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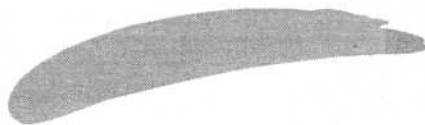
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TEST 1: ENGLISH TEST

30 Minutes—40 Questions

DIRECTIONS: In the four 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. Sometimes, the paragraphs or the sentences of a paragraph will be numbered and referred to in these questions.

For each question, choose the alternative you consider best and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer folder. 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

The Youngest Rider for the Pony Express?

Much fact and some fiction surrounds the mail service known as the Pony Express. Riders on horseback could approximately deliver mail

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from Missouri to California in ten days instead of the weeks and months it had previously taken by

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1. The best placement for the underlined portion would be:
 - A. where it is now.
 - B. before the word *on*.
 - C. before the word *mail*.
 - D. before the word *ten*.
2. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. until
 - H. as long as
 - J. unless

stagecoach or ship. 3 The riders would pick up mail in St. Joseph, Missouri, and then gallop across the plains, mountains, and deserts, dropping and receiving mail at the stations they passed along the way to Sacramento, California. The Pony Express, begun in 1860, lasted only eighteen months, ending

after the completion of a cross-country telegraph
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system.

One man, Charlie Miller, who came to be known as Broncho Charlie, claimed to had been the youngest
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rider for the Pony Express. For example, there is
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doubt about whether his story is fact or legend.

According to his own account, Miller first rode for the Pony Express when he was only eleven years old. On his first ride, Miller claimed, he and his horse, Rambler, left Sacramento and headed east to Placerville when Miller was only eleven. He
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supposedly rode through narrow mountain passes,

swam across deep, creeks swollen with rain, and
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survived encounters with wild animals. Miller also claimed to have delivered mail on the regular route

3. At this point, the writer is considering adding the following true statement:

California officially became a state in 1850.

Should the writer make this addition here?

- A. Yes, because it provides a detail related to the paragraph's focus on the history of California.
B. Yes, because it supports the paragraph's claim that the Pony Express delivered mail quickly.
C. No, because it blurs the paragraph's focus on the Pony Express and its riders.
D. No, because it suggests that the Pony Express delivered mail only in California.
4. F. NO CHANGE
G. along
H. for
J. as
5. A. NO CHANGE
B. has
C. have
D. DELETE the underlined portion.
6. F. NO CHANGE
G. However,
H. Besides,
J. Likewise,
7. A. NO CHANGE
B. when Miller was the young age of eleven.
C. when Miller, at eleven years old, was young.
D. DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.
8. F. NO CHANGE
G. across, deep creeks,
H. across, deep creeks
J. across deep creeks

between Carson City, Nevada, and Sacramento, California, for several months before the Pony Express disbanded. But Miller apparently never provided any proof of these claims, and there⁹ accuracy may never be established.

9. A. NO CHANGE
B. their
C. they're
D. those

One thing that is known about Miller is that he accomplished a great riding feat at age eighty-two. Wanting to celebrate the Pony Express seventy years after its demise, in 1931 Miller hopped on a horse and rode¹⁰ from New York to California. He became the first person known to have crossed the continent while riding the same horse. Broncho Charlie's final accomplishment was to live to the age of 105.

10. F. NO CHANGE
G. riding
H. had rode
J. rides

PASSAGE II

On Gathering Raspberries

One of my favorite things to do in July is berry picking. I live in a midwestern city of about 80,000 people, but I do all my picking within the city limits. I mainly search for the black raspberry because it's¹¹ the most common wild berry here, but I'll also gather blackberries and gooseberries.

11. A. NO CHANGE
B. they were
C. it was
D. its

There's nothing more delightful then bringing home

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a quart or two of sweet fruit which costing only the
time it took to pick.

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Since black raspberries are high in antioxidants,
researchers have been studying their potential benefit
for treating various diseases. First, I'm mindful of

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the places where the raspberry canes grows wild and
untended. The thorny, woody stems stand four or five
feet tall in thickets. In the spring, I take note when I
see the familiar fruit forming, bright red, on public
lands—along bike trails and in parks and woods.

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When I return to those locations in early July,
I usually find plenty of black raspberries. I proceed
patiently as I pick, berry by berry, ignoring the
sweat soaking my shirt and the mosquitoes and
gnats into their world that have welcomed me.

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12. F. NO CHANGE
G. than
H. for
J. as

13. A. NO CHANGE
B. and costing
C. that cost
D. and cost

14. Given that all the choices are true, which one provides the most effective transition to the rest of the essay?

- F. NO CHANGE
G. While most black raspberries grow wild, red raspberries are an important commercial crop in temperate regions.
H. My plan for locating and picking berries has several stages, spread out over a number of months.
J. Freshly picked black raspberries can be used to make delicious jams and desserts or frozen for later use.

15. A. NO CHANGE
B. has grown
C. had grew
D. grow

16. The best placement for the underlined portion would be:

- F. where it is now.
G. after the word *sweat*.
H. after the word *welcomed*.
J. after the word *me* (and before the period).