slang word.
 - a colloquialism.
 - dialect.
 - a neologism.
 - a malapropism.
37. When she needed help stacking chairs, Sue asked me to lend a hand. The expression “lend a hand” shows the use of
- a simile.
 - personification.
 - metonymy.
 - dialect.
 - meiosis.
38. The word *somnolence*, which means a state of drowsiness or sleepiness, comes from a Latin word *somnus*, which means *sleep*. When we talk about the origins of a word, we are discussing its
- jargon.
 - dialect.
 - denotation.
 - abstraction.
 - etymology.

39. When Captain Charles Boycott, acting on behalf of an absentee landlord in Ireland, evicted tenants who had worked the land and would not accept the conditions offered, he was consequently shunned by potential workers who disagreed with his policies, thereby lending his name to an action whereby someone voluntarily abstains from business or transactions as a form of protest. The word *boycott* is therefore a(n)
- eponym.
 - antonym.
 - homonym.
 - metonym.
 - personification.
40. Some acronyms, like DOB (date of birth), DOA (dead on arrival), DL (driver's license), along with phrases like "disorderly conduct" and "dime bag" are regularly used by the police as they go about their jobs. This kind of language constitutes
- dialect.
 - slang.
 - inflated language.
 - jargon.
 - professional English.

Select the sentence group that best revises any grammatical or punctuation error or significantly improves the style in each of the groups.

41. The amount of dialects in the British Isles consisting of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales is probably more than in the United States even though the region is only a small fraction of the size.
- The number of dialects in the British Isles (consisting of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales) is probably larger than in the United States even though the region is only a small fraction of the size.
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 - The amount of dialect in the British Isles consisting of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales is probably more than in the United States, even though the region is only a small fraction of the size.
 - The number of dialects in the British Isles, consisting of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, are probably more than in the United States even though the region is only a small fraction of the size.
42. If every one of the people who spends hours on the job typing documents would use one of the newly designed ergonomic keyboards, it would greatly decrease the amount of money spent in this country to effectively treat painful physical problems caused by repetitive motion.
- Use of one of the newly designed ergonomic keyboards by every person who spends hours on the job typing would greatly decrease the amount of money spent in this country to treat painful physical problems caused by repetitive motion.
 - If every one of the people who spend hours on the job typing documents would use one of the newly designed ergonomic keyboards, the amount of money spent in this country to treat painful physical problems caused by repetitive motion would greatly decrease.
 - If every person who spends hours on the job typing would use one of the newly designed ergonomic keyboards, we could greatly decrease the amount of money spent in this country to treat effectively painful physical problems caused by repetitive motion.
 - Use of one of the newly designed ergonomic keyboards by every person who spends hours on the job typing would greatly decrease the amount of money spent in this country to effectively treat painful physical problems caused by repetitive motion.

43. People find the idea of owning books, movies, and recordings that they have enjoyed very appealing; the reality, however, is that most of these items end up simply sitting on bookshelves, gathering dust, and taking up valuable space in their homes.
- No change is necessary.
 - People find the idea of owning books, movies and recordings that they have enjoyed very appealing; however, the reality is that most of these items end up simply sitting on bookshelves, gathering dust and taking up valuable space in their homes.
 - People find the idea of owning books, movies, and recordings that they have enjoyed very appealing, but the reality is that most of these items end up simply sitting on bookshelves, gathering dust, and taking up valuable space in their homes.
 - All versions of this sentence are correct.
44. One of photography's basic principals of composition is referred to as the "rule of thirds;" it holds that important subjects in a photograph are most effectively placed at the intersection of vertical and horizontal lines which divide the frame into thirds.
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45. Our refrigerator door is the place in our home that attracts all things magnetic; magnetic business cards, magnetic clips for holding recipes, magnetic buttons advertising vacation spots, and so on, ad nauseam.
- No change is necessary.
 - Our refrigerator door is the place in our home that attracts all things magnetic: magnetic business cards, magnetic clips for holding recipes, magnetic buttons advertising vacation spots, etc., ad nauseam.
 - Our refrigerator door is the place in our home that attracts all things magnetic: magnetic business cards, magnetic clips for holding recipes, magnetic buttons advertising vacation spots, and so on, *ad nauseam*.
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46. Constantly exposed to excessively loud noise every night for many years, permanent hearing loss often afflicts musicians and technicians who work for rock bands.
- No change is necessary.
 - Constantly exposed to excessively loud noise every night for many years, musicians and technicians who work for rock bands often suffer from permanent hearing loss.
 - Constantly exposed to excessively loud noise every night for many years, permanent hearing loss is often suffered by musicians and technicians who work for rock bands.
 - Constantly exposed to excessively loud noise every night for many years, scientific studies have shown that musicians and technicians who work for rock bands often suffer from permanent hearing loss.

47. The terrible car wreck apparently did not effect the patient's cheerful personality in any permanent way; although she did accept an offer to arrange a visit with the resident psychiatrist while she was still in the hospital.
- No change is necessary.
 - The terrible car wreck apparently did not affect the patient's cheerful personality in any permanent way; although, while still in the hospital, she did except an offer to arrange a visit with the resident psychiatrist.
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48. Because digital photographs are so easily manipulated, because public demand for sensational stories has become so intense, and access to personal information has become so widespread, we must demand that our government take steps to protect us against the spread of false information and harmful invasion of our personal privacy.
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49. Before he left office, President Bush set an agenda for space exploration that included return trips to the Moon and ultimately a manned trip to Mars, but President Obama's administration asked should we spend money going to the moon and made plans to visit an asteroid instead.
- No change is necessary.
 - Before he left office, President Bush set an agenda for space exploration that included return trips to the Moon and ultimately a manned trip to Mars, but the Obama administration asked, should we spend money going to the moon, and made plans to visit an asteroid instead.
 - Before he left office, President Bush set an agenda for space exploration that included return trips to the moon and ultimately a manned trip to Mars, but the Obama administration questioned this proposal and made plans to visit an asteroid instead.
 - Before he left office, President Bush set an agenda for space exploration that included return trips to the Moon and ultimately a manned trip to Mars, but President Obama's administration asked should we spend money going to the moon or make plans to visit an asteroid instead?

50. Computer word processors have proved to be so successful that typewriters are fast becoming relics of the past, so, when a recent story broke that the very last typewriter had been manufactured in India, the news media was flooded with items bemoaning the passing of the ancient machine.
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51. The administration and the Board of Trustees should work to encourage every alumni to contribute at least a small amount to the Centennial Fund Drive that has just been launched in an effort to build the endowment and provide more scholarships to needy students.
- No change is necessary.
 - The administration and the Board of Trustees should work to encourage every alumnus to contribute at least a small amount to the Centennial Fund Drive that the University has just launched in an effort to build the endowment and provide more scholarships to needy students.
 - The administration and the Board of Trustees should work to encourage every one of our alumni to contribute at least a small amount to the Centennial Fund Drive that the University has just launched in an effort to build the endowment and provide more scholarships to needy students.
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52. A recent news article highlighted a group of dedicated scholars who have been working for 20 years to meticulously compare versions of Old Testament texts and prepare a variorum edition that shows all of the variations; therefore, at this rate they should complete their task in a mere 200 years.
- No change is necessary.
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 - A recent news article highlighted a group of dedicated scholars who have been working for 20 years to meticulously compare versions of Old Testament texts and prepare a variorum edition that shows all of the variations; because at this rate they should complete their task in a mere 200 years.

53. The report on the increasing crime rate in the inner city says, “the municipal government must allocate significant additional funds to support law enforcement,” if the level of criminal activity is to be brought down to acceptable levels.
- No change is necessary.
 - The report on the increasing crime rate in the inner city says, “The municipal government must allocate significant additional funds to support law enforcement.” if the level of criminal activity is to be brought down to acceptable levels.
 - The report on the increasing crime rate in the inner city says that “the municipal government must allocate significant additional funds to support law enforcement” if the level of criminal activity is to be brought down to acceptable levels.
 - The report on the increasing crime rate in the inner city says: “The municipal government must allocate significant additional funds to support law enforcement” if the level of criminal activity is to be brought down to acceptable levels.
54. Brandon came into the kitchen in search of his mother, crying, “Mommy! Mommy! Johnny called me a wing nut with the screw loose!”
- No change is necessary.
 - Brandon came into the kitchen in search of his mother, crying, “Mommy! Mommy! Johnny called me ‘a wing nut with the screw loose!’”
 - Brandon came into the kitchen in search of his mother, crying, “Mommy! Mommy! Johnny called me “a wing nut with the screw loose!”
 - Brandon came into the kitchen in search of his mother, crying, “Mommy! Mommy! Johnny said, ‘I was a wing nut with the screw loose!’”
55. Although the meal was a big disappointment, we ate it all anyway just because, when you pay an exorbitant price for something, you want to get your moneys worth.
- No change is necessary.
 - Although the meal was a big disappointment, we ate it all anyway, just because when you pay an exorbitant price for something you want to get your money’s worth.
 - Although the meal was a big disappointment, we ate it all anyway just because, when we pay an exorbitant price for something, we want to get our moneys worth.
 - Although the meal was a big disappointment, we ate it all anyway just because, when we pay an exorbitant price for something, we want to get our money’s worth.
56. The bridge that spans the widest river in the state is in desperate need of repair, but the state legislature, which cites a shortage of uncommitted revenue, has been reluctant to appropriate the necessary funds.
- No change is necessary.
 - The bridge, that spans the widest river in the state, is in desperate need of repair, but the state legislature, which cites a shortage of uncommitted revenue, has been reluctant to appropriate the necessary funds.
 - The bridge, which spans the widest river in the state, is in desperate need of repair, but the state legislature, who site a shortage of uncommitted revenue, has been reluctant to appropriate the necessary funds.
 - The bridge that spans the widest river in the state is in desperate need of repair, but the state legislature, who site a shortage of uncommitted revenue, has been reluctant to appropriate the necessary funds.

57. The wheels that are used in the movement of the new precision telescope are the roundest shape that modern manufacturing techniques can produce.
- No change is necessary.
 - The wheels, which are used in the movement of the new precision telescope, are the roundest shape that modern manufacturing techniques can produce.
 - The wheels, that are used in the movement of the new precision telescope, are the roundest shape that modern manufacturing techniques can produce.
 - The wheels that are used in the movement of the new precision telescope are the most nearly round shape that modern manufacturing techniques can produce.
58. Mr. Charlie Crump with his brother, whom I believe is named Chris, know how to develop a new business successfully. Mr. Crump and him have made a great deal of money from a restaurant chain that started as a tiny store in a Memphis strip mall called Crispy Curlers.
- No change is necessary.
 - Mr. Charlie Crump with his brother, who I believe is named Chris, knows how to develop a new business successfully. Mr. Crump and he have made a great deal of money from a restaurant chain that started as a tiny store called Crispy Curlers in a Memphis strip mall.
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59. Retailers send millions and millions of dollars worth of junk mail to people who really don't want to receive it because the retailers believe that even if a tiny percentage of people who receive their mailings can be convinced that there is even one little thing in the advertising that they desire to purchase by mail or by telephone they will make enough money to pay for the advertising and make a tidy profit besides.
- No change is necessary.
 - Retailers send millions of dollars worth of junk mail to people because they believe that, even if a tiny percentage of people respond, they will make enough money to pay for the advertising and make a tidy profit.
 - Retailers spend millions sending junk mail to people in the belief that even a tiny response will earn them enough to cover expenses and make a tidy profit.
 - Retailers send millions of dollars' worth of junk mail to people because they believe that if even a tiny percentage can be convinced to buy, they will make enough money to pay for the advertising and make a tidy profit besides.
60. When the governor spoke of citizens who take the initiative to help others in time of crisis, he was eluding to the survivors of the recent tornado who worked tirelessly, despite their own losses, to rescue victims trapped in the rubble.
- No change is necessary.
 - When the governor spoke of citizens who take the initiative to help others in time of crisis, he was alluding to the survivors of the recent tornado who worked tirelessly, despite their own losses, to rescue victims trapped in the rubble.
 - When the governor spoke of citizens, who take the initiative to help others in time of crisis, he was alluding to the survivors of the recent tornado who worked tirelessly, despite their own losses, to rescue victims trapped in the rubble.
 - When the governor spoke of citizens who take the initiative to help others in time of crisis, he was eluding to the survivors of the recent tornado, who worked tirelessly, despite their own losses, to rescue victims trapped in the rubble.

Select the best answer to each question.

61. A research paper includes this quotation: “Taylor’s psychological interpretation is clearly the result of careful study of Lacanian [psychoanalytic] theory.” The use of brackets indicates
- a revision of the original text.
 - a superposition to the original text.
 - an interpolation to the original text.
 - an interposition to the original text.
 - an adulteration of the original text.
62. *Prioritization of advertising directed at the most receptive audience may be used as a strategy for increasing sales.* The sentence is ineffective for what reasons?
- The sentence starts with a nominalization and uses a passive construction.
 - The idea could be expressed in fewer words.
 - The sentence uses polysyllabic words.
 - The sentence is difficult to read quickly.
 - The sentence is a run-on.
- Reasons 1 and 2
 - Reasons 1 and 5
 - Reasons 2 and 3
 - Reasons 3 and 5
 - All of the above reasons
63. *We believed that Percival was honest, but him taking the answer key for the test from the teacher’s desk is evidence that he yielded to temptation at least once.* This sentence contains a usage error because
- a preposition that could be implied by the structure of the sentence need not be stated.
 - a gerund requires that a preceding pronoun be in the possessive case.
 - a relative pronoun and a personal pronoun should not be used right next to one another.
 - the first verb in the sentence is in the past tense, all the verbs that follow should also be past tense.
 - since a desk is typically used by more than one teacher, the word “teacher” should be plural possessive.
64. When the narrator of *Star Trek* announces that the mission of the *U.S.S. Enterprise* is “to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life forms and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before,” he violates current conventions of formal writing because
- he is guilty of hyperbole.
 - he has not used gender neutral language.
 - he repeats forms of the same verb.
 - he should not place an adverb between the parts of an infinitive.
 - he is guilty of hamartia.
- Which endings may correctly complete the sentence:
- 1 and 4
 - 1 and 3
 - 2 and 5
 - 2 and 4
 - 3 and 5

65. In a famous line from Shakespeare, Iago tells Othello, “Who steals my purse steals trash” Which of these statements best describes the grammatical structure?
- The subject of the main verb is a noun clause.
 - The subject of the main verb is a relative pronoun.
 - The direct object of the main verb is “purse.”
 - The indirect object of the main verb is “purse.”
 - The subject of both verbs is the same word.
66. *Whenever Andy and Opie, our pet dogs, are presented with two identical dishes of dog food, they inevitably fight over possession of the dish on the left and leave the dish on the right untouched.* Which phrase best describes the verb in the subordinate clause?
- Present progressive tense
 - Present tense, subjunctive mood
 - Present perfect tense
 - Present tense, active voice
 - Present tense, passive voice
67. The sentence in the question above includes the phrase, “our pet dogs.” What grammatical label applies to this phrase?
- A prepositional phrase
 - A dependent clause
 - An appositive
 - An adjective phrase
 - An interjection
68. *The most conservative candidate in the political field, who has promised his constituents to completely abolish the state income tax, is likely to win the Republican nomination for governor by a landslide vote.* The word group that begins and ends with commas in this sentence is
- an appositive clause.
 - an adverb clause.
 - an essential clause that describes a fact that is important for understanding the sentence
 - a restrictive adjective clause.
 - a non-restrictive adjective clause.
69. *A möbius strip, an object that apparently has only one side, serves to remind us that words like “front” and “back” are really mental conventions and not accurate descriptions of the world that surrounds us.* In describing this sentence, which of these statements are true?
- Words used to represent themselves are placed in quotation marks.
 - Words in quotation marks are borrowed from a secondary source.
 - The sentence uses commas incorrectly.
 - The sentence uses commas correctly.
 - Words borrowed from foreign languages should be avoided.
- 1 and 3
 - 1 and 4
 - 3 and 5
 - 1 and 5
 - 2 and 4

70. *Although people use electric fans during the summer months to help them endure the heat, many people do not understand that the fans do not cool the air; they only increase the speed with which perspiration evaporates.* Which statements about this sentence are true?
1. The sentence could be improved by eliminating some repeated words.
 2. The writer of the sentence could have used a dash instead of a semicolon.
 3. The writer could have placed the adverb clause at the end of the sentence.
 4. The direct object of the first independent clause is a noun clause.
- a. 1 and 4
 - b. 1 and 2
 - c. 2 and 4
 - d. 1, 2 and 4
 - e. 2, 3, and 4

Read this selection from Herman Melville’s short story “Bartleby the Scrivener” and then answer the questions that follow it.

At the period just preceding the advent of Bartleby, I had two persons as copyists in my employment, and a promising lad as an office-boy. First, Turkey; second, Nippers; third, Ginger Nut. These may seem names, the like of which are not usually found in the Directory. In truth they were nicknames, mutually conferred upon each other by my three clerks, and were deemed expressive of their respective persons or characters. Turkey was a short, pursy Englishman of about my own age, that is, somewhere not far from sixty. In the morning, one might say, his face was of a fine florid hue, but after twelve o’clock, meridian—his dinner hour—it blazed like a grate full of Christmas coals; and continued blazing—but, as it were, with a gradual wane—till 6 o’clock, P. M. or thereabouts, after which I saw no more of the proprietor of the face, which gaining its meridian with the sun, seemed to set with it, to rise, culminate, and decline the following day, with the like regularity and undiminished glory. There are many singular coincidences I have known in the course of my life, not the least among which was the fact, that exactly when Turkey displayed his fullest beams from his red and radiant countenance, just then, too, at that critical moment, began the daily period when I considered his business capacities as seriously disturbed for the remainder of the twenty-four hours. Not that he was absolutely idle, or averse to business then; far from it. The difficulty was, he was apt to be altogether too energetic. There was a strange, inflamed, flurried, flighty recklessness of activity about him. He would be incautious in dipping his pen into his inkstand. All his blots upon my documents, were dropped there after twelve o’clock, meridian. Indeed, not only would he be reckless and sadly given to making blots in the afternoon, but some days he went further, and was rather noisy. At such times, too, his face flamed with augmented blazonry, as if cannel coal had been heaped on anthracite. He made an unpleasant racket with his chair; spilled his sand-box; in mending his pens, impatiently split them all to pieces, and threw them on the floor in a sudden passion; stood up and leaned over his table, boxing his papers about in a most indecorous manner, very sad to behold in an elderly man like him. Nevertheless, as he was in many ways a most valuable person to me, and all the time before twelve o’clock, meridian, was the quickest, steadiest creature too, accomplishing a great deal of work in a style not easy to be matched—for these reasons, I was willing to overlook his eccentricities, though indeed, occasionally, I remonstrated with him. I did this very gently, however, because, though the civilest, nay, the blandest and most reverential of men in the morning, yet in the afternoon he was disposed, upon provocation, to be slightly rash with his tongue, in fact, insolent. Now, valuing his morning services as I did, and resolved not to lose them; yet, at the same time made uncomfortable by his inflamed ways after twelve o’clock; and being a man of peace, unwilling by my admonitions to call forth unseemly retorts from him; I took upon me, one Saturday noon (he was always worse on Saturdays), to hint to him, very kindly, that perhaps now that he was growing old, it might be well to abridge his labors; in short, he need not come to my chambers after twelve o’clock, but, dinner over, had best go home to his lodgings and rest himself till tea-time. But no; he insisted upon his afternoon devotions. His countenance became intolerably

fervid, as he oratorically assured me—gesticulating with a long ruler at the other end of the room—that if his services in the morning were useful, how indispensable, then, in the afternoon

“With submission, sir,” said Turkey on this occasion, “I consider myself your right-hand man. In the morning I but marshal and deploy my columns; but in the afternoon I put myself at their head, and gallantly charge the foe, thus—and he made a violent thrust with the ruler.

“But the blots, Turkey,” intimated I.

“True,—but, with submission, sir, behold these hairs! I am getting old. Surely, sir, a blot or two of a warm afternoon is not to be severely urged against gray hairs. Old age—even if it blot the page—is honorable. With submission, sir, we *both* are getting old.”

This appeal to my fellow-feeling was hardly to be resisted. At all events, I saw that go he would not. So I made up my mind to let him stay, resolving, nevertheless, to see to it, that during the afternoon he had to do with my less important papers.

71. Which description best fits the scrivener called by the nickname Turkey?
- He was the older and more experienced of the two scribes who worked for the narrator.
 - He was nervous and edgy, often orating while waving a ruler about.
 - He was lazy and indolent, looking for any excuse to leave work and go home.
 - He was a careful and exact copyist in the morning and, after noon, a sloppy one.
 - He was indulgent and generous, always kind to the other workers.
72. One can gather from this description that a scrivener is someone whose main duty is to
- run errands for his boss.
 - file the accumulation of paperwork.
 - copy documents in his own handwriting.
 - greet visitors and take care of their needs.
 - do whatever it takes to make the office run smoothly.
73. Given his response to Turkey, we can say that the narrator is
- short tempered.
 - a perfectionist.
 - exceptionally patient with his workers.
 - inexperienced.
 - unconcerned about the welfare of his workers.
74. Turkey’s most distinctive physical characteristic is his
- white hair which falls over his glasses, obscuring his vision.
 - manner of working, tapping his foot in rhythm with his pen.
 - awkward gait which causes him to collide with the office furniture.
 - bright blue eyes which become more vivid as he got angry.
 - florid complexion, which gets redder as the day goes on.
75. The title of the story tells you that it will be about Bartleby who, like Turkey, is a scrivener, and the narrator tells you about those who worked in the office “before the advent of Bartleby.” If Bartleby is the most important character, why does Melville describe Turkey at such length?
- The description introduces you to the kind of work done by a scrivener.
 - The description introduces you to characteristics of the narrator that might be important in his relationship to Bartleby.
 - The description sets up the conflict that will be central to the story.
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76. When the narrator says that he remonstrated with Turkey, he means that he
- pled with him to do better.
 - protested against his actions.
 - praised him for the good work he did in the mornings.
 - asked him what was wrong.
 - chastised him for his sloppiness.
77. The narrator says, “There was a strange, inflamed, flurried, flighty recklessness of activity about him.” This sentence demonstrates the use of
- hyperbole.
 - alliteration.
 - assonance.
 - onomatopoeia.
 - understatement.
78. When the narrator says that Turkey has eccentricities, he means that he has
- oddities of behavior.
 - responsibilities to his family.
 - exceptional knowledge in his field.
 - bad habits that he ought to break.
 - unusual hobbies.
79. In sentences such as “ ‘But the blots, Turkey,’ intimated I” and “At all events, I saw that go he would not,” Melville is
- speaking rhetorically.
 - using sentence inversion.
 - speaking in the subjunctive mood.
 - using inductive reasoning.
 - subordinating less important information.
80. Turkey boxed his papers about “in a most indecorous manner.” In all likelihood, he
- rattled the papers noisily in a distracting manner.
 - tore the papers up, destroying the work they represented.
 - packed the papers in boxes in an irritating manner.
 - packed his papers in boxes in an unseemly fashion.
 - struck at the papers in an unseemly fashion.

Read the poem “Mutation” by William Cullen Bryant and answer the questions that follow it.

They talk of short-lived pleasure--be it so—
 Pain dies as quickly: stern, hard-featured pain
 Expires, and lets her weary prisoner go.
 The fiercest agonies have shortest reign;
 And after dreams of horror, comes again
 The welcome morning with its rays of peace.
 Oblivion, softly wiping out the stain,
 Makes the strong secret pangs of shame to cease.
 Remorse is virtue's root; its fair increase
 Are fruits of innocence and blessedness:
 Thus joy, o'erborne and bound, doth still release
 His young limbs from the chains that round him press.
 Weep not that the world changes--did it keep
 A stable changeless state, 'twere cause indeed to weep.

81. Which statement best represents what Bryant says in the first three lines of this poem?
- Pleasure is short lived, while pain lasts for a long time.
 - Both pleasure and pain have short lives.
 - You can count on having both pleasure and pain in life.
 - As humans, we are constantly imprisoned by pain.
 - People gossip about those who indulge too much in pleasure.
82. Another statement that can be drawn from this poem is that
- a sense of guilt is the result of innocence.
 - when one has done wrong, it is soon forgotten.
 - hardships bring virtue.
 - virtue is its own reward.
 - we all need to forget the wrongs done us and forgive others.
83. At the end of the poem, Bryant tells his reader
- to enjoy the many changes of life.
 - to deal with whatever life brings bravely.
 - that were the world always the same, we would indeed be sorry.
 - to accept change as an inevitable part of life.
 - that pain is the price of living.
84. This poem can be considered
- an ode.
 - an elegy.
 - a narrative poem.
 - a Shakespearean sonnet.
 - a Petrarchan sonnet.
85. What best describes this poem?
- an octave and a sestet
 - a series of couplets
 - three quatrains and a couplet
 - blank verse set in iambic pentameter
 - two sestets followed by a couplet
86. Like many of Bryant's poems, this one is **didactic**. That means that it
- is skillfully rhymed.
 - is philosophical.
 - reflects his personal experience.
 - uses few specifics.
 - offers a lesson about life.
87. The use of words such as "o'erborne" and "'twere" indicate that
- the poem is written in dialect.
 - the poet uses diction typical of nineteenth century poetry.
 - the poet liked to use abbreviated forms of words for the sake of brevity.
 - the poet manipulated language in order to achieve rhyme.
 - the poet attempted to use the language of the common people of his day.

88. The title “Mutation” fits this poem because
- it takes an idea and develops it through various stages.
 - its basic idea is that things always work out for the best.
 - it reflects Cullen’s interest in Darwinian evolution, of which mutation is an important aspect.
 - it focuses on the ways in which life brings surprises.
 - it says that change is an inevitable aspect of life that we should appreciate.
89. Bryant writes, “Stern, hard featured pain / Expires.” In these words, he is using
- a simile.
 - hyperbole.
 - metonymy.
 - personification.
 - assonance.
90. Select the statement that explains why Bryant uses a colon to punctuate these lines:
*Pain dies as quickly: stern, hard-featured pain
 Expires, and lets her weary prisoner go.*
- The second part of the statement explains the first.
 - The second part of the statement completes the first.
 - The second part of the statement is a complete sentence.
 - The first part of the statement simply introduces the second part.
 - It was Bryant’s personal idiosyncrasy to use colons where other people would not do so.

Read this selection from Thomas de Quincey’s essay “On the Knocking at the Gate in MacBeth,” and answer the questions that follow it.

In Macbeth, for the sake of gratifying his own enormous and teeming faculty of creation, Shakspeare has introduced two murderers: and, as usual in his hands, they are remarkably discriminated: but, though in Macbeth the strife of mind is greater than in his wife, the tiger spirit not so awake, and his feelings caught chiefly by contagion from her,—yet, as both were finally involved in the guilt of murder, the murderous mind of necessity is finally to be presumed in both. This was to be expressed; and on its own account, as well as to make it a more proportionable antagonist to the unoffending nature of their victim, “the gracious Duncan,” and adequately to expound “the deep damnation of his taking off,” this was to be expressed with peculiar energy. We were to be made to feel that the human nature, *i.e.*, the divine nature of love and mercy, spread through the hearts of all creatures, and seldom utterly withdrawn from man,—was gone, vanished, extinct; and that the fiendish nature had taken its place. And, as this effect is marvellously accomplished in the *dialogues* and *soliloquies* themselves, so it is finally consummated by the expedient under consideration; and it is to this that I now solicit the reader’s attention. If the reader has ever witnessed a wife, daughter, or sister, in a fainting fit, he may chance to have observed that the most affecting moment in such a spectacle, is *that* in which a sigh and a stirring announce the recommencement of suspended life. Or, if the reader has ever been present in a vast metropolis, on the day when some great national idol was carried in funeral pomp to his grave, and chancing to walk near the course through which it passed, has felt powerfully, in the silence and desertion of the streets and in the stagnation of ordinary business, the deep interest which at that moment was possessing the heart of man,—if all at once he should hear the death-like stillness broken up by the sound of wheels rattling away from the scene, and making known that the transitory vision was dissolved, he will be aware that at no moment was his sense of the complete suspension and pause in ordinary human concerns so full and affecting, as at that moment when the suspension ceases, and the goings-on of human life are suddenly resumed. All action in any direction is best expounded, measured, and made apprehensible, by reaction. Now apply this to the case in Macbeth. Here,

as I have said, the retiring of the human heart and the entrance of the fiendish heart was to be expressed and made sensible. Another world has stepped in; and the murderers are taken out of the region of human things, human purposes, human desires. They are transfigured: Lady Macbeth is “unsexed;” Macbeth has forgot that he was born of woman; both are conformed to the image of devils; and the world of devils is suddenly revealed. But how shall this be conveyed and made palpable? In order that a new world may step in, this world must for a time disappear. The murderers, and the murder, must be insulated—cut off by an immeasurable gulph from the ordinary tide and succession of human affairs—locked up and sequestered in some deep recess; we must be made sensible that the world of ordinary life is suddenly arrested—laid asleep—tranced—racked into a dread armistice: time must be annihilated; relation to things without abolished; and all must pass self-withdrawn into a deep syncope and suspension of earthly passion. Hence it is, that when the deed is done, when the work of darkness is perfect, then the world of darkness passes away like a pageantry in the clouds: the knocking at the gate is heard; and it makes known audibly that the reaction has commenced: the human has made its reflux upon the fiendish; the pulses of life are beginning to beat again; and the re-establishment of the goings-on of the world in which we live, first makes us profoundly sensible of the awful parenthesis that had suspended them.

O, mighty poet! Thy works are not as those of other men, simply and merely great works of art; but are also like the phenomena of nature, like the sun and the sea, the stars and the flowers,—like frost and snow, rain and dew, hail-storm and thunder, which are to be studied with entire submission of our own faculties, and in the perfect faith that in them there can be no too much or too little, nothing useless or inert—but that, the further we press in our discoveries, the more we shall see proofs of design and self-supporting arrangement where the careless eye had seen nothing but accident.

91. When De Quincey says that the two murderers, Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, are “remarkably discriminated,” he is saying that
- they are very much alike.
 - each has distinguishing characteristics.
 - the rest of the cast of characters has turned against them.
 - their villainy is well portrayed.
 - each has the power to discern the motives of the other.
92. De Quincey suggests that Macbeth
- is influenced by his wife to commit the deed of murder.
 - implicates his wife in the murder against her will.
 - has plotted for years to gain power any way he can, even if it involves murder.
 - is Shakespeare’s most supreme villain.
 - expected not to be punished for his evil deeds.
93. Why does De Quincey mention the possibility of a wife, daughter, or sister fainting?
- It is an extraordinary event in anyone’s life.
 - He compares this to the swooning of Lady Macbeth.
 - It is frightening to see a loved one lose consciousness.
 - His reader can understand it because of experience with it.
 - In his view, sensitive women respond to the bloodiness of *Macbeth*.
94. What is the pivotal element of the funeral scene described by De Quincey?
- The complete quietness and cessation of all activity
 - The tears of the bystanders
 - The sound of wheels rattling away from the scene
 - The sound of the viewer’s heart beating as the great man goes to his grave
 - The sound of bells ringing mournfully

95. Why does De Quincey put quotation marks around the word “unsexed”?
- He wants to make its status as a slang word clear.
 - He is quoting Shakespeare’s play.
 - It is not an actual word, but rather an invented one.
 - He wants to draw special attention to the word.
 - For the modern-day reader, there’s no reason to do so.
96. According to De Quincey, what helps us to understand any action?
- Reaction to the event
 - Tone of voice
 - What others say about it
 - Facial expressions that go with the action
 - Explanations offered by critics such as him
97. According to De Quincey, what happens to the Macbeths when they undertake murder?
- They live in constant fear of discovery.
 - They become their true selves.
 - They learn to hide their villainy behind false faces.
 - They are transformed into devil-like beings.
 - They gloat over what they will gain by the murder.
98. In order for the audience to understand what is happening to the Macbeths, De Quincey says, it must witness
- the bloody murders.
 - the effects of the murders on the families of the victims.
 - the effects of the murders on the Macbeths themselves.
 - the rationalization by which they plot the murders.
 - the way in which the Macbeths enter their own world, cut off from others.
99. In De Quincey’s interpretation of the play, what reinforces the audience’s reaction to the cruelty of murder?
- Lady Macbeth carries the bloody knife on to the stage.
 - The knocking on the door takes life back to its usual circumstances.
 - We see Duncan’s lifeless body carried on to the stage.
 - The screams at the discovery of Duncan’s body pierce the air.
 - The shadowy darkness in which the deed takes place, with just enough light for the audience to see what is happening.
100. De Quincey says that Shakespeare (for whom he uses an alternate spelling) is the greatest of playwrights because
- his plays have plots that intrigue viewers and make them want to see how challenges are worked out.
 - his plays reflect reality even when they show flights of fancy.
 - his characters are so fully developed that we feel as if we know them.
 - his knowledge of human nature is expressed in every element of the play.
 - close examination reveals his careful design of the play’s elements.