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Time: 40 Minutes

Number of Questions: 80

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In Items 1-10, choose the standard spelling for each word.

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| 1. | 6. |
| a. Myeopic
b. Myopic
c. Mayopic
d. Miopic | a. Meticulous
b. Metticolous
c. Meticulus
d. Metticulus |
| 2. | 7. |
| a. Divestation
b. Devastation
c. Devestation
d. Devastatien | a. Croisant
b. Crowsant
c. Croissant
d. Crowssant |
| 3. | 8. |
| a. Haywire
b. Hay-wire
c. Hay wire
d. Heywire | a. Pomppus
b. Poumpus
c. Pampous
d. Pompous |
| 4. | 9. |
| a. Moziac
b. Mozaic
c. Mosayic
d. Mosaic | a. Diminyuendo
b. Diminuendo
c. Demenduendo
d. Deminuendo |
| 5. | 10. |
| a. Override
b. Ovveride
c. Override
d. Ovarride | a. Guavah
b. Gwava
c. Ghuava
d. Guava |

In items 11-30, find the answer that best develops the meaning of the word in boldface.

11. Before leaving for winter vacation, make sure your heat is on or the cold may cause your pipes to **rupture**.
- a. Pipes with no heat may begin to smell.
 - b. The cold causes water to solidify and burst the pipes.
 - c. Heat can prevent pipes from rusting.
 - d. The cold may cause pipes to sag.
12. Knowing there were only five seconds on the clock, the basketball player was **emboldened** to take the shot from half-court.
- a. The time running out frightened the basketball player.
 - b. The referee had given the basketball player a special allowance to shoot.
 - c. It would have been impossible to miss.
 - d. Even though it was a difficult shot, the basketball player had nothing to lose by trying.

13. Even if a contract is many pages and contains difficult jargon, the lawyer will read each word **meticulously**.
- The lawyer doesn't allow technical jargon to impress him.
 - The lawyer reads slowly.
 - The contract was poorly written, so the lawyer can't trust everything it says.
 - The lawyer is careful and precise.
14. Don't expect the exam to draw only from the study guide: it will be much more **rigorous**.
- The exam will be thorough and cover many topics.
 - The study guide is too easy to prepare for the exam.
 - The exam will take much longer to complete than the study guide.
 - The exam will contain many more questions than the study guide.
15. I appreciate my friend Daniel, because his **vivacious** personality makes even the most boring class tolerable.
- Daniel probably asks better questions than the other students.
 - Daniel is bold enough to demand that class be cut short.
 - Daniel makes boring classes go quicker by cracking jokes.
 - Daniel brings more energy to the classroom.
16. Although the traffic court judge understands you had a bad week, she does not consider it **pertinent** to your speeding ticket.
- The judge doesn't think your bad week is relevant to you speeding.
 - The judge doesn't think your bad week is a good excuse for speeding.
 - Having a bad week is unlikely to ever cause you to speed.
 - Your bad week is completely unconnected to your speeding.
17. My parents worry that if I pursue music I will **squander** my talents as an engineer.
- If I pursue music, I won't have time to be an engineer.
 - My parents believe my engineering talent will be wasted.
 - Being a musician is less worthwhile than being an engineer.
 - My parents believe pursuing music might reduce my engineering talent.
18. If you are going to be a high school counselor, it's critical to build a **rapport** with your students.
- Your students will trust you more if they know your credentials.
 - Your students will be more willing to speak with you if you have a friendly relationship with them.
 - More time and experience on the job is necessary.
 - Working on a project together will help you get to know your students.
19. Sometimes the singer was exhausted because of all the emotions her music could **elicit**.
- She practices for so long that she is too tired to feel emotional.
 - Singing can be a distraction from her feelings.
 - Music makes her emotions much more dramatic.
 - She often responds to the music with her own emotions.

20. Although many moviegoers enjoyed the film about physicist Stephen Hawking, his family disliked his **depiction**.
- The way he was portrayed in the film may have been unfavorable.
 - Hawking's family was unfairly compensated for the film.
 - The actor who played Hawking was not very good.
 - The actor who played Hawking looked nothing like him.
21. The **animosity** between you and your coworker is why you should move desks.
- You spend too much time during work talking to each other.
 - You are related to each other, and it would be inappropriate to work next to each other.
 - You get into too many fights being this close to each other.
 - You are much too competitive with each other.
22. Although the plot is really exciting, it's difficult to get into the book because it has so much **exposition**.
- The book uses too many technical terms.
 - The book is riddled with typos and other errors.
 - The book spends too many pages explaining what is going on.
 - The book uses so many metaphors it is difficult to understand what's happening.
23. After a long year Luca could not hide his **elation** on the last day of school.
- It was obvious Luca was happy about school being over.
 - Luca was in a terrible mood because he did not want to be in school.
 - Luca had brought some kind of treat for his classmates on the last day of school.
 - It was apparent that Luca had received excellent grades.
24. The class-action lawsuit required a representative who would **exemplify** the experiences of everyone in the case.
- In order to win the case, the representative should be someone who suffered a lot more than anyone else.
 - The representative will make the clients appear much more relatable.
 - The representative will need to record the experiences of the other clients.
 - With so many clients involved, it's important the representative's experiences are a typical example.
25. After grading so many student papers, the professor gave the last one a **cursory** read.
- The professor graded the last paper more generously than the others.
 - The professor didn't read the last paper as closely.
 - The professor gave all the papers equal attention.
 - The professor was unable to finish reading the last paper.

26. Before you attempt another dangerous dieting fad, you should know that it is normal for your weight to **fluctuate**.
- Gaining an unexpected amount of weight is normal.
 - You should be able to predict when you lose or gain weight.
 - Small, unpredictable changes in your weight don't mean you are unhealthy.
 - It's normal that you would be so preoccupied about your weight.
27. If you live in an apartment, it would be better to adopt a **docile** dog.
- With thin apartment walls it's important that the dog does not bark.
 - An older dog will be more comfortable in an apartment.
 - Most apartments are too small for energetic dogs.
 - Dogs will be calmer after they've been spayed or neutered.
28. The investigators first suspected the man was guilty because of his complete **nonchalance** under questioning.
- The investigators found his ability to remain calm in a stressful situation to be suspicious.
 - The investigators thought that he became far too nervous considering the questions were very simple.
 - The man refused to answer any questions.
 - The investigators thought his sense of humor during questioning was inappropriate.
29. Many online shoppers seem to think that complaining will **expedite** their order, but this is not true.
- Complaining won't refund their order.
 - Complaining won't make their order arrive sooner.
 - Many online shoppers are afraid that if they complain, their order may be cancelled.
 - Many online shoppers believe that complaining will help them return an order.
30. It can be difficult for senior citizens to **relinquish** their driver's licenses even if they have gotten into several accidents.
- Even though they are no longer fit to drive, it is hard for senior citizens to give up their independence.
 - After getting into accidents, it will be impossible for senior citizens to renew their driver's licenses.
 - Senior citizens are unsafe drivers and should probably not have driver's licenses.
 - Despite getting into accidents, senior citizens feel safe on the road.

In items 31-35, select the sentence that has no errors in grammar, punctuation, or mechanics.

- 31.
- a. Challenging, yourself to try new things every day is good for you.
 - b. Trying new things, though frightening, can be, rewarding.
 - c. New experiences can also improve your memory, which is often impaired by stress.
 - d. Don't jump out of your comfort zone all at once, though, it will be easier if you take it one step at a time.
- 32.
- a. Coffee won't always make you feel more awake in fact it may be affecting your ability to sleep well.
 - b. Constant consumption of caffeine can keep you awake and negatively affect the quality of your sleep.
 - c. Rather than reaching for another cup of coffee – consider taking vitamin supplements, and going for a morning walk.
 - d. Although this may seem unrealistic, with our busy schedules, it is good advice.
- 33.
- a. Don't keep holding the door open; you are letting in all the cold air.
 - b. While it may feel refreshing to you it is freezing at me.
 - c. You should come enjoy the fire place with myself.
 - d. The weather forecast calls for a blizard tonight.
- 34.
- a. The five-paragraph essay formula was often taught in American schools today.
 - b. Although this formula is popular because it is easy to use and remember, it was too prescriptive to students.
 - c. Essays can actually follow many different formulas, or, even no formula at all.
 - d. What's most important is that you can structure your ideas clearly and logically.
- 35.
- a. Effective writing: can rarely be done all in one night.
 - b. To prevent fatigue, divide a writing assignment into manageable sections.
 - c. On the last day you have before the assignment is due try not to leave more writing – this should be your time for revision.
 - d. Idealy, you would have enough time to let an assignment "sit" until you can return to it with fresh eyes; sadly, this is rarely the cause on the academic schedule.

In items 36-45, select the sentence group that best revises any grammatical or punctuation errors or improves the style. If you see no error, select "no change necessary."

36. Come meet my cousin, Eric, red-headed and an engineer.
- a. Eric, my cousin, is red-headed and an engineer – come meet him.
 - b. Come meet my red-headed, engineer, cousin Eric.
 - c. Come meet my red-headed cousin, Eric, who is an engineer.
 - d. No change necessary

37. Even though the mosquitos are worst that time of year nothing compares to stargazing on a warm July night.
- Even though the mosquitos are worst that time of year, nothing compares to stargazing on a warm July night.
 - Nothing compares to stargazing on a warm July night: even though the mosquitos are worst that time of year.
 - Even though the mosquitos are worst that time of year – nothing compares to stargazing on a warm July night.
 - No change necessary
38. The snow fell in sheets for hours, by the next morning it was clear we were snowed in.
- The snow fell in sheets for hours, by the next morning, it was clear we were snowed in.
 - The snow fell in sheets for hour: by the next morning, it was clear, we were snowed in.
 - The snow fell in sheets for hours. By the next morning, it was clear we were snowed in.
 - No change necessary
39. Let us always remember this we owe so much to the brave men and women, who fought for the rights of all people who came before us.
- Let us always remember this: we owe so much to the brave men and women who fought for the rights of all people who came before us.
 - Let us always remember this: we owe so much to the brave men and women who came before us and fought for the rights of all people.
 - Let us always remember this; we owe so much to the brave men and women who came before us who fought for the rights of all people.
 - No change necessary
40. Will you be joining our staged walk-out at 2pm to protest unfair working conditions?
- Will you be joining our staged walk-out to protest unfair working conditions, at 2pm?
 - Will you be joining our staged walk-out at 2pm: to protest unfair working conditions?
 - Will you be joining our staged walk-out, at 2pm, to protest unfair working conditions?
 - No change necessary
41. The seals eager for their midday meal, began to crowd around the glass, clamoring for fish.
- The seals, eager for their midday meal, began to crowd around the glass and clamor for fish.
 - The seals eager for their midday meal began to crowd around the glass and clamor for fish.
 - The seals, eager for their midday meal, began to crowd around the glass and clamoring for fish.
 - No change necessary
42. The field of nursing requires hard work empathy and resolve.
- The field of nursing requires: hard work, empathy and resolve.
 - The field of nursing requires hard work, empathy, and resolve.
 - Hard work, empathy, and resolve is what the field of nursing requires.
 - No change necessary

43. Lionel jumps over the gate and jogged toward the trees.
- Lionel, jumping over the gate, jogged toward the trees.
 - Lionel jumped over the gate and jogs toward the trees.
 - Lionel jumps over the gate and jogs toward the trees.
 - No change necessary
44. After so many days stuck inside I finally decided to go to the park: then it started to rain of course.
- Of course, it would rain the one day I finally decide to go to the park after so many days of being stuck inside.
 - It started to rain because I went to the park after being stuck inside for days.
 - After so many days stuck inside I finally decided to go the park – of course then ironically it would rain.
 - No change necessary
45. The symphony did an amazing job last night. My mother said she hadn't heard such beautiful flutes since she was in the Army Orchestra.
- The symphony did an amazing job last night; my mother said she hadn't heard such beautiful flutes, since she was in the Army Orchestra.
 - The symphony did an amazing job last night because my mother said she hadn't heard such beautiful flutes since she in the Army Orchestra.
 - The last time my mother heard such beautiful flutes she in the Army Orchestra. The symphony did an amazing job last night.
 - No change necessary

In items 46-50, select the phrase that best describes the underlined words.

46. Do you mind my eating while we talk?
- Gerund
 - Appositive
 - Adverbial phrase
 - Definite article
47. There's an orange marker wedged under the door.
- Definite article
 - Noun
 - Indefinite article
 - Dangling modifier
48. I threw the ball to Jessie.
- Passive voice
 - Coordinating conjunction
 - Correlative conjunction
 - Active voice
49. We had left the store when Dad texted reminding us to buy eggs.
- Present simple tense
 - Past perfect tense
 - Present continuous tense
 - Past simple tense

50. After their childhood dog's death, the whole house was in a state of mourning.

- a. Adjective phrase
- b. Adverbial phrase
- c. Subjunctive mood
- d. Indicative mood

Balthassar Castiglione (1478-1529) was an Italian courtier, diplomat, and author. His *Book of the Courtier* narrates a discussion between aristocratic courtiers at the court of Urbino in the year 1507. The courtiers, high-ranking men who attend on the Duke of Urbino and ensure the court is a center of culture and sophistication, debate what kind of artistic and cultural engagements a courtier should maintain. Below, one courtier argues for the merits of a certain art form over another. Read the passage and answer questions in the following items.

1 For although statues are made in the round, like objects in real life, and painting is seen
2 only on the surface, sculpture lacks many things to be found in painting, and especially
3 light and shade: for example, the natural coloring of the flesh, which appears altogether
4 changed in marble, the painter copies faithfully, using more or less light and shade
5 according to need, which the sculptor cannot do. And even though the painter does not
6 fashion his figures in the round, he does depict the muscles and members of the body
7 round and merging into the unseen parts of his figures in such a way as to demonstrate
8 his knowledge and understanding of these as well. The painter requires still greater skill
9 in depicting members that are foreshortened and taper gradually away from the point
10 of vision, on the principles of perspective. This, by means of proportioned lines, colors,
11 light and shade, simulates foreground and distance on an upright surface, to the degree
12 that the painter wishes. In short, it is beyond [a sculptor's] powers to depict sky, sea,
13 land, mountains, woods, meadows, gardens, rivers, cities or houses; but not beyond the
14 powers of the painter. So it seems to me that painting is nobler and allows of greater
15 artistry than sculpture, and I believe that in the ancient world it reached the same
16 perfection as other things; and this we can see from a few surviving works, especially in
17 the catacombs in Rome, but far more clearly from the evidence of classical literature,
18 which contains so many admiring references to both painting and painters, and informs
19 us of the high esteem in which they were held by governments and rulers.

51. Which two art forms does the speaker compare?

- A. Sculpture and Music
- B. Music and Painting
- C. Painting and Dance
- D. Painting and Sculpture

52. According to Lines 2-5, what is an important metric in debating the value these art forms?

- A. Use of scale
- B. Use of realism
- C. Use of color
- D. Use of impressionism

53. In Line 6, what does it mean an artwork to be “in the round”?
- A. It can be viewed from 360 degrees around the piece
 - B. It has a well-rounded point of view
 - C. It is worthy of being placed in a circular museum room
 - D. It can fit into a round frame
54. In Line 6, the reference to “muscles and members of the body” might be considered evidence of what kind of intellectual influence on the speaker?
- A. Postmodernism
 - B. Contrapposto
 - C. Humanism
 - D. Nihilism
55. What is the purpose of foreshortening, as described in Line 9?
- A. To make the piece viewable to even the shortest viewers
 - B. To create the illusion of distance from the viewer’s perspective
 - C. To carve four wheels of a cart in an artistic way
 - D. To portray historical figures as shorter than they were
56. In Lines 12-14, what does the speaker say about painting?
- A. The form fails in depicting landscapes and cityscapes
 - B. The form fails in depicting cityscapes, but not landscapes
 - C. The form succeeds in depicting landscapes and cityscapes
 - D. The form succeeds in depicting nature, not cities
57. In Line 15, what evidence does the speaker give for the supremacy of his favorite art form?
- A. Its success in the medieval world
 - B. Its success in the Enlightenment period
 - C. Its success in the Romantic period
 - D. Its success in the Classical world
58. In Lines 17-19, where does the speaker say we can find evidence that supports his point?
- A. In literature and in funerary arts
 - B. On great works of architecture
 - C. In galleries and museums
 - D. In the poetry of Shakespeare
59. In Line 19, what does the speaker suggest about governments and rulers?
- A. That they should be satirized by art
 - B. That art and politics should be kept separate
 - C. That we should trust the opinions of great political leaders
 - D. That we should reject the opinions of great political leaders
60. What does the speaker conclude to be the supreme art form?
- A. Painting
 - B. Sculpture
 - C. Architecture
 - D. Poetry

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) was an Irish modernist poet. His contributions to the Irish Literary Revival led to him being awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1923. Read his poem "The Second Coming" (1920) and answer questions in the following items.

- 1 Turning and turning in the widening gyre
- 2 The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
- 3 Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
- 4 Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
- 5 The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
- 6 The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
- 7 The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.

- 8 Surely some revelation is at hand;
- 9 Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
- 10 The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
- 11 When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi
- 12 Troubles my sight: somewhere in the sands of the desert
- 13 A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
- 14 A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
- 15 Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
- 16 Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
- 17 The darkness drops again; but no, I know
- 18 That twenty centuries of stony sleep
- 19 Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
- 20 And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
- 21 Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

61. In Line 1, Yeats uses the image of a gyre. This might be compared to the shape of a
 - A. Sea slug
 - B. Tornado
 - C. Fallen tree
 - D. Raincloud

62. The imagery in Lines 1-7 is best described as
 - A. Apocalyptic
 - B. Euphoric
 - C. Pastoral
 - D. Urban

63. Line 2 features a falcon. What is the falcon designed to represent?
 - A. Jesus Christ
 - B. Mahatma Gandhi
 - C. Loss of direction, confusion
 - D. Freedom, beauty, truth

64. Line 16 features desert birds. What are they designed to represent?
- A. Satan
 - B. Gautama Buddha
 - C. False friends
 - D. Imminent death that will attract carrion-feeders
65. According to Line 7, what is the main problem with humanity?
- A. Dissolution of the nuclear family
 - B. Passivity in the face of evil
 - C. Worship of pagan gods
 - D. Alcoholism
66. The poem's title, "The Second Coming", refers to the Christian belief that Jesus Christ will descend to Earth again to rescue the righteous. How does the poem draw on this belief?
- A. It affirms Yeats's faith that Christ will come again to save humanity
 - B. It proselytizes Christianity to non-believers
 - C. It subverts the Christian concept of the Second Coming
 - D. It states that only poetry will redeem humanity
67. In Lines 11-12, the speaker seems to be describing
- A. His greatest fantasy
 - B. His favorite book
 - C. The truth of paganism
 - D. A vision
68. The beast of Line 13 is described as a
- A. Sphinx
 - B. Dragon
 - C. Nymph
 - D. Griffin
69. What do Lines 14-15 suggest about the beast?
- A. It is enraged by the deeds of humans
 - B. It is the collective souls of all the dead
 - C. It is unhurried, unaffected by emotion, and all-powerful
 - D. It is blind but highly intelligent and nimble
70. Line 21 refers to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. What is the main literary effect of Yeats incorporating this place into his poem?
- A. Beauty
 - B. Irony
 - C. Anachronism
 - D. Personification

Jupiter Hammon (1711-1806) was one of the first African American men to publish their poetry. Hammon was born to enslaved parents in Long Island, New York, and spent his life enslaved at Lloyd Manor. He was a preacher and a poet, gaining wide respect for his Christian writings in

pursuit of abolition. In 1797, he published “An Address to Miss Phillis Wheatley”, a poem dedicated to the first African American woman to publish poetry. Read selections from the poem and answer questions in the following items.

1 While thousands tossed by the sea
2 And others settled down,
3 God’s tender mercy set thee free,
4 From dangers that come down.

5 That thou a pattern still might be,
6 To youth of Boston town,
7 The blessed Jesus set thee free,
8 From every sinful wound.

9 Come you, Phillis, now aspire,
10 And seek the living God,
11 So step by step thou mayst go higher,
12 Till perfect in the word.

13 While thousands muse with earthly toys;
14 And range about the street,
15 Dear Phillis, seek for heaven’s joys,
16 Where we do hope to meet.

71. The rhyme scheme of Stanzas 1 and 2 is

- A. A B C D
- B. A A B B
- C. A B A B
- D. A B C B

72. The poem is in common meter. This means that lines alternate between

- A. iambic tetrameter and iambic trimeter
- B. iambic pentameter and iambic trimeter
- C. Dactylic hexameter and dactylic dimeter
- D. Dactylic tetrameter and dactylic dimeter

73. In Line 3, we see an example of

- A. Personification
- B. Allegory
- C. Ekphrasis
- D. Situational irony

74. In Line 5, the best synonym for the word “pattern” would be

- A. Science teacher
- B. Example
- C. Mother
- D. Friend

75. Line 7 features the word “thee”, a pronoun that has fallen out of common English usage but was common in the 18th century. What grammatical function does “thee” serve here?
- A. Subject
 - B. Predicate
 - C. Object
 - D. Adjective
76. Line 9 (and much of the poem) is in what kind of grammatical mood?
- A. Indicative
 - B. Subjunctive
 - C. Interrogative
 - D. Imperative
77. Line 11 is in
- A. First person singular
 - B. First person plural
 - C. Second person singular
 - D. Third person singular
78. Line 13 mentions “earthly toys”. What might Hammon have in mind here?
- A. Smart phones and social media platforms
 - B. Alcohol and gambling
 - C. Model airplanes and marbles
 - D. Dolls and jump ropes
79. Line 16 features
- A. First person plural
 - B. Second person plural
 - C. Third person plural
 - D. Third person singular
80. What is Hammon’s central message to Wheatley?
- A. To conform to her society as best as she can
 - B. To give up writing poetry
 - C. To marry him
 - D. To maintain her Christian faith