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Instrucciones

Antes de empezar los ejercicios, tu maestro o maestra te ayudará a contestar unos ejemplos. Los ejemplos son para que entiendas lo que tienes que hacer una vez comiences los ejercicios. También te indicará cómo ennegrecer los círculos de la hoja de contestaciones para que tu contestación sea válida. Sigue todas las sugerencias y lee con mucha atención.

A continuación verás un ejemplo de la hoja de contestaciones y lo que debes hacer para contestar.

Instrucciones para ennegrecer las respuestas de preguntas de selección múltiple

- Usa lápiz núm. 2 solamente.
- No uses lápiz mecánico, tinta ni bolígrafo.
- Llena el círculo por completo.
- Borra por completo cualquier respuesta que deseas cambiar.
- No hagas marcas o líneas en esta hoja.

 **Incorrecto**

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 **Correcto**

Instrucciones para contestar las preguntas de respuesta extendida

- Usa lápiz solamente.
- No uses lápiz mecánico, tinta ni bolígrafo.
- Asegúrate de contestar todas las partes de la pregunta.
- Escribe solamente dentro del recuadro.



English

Samples

These are the Practice Questions of the PPAA for Grade 8. With these questions, you will show how well you can understand and use English.

The practice questions include the following sections: Listening, Reading, and Writing/Language. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet. Look at sample question A.

A Choose the word that belongs in the blank.

Yesterday, I _____ my backpack at school.

- A** leave
- B** leaves
- C** leaving
- *D** left

The correct answer is **D, left**. On your answer sheet, you can see that **D** is filled in.

Now do the next sample on your own. Read the question and choose the correct answer. Then, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

B The baseball game was very exciting. My brother and I lost our voices from yelling. The game was decided in the final inning. Our team won by a score of 5-4!

Which sentence from this paragraph is an OPINION?

- A** “The baseball game was very exciting.”
- B** “My brother and I lost our voices from yelling.”
- C** “The game was decided in the final inning.”
- D** “Our team won by a score of 5-4!”

The correct answer is **A, The baseball game was very exciting**. The circle for **A** should be filled in on your answer sheet.



With these practice questions, you will show how well you can understand spoken English.

Directions: In this practice session, you will listen to some passages. Then, listen to and answer the questions. Mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

1 Choose the statement that is correct about what Tito and his father saw at the car show.

- A Tito and his father saw one motorcycle.
- B Tito and his father saw two motorcycles.
- C Tito and his father saw three motorcycles.
- D Tito and his father saw four motorcycles.

3 According to the passage, why are sunflower plants sometimes shredded?

- A to include in treats like candy
- B to scatter on stall floors
- C to make fireplace logs
- D to add to animal food

4 Which words from the passage BEST indicate the author's attitude toward sunflowers?

- A "These flowers offer much more than simple beauty, however."
- B "Sunflower plants can be used for animal food."
- C "They can also be used in fireplace logs, as well as in certain paints and plastics."
- D "In the near future, sunflowers may have another important use."



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Directions: With these practice questions, you will show how well you can read and understand written English. There is one reading selection and some questions. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

What Are Skunks Really Like?

- 1 What do you think of when you see a skunk? You probably think of the bad smell from a skunk's spray. Well, skunk spray has caused most people to have the wrong idea about these animals. Skunks are actually extremely gentle and non-aggressive.
- 2 Skunks are members of the weasel¹ family. There are four species of skunk in North America: striped, hooded, spotted, and the rare hog-nosed skunk. They vary in size, but most are about the size of a house cat. Their black and white markings can be striped, spotted, or swirled. Their strong forefeet and long nails make them good diggers. Skunks are slow-moving animals and are considered poor climbers. They are solitary animals, except when raising young or sharing a den during cold periods. The skunks' main enemies are automobiles and great horned owls.
- 3 Skunks like to make dry, warm, and dark places home. This is why skunks can be found living in burrows constructed by other animals, hollow logs, abandoned buildings, under woodpiles, and even in basements. They are active all year but will stay in dens during colder weather.
- 4 Skunks are nocturnal (active at night) and usually begin the hunt for food at sunset. They eat fruit and plants, insects, worms, reptiles, small rodents, and even garbage. These creatures have an appetite for grubs and insects that are pests to humans.
- 5 Skunks are not aggressive by nature, so they rarely attack unless they feel threatened or are defending their young. Although they have sharp teeth, they rarely use them in defense. Their foul smelling spray is usually the last option for defense purposes. A skunk's spray is an oily liquid produced by glands under its large tail. When spraying, the skunk turns around and blasts the fanlike pattern of spray at its enemy up to 15 feet away.
- 6 Skunks are cute animals, and remember, as long as a skunk does not feel threatened, it won't spray. Skunk spray cannot really hurt victims, but it definitely causes a stink!

¹Weasels: furry mammals that are excellent hunters

5 What was the author’s purpose for writing this reading selection?

- A to inform
- B to persuade
- C to entertain
- D to explain steps

6 Which word does NOT describe the black and white markings of a skunk?

- A sized
- B striped
- C spotted
- D swirled

7 Paragraph 3 is MAINLY about —

- A what skunks look like.
- B a skunk’s defenses.
- C where skunks live.
- D skunks at night.

8 Read the following dictionary entry.

pest noun 1. an annoying person or thing 2. an injurious plant or animal especially to humans 3. a deadly disease
synonym: trouble

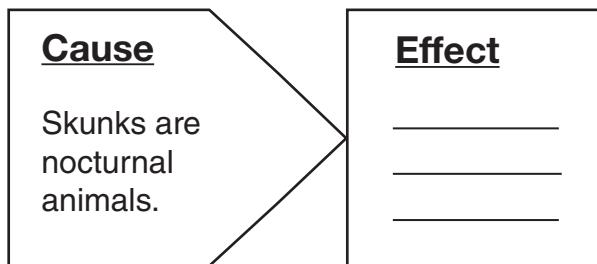
Which definition above BEST describes how the word pests is used in paragraph 4?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D synonym

9 Which sentence from the reading selection is an OPINION?

- A “They vary in size, but most are about the size of a house cat.”
- B “Their black and white markings can be striped, spotted, or swirled.”
- C “When spraying, the skunk turns around and blasts the fanlike pattern of spray at its enemy up to 15 feet away.”
- D “Skunks are cute animals, and remember, as long as a skunk does not feel threatened, it won’t spray.”

- 10 Read the chart below.



Which sentence belongs in the empty box?

- A They eat fruit and plants.
- B They are slow-moving animals.
- C They are not aggressive by nature.
- D They begin to hunt for food at sunset.

- 11 How does the author organize the information about skunks in the reading selection?

- A problem and solution
- B sequence of events or steps
- C similarities and differences
- D describes or lists characteristics

- 12 A. Explain the main idea of the reading selection.

- B. Use information from the text to support your answer.

Remember to answer all parts of the question on your answer sheet.

Directions: With these practice questions, you will show how well you understand how to write English. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

13 Read the following sentence.

The kitchen counter was full of dirty dishes, but the meal looked delicious.

What is the underlined word?

- A a noun
- B an adjective
- C a verb
- D an adverb

14 Choose the word that belongs in the blank.

My science teacher _____ the fact that our grades depended largely on class participation.

- A emphasized
- B emfasized
- C emphasized
- D emfisized

15 Choose the sentence that is correct.

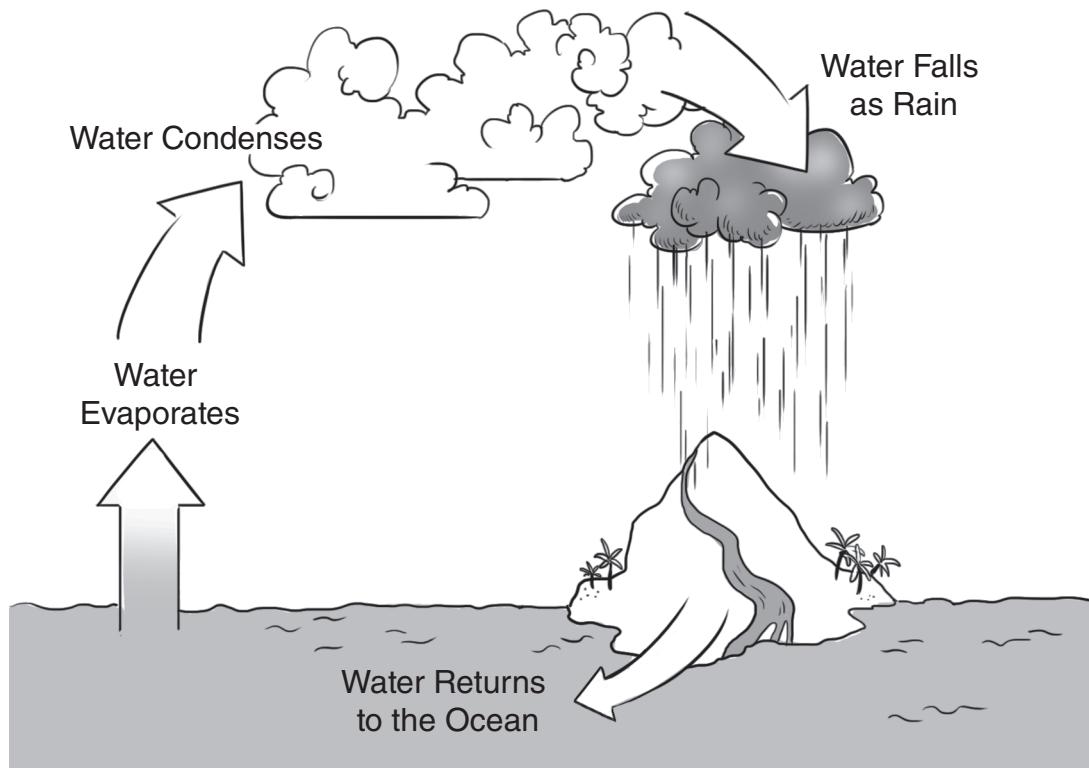
- A The science experiment was difficult; however, it was also quite fascinating.
- B Rather difficult was the science experiment, however, also quite was it fascinating.
- C It was also quite fascinating, however, rather difficult the science experiment was.
- D However, it was also quite fascinating, the rather difficult science experiment was.

- 16** Look at this diagram of the water cycle. Write a paragraph describing the steps of the water cycle as shown. Include words that express the order of events.

Use this checklist to help you think about and organize your response.

- Remember to write about what you see in the picture.
- Use details and complete sentences in your writing.
- Use appropriate capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Write your response in the space provided on your answer sheet.



Read the following selection and answer questions 17 through 19.

Migdalia's Problem

(1) Migdalia wanted to by a watch and a pair of shoes. (2) However, she had a problem. (3) Her allowance was not enough four both things. (4) After Migdalia spoke to her mother about her problem, she decided to help around the house to earn extra money. (5) Mowing the lawn and taking out the trash were tasks Migdalia was willing to do to get the things she wanted.

17 In sentence 1, the author needs to change —

- A “of” to off.
- B “by” to buy.
- C “pair” to pear.
- D “watch” to wash.

19 Which symbol would show that a word is missing before the word Migdalia in sentence 5?

- A ¶
- B ^
- C /
- D (sp)

18 What word should be used instead of four in sentence 3?

- A for
- B fort
- C fore
- D floor

