

MOCK TEST

# **STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION**

**Time – 25 minutes**  
**(including the reading of the directions)**  
**Now set your clock for 25 minutes**

- This section is designed to measure your ability to recognize language that is appropriate for standard written English. These are two types of questions in this section, with special directions for each type.

# Structure

- **Directions:** Questions 1-15 are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

- 1 – \_\_\_\_\_ on the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs.
- For the running of the Kentucky Derby
- The Kentucky Derby is run
- To run the Kentucky Derby
- When the Kentucky Derby is run

The sentence does not have a subject and verb, so they are necessary to make it complete. Observe it is in the passive voice.

- 2 – According to \_\_\_\_\_ quantum mechanics, it is normally impossible to pinpoint the orbit of an electron bond in an atom.
- the related laws
- the laws are related
- the laws of
- the laws are related to

To complete the sentence, we need a noun and a preposition. Observe how the preposition OF is necessary to connect LAWS and QUANTUM MECHANICS.

- 3 – Chicago is home to more than four million people \_\_\_\_\_ as many as fifty-four languages and dialects.
- speak
- they speak
- spoke
- speaking

SPEAKING is the reduced form of WHO SPEAK. ING forms are very common in reduced adjective clauses.

- 4 – When Mexico ceded California to the United States in 1848, signers of the treaty did not know \_\_\_\_\_ had been discovered there.
- golden
- that with gold
- that gold
- with gold

The verb phrase HAD BEEN DISCOVERED needs a subject. Since the preposition WITH is part of a prepositional phrase that cannot be a subject and GOLDEN is an adjective, only the noun GOLD can be a subject.

- 5 – Rubber came to the attention of Europeans \_\_\_\_\_ found Native Americans using it.
- explorers
- after explorers
- when explored
- after explorers they

This is a complex sentence – main clause + adverbial clause – which calls for a subordinator (AFTER). Also, the verb FOUND needs to be accompanied by a noun (EXPLORERS).



- 6 – Most asteroids are located in \_\_\_\_\_ called the asteroid belt.
- what is
- what is in
- is what
- is it

In this sentence, the verb CALLED is part of a passive voice structure, so the verb to be (IS) needs to be used with WHAT – the indefinite subject.

- 7 – About three-fourths of the books published in the United States are put out by publishers \_\_\_\_\_ in New York City.
- locates
- located
- they locate
- they are located

LOCATED is the reduced form of WHICH IS LOCATED.  
Past participle forms are very common in reduced adjective clauses for passive constructions.

- 8 – The physical phenomenon \_\_\_\_\_ use to obtain water from the soil is osmosis.
- plants have roots
- that plant roots
- what plant roots
- plants are rooted

USE is a verb and it needs a subject (PLANT ROOTS).  
THAT only connects the principal subject and the  
adjective clause. This structure shows an appositive.

- 9 – More books have been written about the Civil War \_\_\_\_\_ any other war in history.
- that there is
- about
- of
- than about

The word THAN is needed because MORE indicates there is a comparison in the sentence. The word ABOUT modalizes the affirmation.

- 10 – A sheet of clear glass, \_\_\_\_\_ with a film of metal, results in a luminously clear mirror.
- when backed
- it is backed
- is backed
- when it is backed

There is a need for a linking word WHEN and the preposition WITH needs to be preceded by a verb (BACKED). IT should not be used because it would be redundant with the subject (A SHEET OF CLEAR GLASS).

- 11 – The Liberty Bell, \_\_\_\_\_ its own pavilion on Independence Mall, hung for nearly a century at Independence Hall.
- that now has
- now has
- when does it have
- which now has

Since the subject is a thing (THE LIBERTY BELL), the adjective clause should begin with THAT or WHICH, but because of the COMMA (,) which is the appropriate word.

- 12 – Not until about 8.000 years ago \_\_\_\_\_ come into use.
- bronze tools for weapons
- bronze tools for weapons have
- bronze tools for weapons were
- did bronze tools for weapons

This sentence calls for an inverted structure because of the negative expression (NOT UNTIL..) in its beginning. Negative expression + auxiliary + subject + verb.

- 13 – The state of Michigan can rightfully claim to be a “Water Wonderland” on its license plates \_\_\_\_\_ has a 3.121 – mile shoreline.
- because
- that
- in that it
- that it

The verb HAS calls for a subject (IT) and the first clause, which is the principal one, needs to be connected to the adverbial clause by a subordinator (IN THAT).



- 14 – \_\_\_\_\_ glacial sediment, the moister the surface soil becomes.
- it is thicker
- in the thick
- the thicker the
- the thick

The structure being assessed is the Double Comparative: THE + comparative, THE + comparative. “The more, the merrier”.

- 15 – \_\_\_\_\_ cut away, the wheel could be strengthened with struts or crossbars.
- were large sections of a wheel
- large sections of a wheel
- large sections of a wheel were
- large sections of a wheel to

In conditional sentences, IF can be replaced by WERE. It is the same as: If large sections of a wheel were cut away... This is an inversion process.

# Written Expression

- **Directions:** In question 16 – 40, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Then on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

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The noun should be plural – ELEMENTS

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The verb should be in base form: TAKE

- 18 – aToday, the glaciers of the world boccupies cabout 10 dpercent of the Earth's surface.
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- The verb should agree with glaciers: OCCUPY
- 19 – Polystyrene acomes in both a bhard form cor a lightweight dfoam.
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- The coordinator that agrees with both is: AND.

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- The referent is ‘bow and arrows’: **THEY**
- 21 – a An understanding of latent heat b became c importantly in the d improvement of the steam engine.
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- ‘Became’ is a linking verb and calls for an adjective: **IMPORTANT.**

- 22 – aOnly a few bmineral can cresist weathering by rainwater; dwhich is a weak acid.
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- ‘A few’ calls for a plural count noun: MINERALS.
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- The correct participle for the passive is: SOLD.

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To agree with the plural 'Lakes': ARE

- 25 – Kangaroos sometimes arest or groom bthemselves while they are sitting on cthem hind dlegs.
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- The appropriate possessive adjective is: THEIR