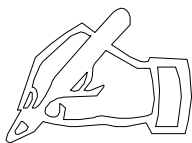


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## SAMPLE BOOKLET 07/2009

### SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS FOR:

DISTRICT PROFICIENCY TEST			
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**All questions are of equal value.**

## READING

### VOCABULARY

For the following question, choose the word that is most similar in meaning to the underlined word.

1. To be despondent means to be
- \*A) disheartened
  - B) cheerful
  - C) focused
  - D) ready

### READING COMPREHENSION

For the following item, read the paragraph and select the choice which best reflects the content of the passage.

"Miss Caroline began the day by reading us a story about cats. The cats had long conversations with one another, they wore cunning little clothes and lived in a warm house beneath a kitchen stove. By the time Mrs. Cat called the drugstore for an order of chocolate malted mice, the class was wriggling like a bucketful of catawba worms. Miss Caroline seemed unaware that the ragged, denim-shirted and floursack-skirted first grade, most of whom had chopped cotton and fed hogs from the time they were able to walk, were immune to imaginative literature."

2. The best interpretation of events in the above paragraph is that
- A) Miss Caroline loved stories more than the children did.
  - \*B) reality and experience made it hard for the children to appreciate the cats.
  - C) the story was too silly to be interesting to anyone.
  - D) the children had not been taught to sit still.

## WRITTEN ENGLISH

### SPELLING

For the following items, mark the choice which is spelled incorrectly.

3. A) Prolong
- \*B) Purpetuate
  - C) Protract
  - D) Continue

\*denotes best answer

**ENGLISH USAGE (SENTENCE STRUCTURE, GRAMMAR, AND PUNCTUATION)**

For the following item, select one sentence in the group that is **BEST** and **MOST EFFECTIVE** from the standpoint of **SENTENCE STRUCTURE AND ENGLISH USAGE**.

4. A) That there cake tastes good.  
B) I sure like playing tennis.  
\*C) They have been waiting for you more than three hours.  
D) His is the most unique personality ever!

For the following question, select the one sentence containing grammar or punctuation that is **INCORRECT**.

5. A) In any case, we eagerly look forward to the reorganization.  
B) To obtain the best score on the examination, one must combine speed and accuracy.  
\*C) All nine Federal employees, who are responsible for program planning, are appointive officials.  
D) The director, understanding that time was of the essence, gave the signal to go ahead with the project.

**KNOWLEDGE OF PARTS OF A SENTENCE**

For the following question, choose the underlined part that is the simple subject of the sentence.

6. Colorful balloons are gifts for children.  
(a)      \*(b)      (c)      (d)

**COMBINATION OF SENTENCES INTO ONE SENTENCE**

For the following question, read the underlined sentences. Select the answer choice that best combines those sentences into one.

7. A page is missing from this book.  
The page that is missing is the last page.
- \*A) The last page is missing from this book.  
B) The page that is missing from this book is the last page.  
C) A page missing from this book is the last page.  
D) A page that is missing is the last page from this book.

\*denotes best answer

### **SELECTION OF THE TOPIC SENTENCE**

For the following item, read the following paragraph and topic sentence (a), (b), (c), and (d). Choose the topic sentence that best fits the paragraph.

\_\_\_\_\_ Whether you agree with that idea or not, it is not difficult to recognize good and bad communication. It is not hard to acknowledge that skillful communication impresses us and often makes us feel good, especially if it comes in the form of praise. By the same token, thoughtless and inept communication can wound us or make us angry. Technique, tone, thought and words, all components of artistic expression, are found in the best communication.

8. A) Talking and communication are synonymous.  
B) Complaints about communication are common.  
C) Learning to be a good communicator takes time.  
\*D) Communication is an art form.

### **ORDERING OF SENTENCES INTO A PARAGRAPH**

For the following item, read the group of four sentences. Then decide how to arrange the group of sentences into a well-organized paragraph by putting the sentences in order from first to last. Then answer the question below.

- A) The report looks at existing systems of transferring property at death with particular attention to cost and time involved.  
B) These recommendations conform to the revised Uniform Probate Code.  
C) In their efforts to reform probate procedures, the AARP State Legislative Committees are using a new report.  
D) It recommends reforms that could be adopted in each jurisdiction to improve the probate administration process.
9. In the paragraph, which sentence should be first?  
A) Sentence A  
B) Sentence B  
\*C) Sentence C  
D) Sentence D

\*denotes best answer

## MATHEMATICS

### BASIC MATHEMATICS

10. A girl is exactly one yard tall and her sister is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a yard taller. How many total inches tall are they added together.

- A) 72
- B) 78
- \*C) 84
- D) 90

11.  $(-4) \times (-6) =$

- A) -10
- \*B) 24
- C) 10
- D) -24

### MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS (INCLUDES BASIC ALGEBRA, GEOMETRY, MEASUREMENT, AND WORD PROBLEMS.)

12. If  $\frac{2}{5} = \frac{a}{40}$ , then  $a =$

- A) 10
- \*B) 16
- C) 28
- D) 40

13. A rectangle with a height of 10 and a width of 15 has an area of

- A) 75
- B) 100
- \*C) 150
- D) 200

\*denotes best answer