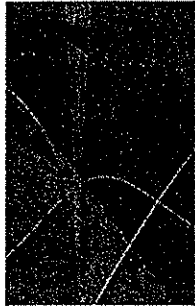


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ENGLISH TEST

45 Minutes—75 Questions

DIRECTIONS: In the five passages that follow, certain words and phrases are underlined and numbered. In the right-hand column, you will find alternatives for the underlined part. In most cases, you are to choose the one that best expresses the idea, makes the statement appropriate for standard written English, or is worded most consistently with the style and tone of the passage as a whole. If you think the original version is best, choose "NO CHANGE." In some cases, you will find in the right-hand column a question about the underlined part. You are to choose the best answer to the question.

You will also find questions about a section of the passage, or about the passage as a whole. These questions do not refer to an underlined portion of the passage, but rather are identified by a number or numbers in a box.

For each question, choose the alternative you consider best and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer document. Read each passage through once before you begin to answer the questions that accompany it. For many of the questions, you must read several sentences beyond the question to determine the answer. Be sure that you have read far enough ahead each time you choose an alternative.

PASSAGE I

Antarctic Adventure

In February 2001, polar adventurers

Liv Arnesen of Norway, and Ann Bancroft of Minnesota became the first women to climb and ski across the continent of Antarctica. The two former schoolteachers completed their 2,400-mile journey in 96 days.

[1] Months before their expedition, Arnesen and Bancroft began training by learning to ski behind sails—parachute-like devices that can pull a skier loaded with supplies about six miles per hour in steady winds.

[2] On November 13, 2000, the pair boarded a small plane in South Africa and took a six-hour flight to Blue One

Runway, it is a solid-ice airstrip on the Atlantic coast of Antarctica. [3] They set out soon after landing. [4] Hiking

unassisted up the 10,000-foot-high Sygyn Glacier, and each woman pulled a sled that weighed more than

- 1. A. NO CHANGE
B. Arnesen, of Norway, and Ann Bancroft,
C. Arnesen, of Norway and Ann Bancroft,
D. Arnesen of Norway and Ann Bancroft

- 2. F. NO CHANGE
G. achieved
H. finalized
J. implemented

- 3. A. NO CHANGE
B. Runway,
C. Runway
D. Runway, being

- 4. F. NO CHANGE
G. when
H. while
J. DELETE the underlined portion.

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260 pounds. [5] The sleds carried all the women's supplies, including a tent, a one-burner camp stove, diaries, two sets of skis, a laptop computer, and a snow shovel. [5]

By December 1, the adventurers had skied onto the Polar Plateau, stretching for 1,000 miles a high, frozen

desert. The first week, strong winds had blew daily, and

the team sailed 210 miles in just five days. For the next

five days, accordingly, there was almost no wind, and the pair sailed only 34 miles. No matter how hard the women skied, daily mileage typically depended upon wind direction and intensity.

On January 16, Arnesen and Bancroft reached the South Pole, where they visited with scientists and replenished their food supply. In order to safely descend the glacier's sharp ice, the women attached mountaineer spikes to their boots. Two days later, they were again in bitter cold, and while climbing over a 10,200-foot-high glacier named Titan Dome.

5. If the writer were to delete Sentence 5, the essay would primarily lose details that:

- A. reveal why Arnesen and Bancroft were each limited to carrying about 260 pounds of supplies.
- B. expand upon information provided in Sentence 4 and also give readers a sense of what the women needed for their journey.
- C. suggest that the women brought more supplies than they thought they would need for their journey.
- D. contradict the information provided in Sentence 4 about the weight of Arnesen and Bancroft's supplies.

6. The best placement for the underlined phrase would be:

- F. where it is now.
- G. before the word *By* (revising the capitalization accordingly).
- H. after the word *adventurers*.
- J. after the word *desert* (ending the sentence with a period).

7. A. NO CHANGE
B. blow
C. blew
D. blown

8. Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would be LEAST acceptable?

- F. the two
- G. Arnesen and Bancroft
- H. the women
- J. these

9. A. NO CHANGE
B. otherwise,
C. consequently,
D. however,

10. F. NO CHANGE
G. scientists and, replenished their
H. scientists and replenished there
J. scientists, and replenished there

11. A. NO CHANGE
B. they climbed
C. climbing
D. to climb

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Fortunately, the wind was with them the final few miles,
and during those last miles of the trip, they were able to

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ski off the continent itself and onto the Ross Ice Shelf. [13]

Although the adventurers had planned to continue
across the ice shelf to McMurdo Station, 460 miles away
on the Pacific coast, the winds did not cooperate. To avoid
becoming stranded when winter arrived, the women called
a ski plane prudently to airlift them to McMurdo.

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12. F. NO CHANGE

- G. and during those fortunate moments,
- H. so the wind carried them and
- J. and

13. Which of the following true statements, if added here,
would most effectively and specifically emphasize the
women's main accomplishment as described in this
essay?

- A. It had been a long journey.
- B. They had crossed the Antarctic landmass.
- C. They were relieved to have safely descended Titan Dome.
- D. These final miles were some of the speediest of Arnesen and Bancroft's trip.

14. The best placement for the underlined word would be:

- E. where it is now.
- G. before the word *becoming*.
- H. before the word *stranded*.
- J. before the word *called*.

Question 15 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

15. If the writer were to delete the final paragraph of this
essay, the essay would primarily lose information that:

- A. explains why Arnesen and Bancroft were unable to ski to McMurdo Station, their final destination.
- B. explains why skiing to McMurdo Station was part of Arnesen and Bancroft's original plan.
- C. describes the specific weather conditions at different times of the year on the Ross Ice Shelf.
- D. indicates Arnesen and Bancroft's reaction to having to be airlifted to McMurdo Station.

PASSAGE II

Working at the Bait & Tackle Shop

[1]

Most folks who live in our little bayside village
work at a job having something to do with fishing or
tourism, and I'm no different.

[2]

The shop opens at six in the morning, I arrive thirty
minutes early to set up. On many mornings, the sky

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16. F. NO CHANGE

- G. morning, however,
- H. morning, but
- J. morning

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is adorned with peach-and-melon-colored ribbons as
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a blazing solar sun begins to peek over the
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horizon. Walking toward the docks,

the seagulls are wheeling and swooping. Their
19
high-pitched cries sound like rusty door hinges.

[3]

Usually, as I'm opening the door,
Carney, the night security guard at the marina, walks
20
by on his way home and offers me a sleepy hello.

[4]

The shop smells salty, like the bay, itself
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and the creaky oak floor is gritty with sand. I

turn on the lights in the middle of the shop
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sits wooden bins filled with sinkers, floats, and
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lures. The wide variety of fishing equipment attracts both
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the serious angler and the casual vacationer. If I notice any

merchandise out of place, I straighten it up.
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17. Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would be LEAST acceptable?

- A. ribbons at the same time that
- B. ribbons in order that
- C. ribbons while
- D. ribbons, and

18. Which choice would be most consistent with the figurative description provided elsewhere in this sentence?

- E. NO CHANGE
- F. luminous
- G. radiant
- H. orange

19. A. NO CHANGE

- B. watching the seagulls wheel and swoop, their
- C. I watch the seagulls wheel and swoop. Their
- D. the seagulls wheel and swoop. Their

20. F. NO CHANGE

- G. Carney, the night security guard at the marina
- H. Carney, the night security guard at the marina,
- J. Carney the night security guard at the marina

21. A. NO CHANGE

- B. bay, itself,
- C. bay itself,
- D. bay itself

22. F. NO CHANGE

- G. lights. In the middle
- H. lights, in the center
- J. lights in the center

23. A. NO CHANGE

- B. is sitting
- C. sets
- D. sit

24. Given that all the choices are true, which one provides the most specific information about merchandise that can be found in the shop?

- F. NO CHANGE
- G. A rack of fishing rods covers one wall; shelves of reels, hooks, nets, and fishing line fill another.
- H. The dark wood-paneled walls are jam-packed with equipment that would thrill any fishing enthusiast.
- J. The shop offers gear for a range of different purposes.

25. A. NO CHANGE

- B. straightened them
- C. straightened those
- D. straighten them