

Practice Test 1: Diagnostic

65 QUESTIONS • 40 MINUTES

ERROR IDENTIFICATION

Directions: For the Error Identification questions, each sentence contains four underlined words or phrases. Select the one word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Mark your answer on the answer sheet provided.

1. Beautiful is in the eye of the
(A) (B) (C)
beholder.
(D)
2. The baby showed a noticeable
(A)
distaste for these kind of pre-
(B) (C)
pared baby food.
(D)
3. They cannot go camping right
(A)
now because they are
(B)
taking care of a three-weeks-old
(C) (D)
baby.
4. They went into the Superstition
(A)
Mountains in search for the
(B)
Lost Dutchman's Mine and were
never heard from again.
(C) (D)
5. The young girl dreamed a dream
(A)
that she was being carried
(B) (C)
away by monsters.
(D)
6. If it will rain this afternoon, we
(A) (B)
will have to cancel the picnic.
(C) (D)
7. Are you familiar of the latest
(A) (B) (C)
scientific developments in
(D)
the field?
8. Henry is the sort of a man who
(A) (B)
will give you the shirt off
(C) (D)
his back.
9. Give the package to whomever
(A)
has the authority to sign for it.
(B) (C) (D)

10. When he visited the doctor, the doctor should gone to the hospital immediately.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
11. Robert often wishes he was better prepared for his exams, but he will probably never change his poor study habits.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
12. This refrigerator is very old to keep things at a proper temperature.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
13. The meeting was so length that many people had to leave before it concluded.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
14. John was quick to inform us that his friend Vicky was most popular, intelligent girl in his class.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
15. The director of the program advised the students to avoid to waste time reading material that was so out-of-date.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
16. There was not enough time to completely fill out the form before the bell rang.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
17. Margie and Mary must have ate some bad food in the restaurant because they were very ill shortly after they left.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
18. The children were surprised when the teacher had them to close their books unexpectedly.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
19. Do you think you could lend me good pair of gloves to wear to the wedding?
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
20. His speech was a careful worded attempt to evade his responsibility in the matter.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
21. The Joneses have visited Hawaii and Alaska, and they assure me that they like Alaska the best.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
22. We must have a exact count of the number of people expected to attend the closing ceremonies.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
23. The stage production that we saw in New York was very much as the one we had previously seen in London.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
24. Did you hear many news about the political situation while you were in that country?
- (A) (B) (C) (D)
25. Both John, Bob and Tom are outstanding golfers and reasonably good tennis players.
- (A) (B) (C) (D)

26. Kathy was definitely a faster swimmer than anyone on her team and appeared headed for the state championship.
27. The article suggests that when a person is under unusual stress you should be especially careful to eat a well-balanced diet.
28. Economics, with its widespread range of practical application, is of great interest to government leaders throughout the world.
29. The Tyrrels had such warm welcome from their family that they were overwhelmed and could not speak for a few minutes.
30. Even though he was exhausted, John wrote to his parents a letter explaining the situation.
31. Since I have so many letters to write, I am going to buy several boxes of stationary.
32. Our friends got a bank loan for to buy a new car.
33. By the time Robert will finish writing the first draft of his paper, most of the other students will be completing their final draft.
34. Some members of the committee were opposed to use the club members' money to redecorate the meeting hall.
35. I was very shocked to see how much my grandmother she had aged since the last time we visited.
36. Our supervisor finally noticed that it was we, Diana and me, who always turned in our reports on time.
37. In our opinion that girl is enough beautiful to be a movie star.
38. The report that Karl wrote on the mating behavior of the bees in this area was definitely better than Bob.
39. We were pleased to have the opportunity to watch such talented dancers to perform a highly acclaimed new ballet.
40. The flag is risen at 6:30 every morning without fail.

41. When the Claybornes bought their new home, they painted every room, laid carpet in the living room and hall, and had refinished the kitchen cabinets.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
42. That student from Mexico who is rooming with Bill Smith reminds me to my uncle.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
43. When they travel to Europe, the Harrises like to stay in Paris and visiting as many art galleries as possible.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
44. She never is diligent about practicing the piano.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
45. During that terrible snowstorm, the police demand that people stay off Highway 101 except in cases of emergency.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
46. He refused to tell us why was he crying.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
47. Please be sure that everybody has their ticket ready to give to the man at the door.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
48. We believe that he already feels very badly about his mistake and we have decided to take no further action.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
49. They who are willing to spend the necessary time will find this workshop to be a rewarding experience.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
50. Please see if you can repair the door's knob before Saturday morning.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
51. The passenger only had a five-dollar bill with him when he boarded the bus.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
52. It is not longer necessary for all employees to wear an identification badge in order to work in the vault.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
53. In the chapter one of that book there is a really good explanation of photosynthesis, complete with illustrations.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
54. The salesman told me that a good set of tires were supposed to last at least twenty thousand miles.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
55. Sitting under an umbrella at a tiny table in a sidewalk cafe, Bob was startled when a gust of wind suddenly carried it away.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Directions: In the Sentence Completion questions, one or more words are left out of each sentence. Under each sentence, you will see four words or phrases. Select the one word or phrase that completes the sentence correctly, and mark your answer on the answer sheet provided.

56. Riding my bicycle home from school, _____ as I went around the corner.
- (A) a car hit me
(B) I was struck by a car
(C) I was struck by a car
(D) I was struck with a car
57. Doctor Martin is the kind of doctor _____ will take pains to be thorough.
- (A) which
(B) who
(C) whom
(D) what
58. The two doctors received an award of several thousand dollars _____.
- (A) to be divided equally between them
(B) which was supposed to be divided in an equal way between them
(C) to be divided equally among them
(D) which was to be divided between them in such a way that they would each receive an equal share
59. _____, he was able to answer all the questions on the examination.
- (A) Reading all the required material
(B) Having reading all the required material
(C) Having read all the required material
(D) As it was the case that he had read all the required material
60. Exhausted, we went directly to bed and _____.
- (A) ignored him knocking on our door
(B) ignored his knocking on our door
(C) his knocking on our door was ignored by us
(D) ignored his knocking with our door
61. John does not swim as _____.
- (A) fastly as Fred
(B) fast than Fred
(C) fast as Fred
(D) fast like Fred
62. Shakespeare wrote many plays, but in my opinion *The Merchant of Venice* was the _____.
- (A) better
(B) best
(C) goodest
(D) most good
63. _____ that the president's economic policy will help curb inflation.
- (A) The hope
(B) It is hoped
(C) Hoping
(D) To hope
64. _____ your helpful suggestions, we are sending you a copy of our latest book.
- (A) In consideration of
(B) For consideration of
(C) With consideration for
(D) In consideration with
65. John studied accounting and _____ while he was at Yale.
- (A) also pursued economics
(B) economics
(C) he also studied economics
(D) economics was also studied by him

ANSWER KEY AND EXPLANATIONS

Error Identification

1. A	12. A	23. C	34. B	45. C
2. C	13. A	24. A	35. C	46. D
3. D	14. D	25. A	36. C	47. B
4. B	15. B	26. C	37. B	48. A
5. A	16. B	27. B	38. D	49. A
6. B	17. B	28. B	39. B	50. C
7. B	18. C	29. A	40. A	51. A
8. A	19. B	30. B	41. C	52. A
9. A	20. A	31. D	42. D	53. A
10. C	21. D	32. C	43. B	54. B
11. B	22. B	33. A	44. A	55. D

- The correct answer is (A).** (*Beauty*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Parts of Speech*, page 162.
- The correct answer is (C).** (*this kind*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Demonstratives*, page 38.
- The correct answer is (D).** (*three-week-old*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Hyphenated or Compound Adjectives*, page 37.
- The correct answer is (B).** (*in search of*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Prepositions in Combinations*, page 167.
- The correct answer is (A).** (*dreamed that*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Wordiness*, page 136.
- The correct answer is (B).** (*If it rains*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Conditionals*, page 73.
- The correct answer is (B).** (*familiar with*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Prepositions in Combinations*, page 167.
- The correct answer is (A).** (*sort of man*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Substandard*, page 139.
- The correct answer is (A).** (*to whoever has*). Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*See Who / Whom*, page 95.
- The correct answer is (C).** (*should go*). Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*See Modals*, page 75.
- The correct answer is (B).** (*were better prepared*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Wishes*, page 71.
- The correct answer is (A).** (*too old*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Too, Very, and Enough*, page 55.
- The correct answer is (A).** (*so long that*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Cause and Result*, page 50.
- The correct answer is (D).** (*the most popular*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Superlatives*, page 48.
- The correct answer is (B).** (*to avoid wasting*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Verbals*, page 77.
- The correct answer is (B).** (*fill out completely*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Split Infinitives*, page 29.
- The correct answer is (B).** (*must have eaten*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Past Participles*, page 81.
- The correct answer is (C).** (*had them close*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Verbals*, page 77.

19. **The correct answer is (B).** (*a good pair*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Articles*, page 53.
20. **The correct answer is (A).** (*carefully worded*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Adjective/Adverb Confusion*, page 32.
21. **The correct answer is (D).** (*Alaska better*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Comparatives*, page 46.
22. **The correct answer is (B).** (*an exact count*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Articles*, page 53.
23. **The correct answer is (C).** (*much like the one*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Sameness and Similarity*, page 44.
24. **The correct answer is (A).** (*much news*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Few, Little, Much and Many*, page 39.
25. **The correct answer is (A).** (*John, Bob, and Tom*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Correlative Conjunctions*, page 157.
26. **The correct answer is (C).** (*anyone else*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Comparatives*, page 46.
27. **The correct answer is (B).** (*he or she should be*). See Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Person*, page 102.
28. **The correct answer is (B).** (*with its widespread*). Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*See Number*, page 104.
29. **The correct answer is (A).** (*such a warm welcome*). Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*See Cause and Result*, page 50.
30. **The correct answer is (B).** (*wrote a letter to his parents*) OR (*wrote his parents a letter*). See Chapter 6, “Basic Patterns”—*Indirect Objects*, page 111.
31. **The correct answer is (D).** (*stationery*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Words Often Confused, Group III*, page 154.
32. **The correct answer is (C).** (*loan to buy*) OR (*loan for a new car*). See Chapter 6, “Basic Patterns”—*To/For (Purpose)*, page 118.
33. **The correct answer is (A).** (*Robert finishes*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Time Clauses*, page 69.
34. **The correct answer is (B).** (*opposed to using*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Verbals*, page 77.
35. **The correct answer is (C).** (*grandmother had aged*). See Chapter 6, “Basic Patterns”—*Double Subjects*, page 120.
36. **The correct answer is (C).** (*Diana and I*). See Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Personal Pronouns—Case*, page 93.
37. **The correct answer is (B).** (*beautiful enough*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Too, Very, and Enough*, page 55.
38. **The correct answer is (D).** (*better than Bob’s*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Comparatives*, page 46.
39. **The correct answer is (B).** (*perform OR performing*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Verbals*, page 77.
40. **The correct answer is (A).** (*is raised*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Usage*, page 142.
41. **The correct answer is (C).** (*and refinished*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Tense*, page 67. See also Chapter 7, “Style”—*Parallelism*, page 133.
42. **The correct answer is (D).** (*reminds me of*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Prepositions in Combinations*, page 167.
43. **The correct answer is (B).** (*to visit*). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Parallelism*, page 133.
44. **The correct answer is (A).** (*is never*). See Chapter 6, “Basic Patterns”—*Order of Adverbs*, page 113.
45. **The correct answer is (C).** (*stay off*). See Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Verbs of “Demand,”* page 70.
46. **The correct answer is (D).** (*why he was*). See Chapter 6, “Basic Patterns”—*Embedded Questions*, page 116.

47. **The correct answer is (B).** (*his* ticket). See Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Number*, page 104.
48. **The correct answer is (A).** (feels very *bad*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Adjectives after Verbs of Sensation*, page 34.
49. **The correct answer is (A).** (*Those* who are). See Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Those Modified*, page 107.
50. **The correct answer is (C).** (*door* knob). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Noun Adjectives*, page 35.
51. **The correct answer is (A).** (had *only* a five-dollar bill). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Adverbs Like Only*, page 28.
52. **The correct answer is (A).** (*no* longer). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Negation*, page 57.
53. **The correct answer is (A).** (In chapter *one*). See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Cardinal and Ordinal Numbers*, page 42.
54. **The correct answer is (B).** (*was* supposed). See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Subject/Verb Agreement*, page 159.
55. **The correct answer is (D).** (*the umbrella* OR *the table*). See Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Faulty Reference*, page 100.

Sentence Completion

56. C	58. A	60. B	62. B	64. A
57. B	59. C	61. C	63. B	65. B

56. **The correct answer is (C).** Choice (A), see Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Dangling Modifiers*, page 30. Choice (B), see Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Past Participles*, page 81. Choice (D), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Prepositions (General Use)*, page 164.
57. **The correct answer is (B).** Choice (A), see Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Relative Pronouns*, page 91. Choice (C), see Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Who/Whom*, page 95. Choice (D), see Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Relative Pronouns*, page 91.
58. **The correct answer is (A).** Choice (B), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Wordiness*, page 136. Choice (C), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Usage*, page 142. Choice (D), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Wordiness*, page 136.
59. **The correct answer is (C).** Choice (A), see Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Present and Perfect Participles and Infinitives*, page 84. Choice (B), see Chapter 4, “Verbs”—*Past Participles*, page 81. Choice (D), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Wordiness*, page 136.
60. **The correct answer is (B).** Choice (A), see Chapter 5, “Pronouns”—*Possessives*, page 98. Choice (C), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Voice*, page 129. Choice (D), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Prepositions (General Use)*, page 164.
61. **The correct answer is (C).** Choice (A), see Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Adjective/Adverb Confusion*, page 32. Choice (B), see Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Sameness and Similarity*, page 44. Choice (D), See Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Sameness and Similarity*, page 44.
62. **The correct answer is (B).** Choices (A), (C), and (D), see Chapter 3, “Modifiers”—*Superlatives*, page 48.

63. **The correct answer is (B).** Choices (A), (C), and (D), see Chapter 6, “Basic Patterns”—*Clauses*, page 121.
64. **The correct answer is (A).** Choices (B), (C), and (D), See Chapter 7, “Style”—*Prepositions in Combinations*, page 167.
65. **The correct answer is (B).** Choices (A), (C), and (D), see Chapter 7, “Style”—*Wordiness*, page 136. See also Chapter 7, “Style”—*Voice*, page 129.

