



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

Barn Renaissance

Thoughts¹ of San Francisco without its Victorian row houses or the New England coast without its lighthouses.

For many Americans, the thought of a Midwest without barns is just as inconceivable. Because of the industrialization of agriculture and a dwindling number of family farms, however, barns are being torn down at an increasing rate. A reasonable² number of people are working to reverse that trend, arguing that these grand old buildings are cultural artifacts just as worthy of

preservation as³ other historic structures.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has led the effort, sponsoring programs that educate people about the practical and aesthetic value of saving old barns. Largely as a result of the trust's leadership, on the other hand,⁴ nearly a dozen states have launched barn-preservation efforts. Among the most

- 1. A. NO CHANGE
- B. When thinking
- C. Think
- D. Thinking

- 2. Which choice will most strongly suggest that the number of people interested in saving old barns is on the rise?
 - F. NO CHANGE
 - G. fair
 - H. growing
 - J. OMIT the underlined portion.

- 3. A. NO CHANGE
- B. for
- C. with
- D. like

- 4. F. NO CHANGE
- G. thus,
- H. though,
- J. OMIT the underlined portion.

effective tools are new tax incentives for those who

renovate, rather than demolish, old barns. If you
can save money ⁵ *and* save barns, why not do it?

Saving barns makes good sense for
more than a variety of reasons. The first is

practical, often since a renovation or repair costs far less
than new construction. An existing barn can become part

of a modern farming operation, and it is converted for use

as a store or residence. Each barn saved additional
represents a link to an agricultural heritage and can
provide important historical and cultural information.

Because people in each region of the country and each
ethnic group have tended to build different types of barns,
these structures help define a landscape and tell its story.

[1] Perhaps most important of all, barns are a symbol
of the vitality of a rural region. [2] When farms were
first settling, it was the building of a barn that announced
to the world that the builders were planted on a piece of

land and intended to stay. [3] Future generation's are
likely to thank barn preservationists for their efforts
to preserve these useful and historical landmarks.

[4] A barn renovation was making a similar

statement. 14

5. A. NO CHANGE
B. renovate, rather than demolish
C. renovate rather than demolish,
D. renovate, rather than, demolish
6. F. NO CHANGE
G. a various number
H. a variety
J. a varied assortment
7. The best placement for the underlined portion would be:
A. where it is now.
B. after the word *The*.
C. after the word *renovation*.
D. after the word *repair*.
8. F. NO CHANGE
G. or it can be
H. and that is why it can be
J. because they are
9. A. NO CHANGE
B. also
C. extra
D. excessively
10. F. NO CHANGE
G. it's
H. there
J. the
11. A. NO CHANGE
B. first settled,
C. settling,
D. having first settlers,
12. F. NO CHANGE
G. generations,
H. generations
J. generations'
13. A. NO CHANGE
B. can make
C. was to make
D. had made
14. For the sake of the logic and coherence of this paragraph, Sentence 3 should be placed:
F. where it is now.
G. before Sentence 1.
H. after Sentence 1.
J. after Sentence 4.



Question 15 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

15. The writer is considering adding a subtitle to the title "Barn Renaissance" that would summarize the primary message of the essay. Which of the following statements would best accomplish that purpose?
- A. Old Barns Restore Midwestern Economy
 - B. Saving Old Barns Is Worth the Effort
 - C. Old Barns Are Filled with Historical Treasures
 - D. Old Barns Are Beautiful

PASSAGE II

Scuba Diving among the Barracudas

Every winter, thousands of visitors, come to southern

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Florida. Many of them try scuba diving. One of the

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country's fastest-growing sports. Almost every diving

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center in the Florida Keys have boats equipped to take

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divers to the coral reef that lies close offshore along

Florida's Atlantic coast. You don't even have to be a

certified diver to join the fun. With a brief course in the

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proper use of scuba gear, even a beginner can dive safely

when accompanied by an instructor acting as a guide.

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16. F. NO CHANGE
G. thousands, of visitors
H. thousands of visitors
J. thousands of visitors'
17. A. NO CHANGE
B. diving, one
C. diving; one
D. diving and one
18. F. NO CHANGE
G. country's fastly growing
H. countries fastest-growing
J. countries' fastest-growing
19. A. NO CHANGE
B. have boats and equipped
C. has boats equipped
D. has boats that equip
20. Which of the choices best helps the writer to stress that scuba diving is a participation sport rather than a spectator sport?
- F. NO CHANGE
 - G. get the idea.
 - H. go to Florida.
 - J. know how to dive.
21. A. NO CHANGE
B. whose job is to instruct him or her.
C. who goes along as a teacher.
D. instructing the diver, as a teacher.



Just imagine what you might see if you were to go diving. As you glide through the pleasant blue-green waters of the coral reef, some fish may swim up and peer at you through the clear glass of your waterproof mask.²² It seems that they're as curious about you as you are about them.

You'll be wise, though, to stay alert. Drifting lazily there behind your shoulder may be a barracuda, waiting for you to catch a dinner for it. These streamlined predators do not ordinarily attack humans, but many have learned, by experience that a fish²³

wounded by a diver's spear is easy prey.²⁴

On the other hand, beginning scuba divers should²⁵ gain confidence before trying spearfishing, so

they won't panic when you actually attract²⁶

a barracuda. 27

Divers soon learn that most of their fear of ocean predators is based on first impressions. The barracuda's appearance has given it a mostly undeserved bad reputation.

The barracuda, however, is just one of many interesting²⁸
species of marine life to be found along Florida's coasts.²⁸

22. In this sentence the writer wants to describe the beauty and appeal of the underwater scene on the reef. Which of the choices would most effectively and specifically help the sentence to accomplish this?
- F. NO CHANGE
 - G. among the variety of sea plants and sea animals, some of them
 - H. among brilliantly colored tropical fish, several friendly and harmless little ones
 - J. you and your fellow divers might be surprised at what kinds of creatures

23. A. NO CHANGE
B. learned
C. learned;
D. learned, and

24. F. NO CHANGE
G. are easy
H. are easily
J. is easy to

25. A. NO CHANGE
B. Therefore,
C. As proof,
D. Don't you suppose

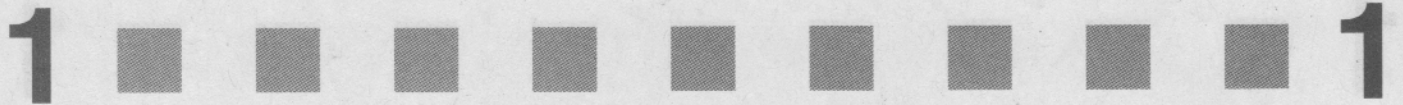
26. F. NO CHANGE
G. one actually attracts
H. they actually attract
J. us divers actually attract

27. The writer is considering adding the following sentence at this point:

The term *barracuda* is often used to describe someone whose business practices are aggressive or unethical.

Should the writer make this addition, and why?

- A. Yes, because it adds humor to the essay, and this is a good place in the essay to do that.
 - B. Yes, because it explains why divers fear barracudas by proving that they are aggressive.
 - C. No, because it does not add any new information to the essay.
 - D. No, because it does not directly relate to the subject of the paragraph.
28. F. NO CHANGE
G. This has also happened to many people.
H. The Florida Keys region offers a wonderful climate and a perfect environment for students who want to major in marine biology.
J. OMIT the underlined portion.



That elongated head, with their sharp teeth and intense stare, might intimidate you, but if you turn and point a finger at the fish, you will usually scare it away. It holds the world's record for the underwater dash, it's probably as wary of your unfamiliar size, shape, and smell as you are of its speed.

29. A. NO CHANGE
B. there
C. its
D. it's
30. F. NO CHANGE
G. dash
H. dash that's
J. dash, but

PASSAGE III

The following paragraphs may or may not be in the most logical order. Each paragraph is numbered in brackets, and question 44 will ask you to choose where Paragraph 3 should most logically be placed.

Asteroids and Dinosaurs

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[1] In 1980, physicist Luis Alvarez and his son, geologist Walter Alvarez announced a startling discovery. [2] While analyzing rocks from the same geologic layer in both Europe and New Zealand, traces of iridium were found, an element more common in outer space than on Earth. [3] The iridium came from a single geologic layer dating back 65 million years. [4] Other scientists soon confirmed the discovery: a 65-million-year-old layer of iridium is present around the world. [5] Somewhere, the Alvarezes hypothesized, a large extraterrestrial object must have crashed into our planet, leaving iridium in places thousands of miles apart.

31. A. NO CHANGE
B. son, geologist Walter Alvarez,
C. son geologist, Walter Alvarez,
D. son geologist Walter Alvarez,
32. F. NO CHANGE
G. iridium was found in trace amounts,
H. they found traces of iridium,
J. finding traces of iridium,
33. A. NO CHANGE
B. To some degree,
C. More or less,
D. However,
34. The writer is considering adding the following true statement to Paragraph 1:
Iridium, whose chemical symbol is Ir, was discovered in the early 1800s.
Should this sentence be added, and if so, where?
F. It should be added after Sentence 2.
G. It should be added after Sentence 4.
H. It should be added after Sentence 5.
J. It should NOT be added.