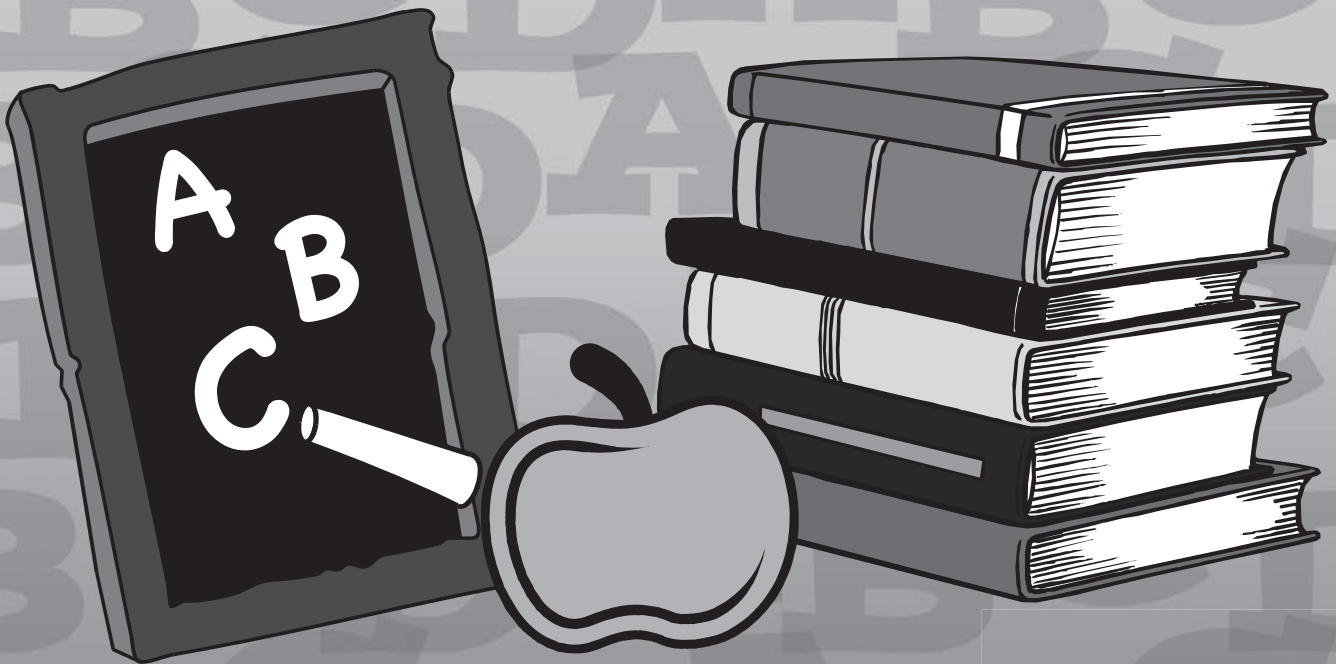




PRACTICE EXERCISES

META-PR 2017



English

Grade
6

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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 desees cambiar.
- No hagas marcas o líneas en esta hoja.

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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.



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Samples

These are the Practice Questions of the META-PR for Grade 6. 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.



Directions: With these practice questions, you will show how well you can understand spoken English. Listen carefully. Then, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

1 Which question does the sentence answer?

- A Who is the fastest?
- B Who plays basketball?
- C Who jumps the highest?
- D Who is the tallest?

2 Which question does this passage answer?

- A Who invented the game of baseball?
- B Who was on the Porpoises team?
- C Who created the math game's rules?
- D Who won the game of math baseball?

3 Which of the following words best describes how Ms. Ramírez feels about the math game?

- A angry
- B worried
- C eager
- D silly

4 What does Julio do to help his grandmother at the grocery store?

- A He pushes the cart for her.
- B He makes a salad.
- C He buys her detergent.
- D He gets her an ice-cream cone.

5 According to the passage, which of the following is correct?

- A A well-known chef is selling salad.
- B Customers can purchase salad after the demonstration.
- C Sudsy laundry detergent is free today.
- D There are several events going on in the store.



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

China's First Emperor



- 1 In the third century BC, King Zhuang Xiang ruled the Chinese kingdom of Qin until his death in 247 BC. Then his son, whose name was Ying at the time, assumed the throne. Ying was only 13 years old. He was too young to rule by himself, so his father's prime minister helped him rule. By the age of 22, Ying ruled alone. This was a difficult time because his kingdom was battling rival kingdoms for control of their lands. Ying became an excellent warrior. He had a great army that was able to defeat all the other kingdoms. This triumph made him the first to unify all the kingdoms under one dynasty, or family line of rulers. As the ruler of many kingdoms united as one empire, he adopted a new title: Qin Shi Huangdi. He became China's first emperor.
- 2 Although he was sometimes a ruthless leader, Qin Shi Huangdi achieved many accomplishments. He created a centralized government that lasted for over 2,000 years. He standardized many things, and so all Chinese people began using the same form of money and the same measurement system, and they studied the same language. His workers built the first section of the now 2,000-mile-long Great Wall of China, one of the greatest wonders of the world.

- 3 When Qin Shi Huangdi was in his forties, he became afraid of dying. His doctors gave him many potions to try in order to make him live forever. Nevertheless, the emperor moved forward with the building of his tomb. The tomb site included more than 7,000 clay statues made to look like a real army. When Qin Shi Huangdi died at the age of 50, he was buried with his massive clay army. He wanted these warriors to protect him for eternity so that he could always be a powerful ruler. Although the Qin dynasty lasted only from 221 to 207 BC, his leadership influenced Chinese emperors for generations.

- 6** What happened in paragraph 1 that caused Qin Shi Huangdi to arrange his tomb site in a particular way?
- A He assumed the throne from his father.
 - B He learned from a prime minister.
 - C He developed a mighty army.
 - D He adopted a new title.
- 7** According to the reading selection, a kingdom and an empire are the SAME in that they are both —
- A ruled by one leader.
 - B at war with rival kingdoms.
 - C ruled by a father and a son.
 - D subject to a family line of rulers.

- 8** Read the sentence from the reading selection.

“His doctors gave him many potions to try in order to make him live forever.”

This sentence is an example of how an event —

- A was typical of a time period.
- B revealed beliefs people held.
- C enabled a man to reach his goals.
- D was important to people worldwide.

- 9** What does the word potions refer to in paragraph 3?

- A incantations
- B medicines
- C beverages
- D liquids



- 10** What is the main idea of this reading selection?
- A Qin Shi Huangdi created a centralized government that lasted for over 2,000 years.
 - B Qin Shi Huangdi achieved many things after becoming the first emperor of China.
 - C Qin Shi Huangdi became known as a great warrior throughout China.
 - D Qin Shi Huangdi lived his life with many fears and problems.

- 11** A. Based on information in paragraph 2, write one **POSITIVE** word that describes Qin Shi Huangdi.
- B. Write **TWO** things that Qin Shi Huangdi did that support your answer to part A.

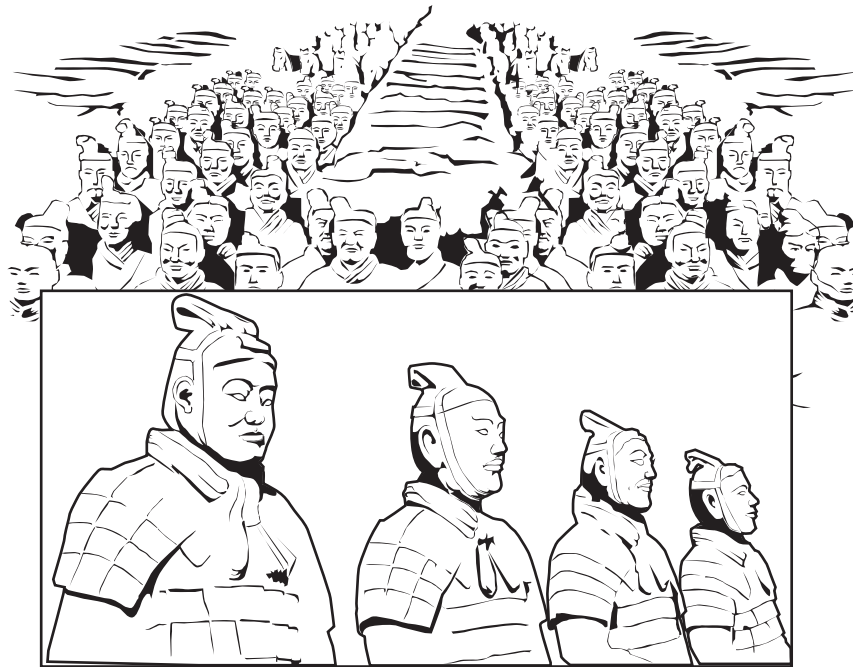
Remember to answer all parts of the question in the space provided.

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The Tremendous Terracotta Army



- 1 For years, people in the Chinese village of Xian had occasionally found bits of pottery and small statues, and thought little of it. Then a huge discovery stunned the villagers in 1974 when workers digging a well unearthed an entire massive army of life-sized clay warriors! They later discovered that these incredibly lifelike statues had been buried for more than 2,200 years. The statues were individually carved out of fired terracotta, a clay that pottery makers use.
- 2 These statues are in the burial mound, or tomb, of Qin Shi Huangdi. He was China's first emperor, and he was in power for about 36 years. The emperor's burial site is massive; it covers 22 square miles. It took over 700,000 workers and more than 30 years to build it.
- 3 Altogether, there are more than 7,000 warriors holding 40,000 bronze weapons. Incredibly, each warrior has a unique hairstyle and unique facial features and clothing. The soldiers also vary in height. The tomb also contains many chariots with horses that look ready for action. Although the colors have faded over time, the pieces of the terracotta army were painted bright purple, yellow, red, and green. Some of the statues were broken because they were buried for so long. Those statues are now being reconstructed at the museum where the terracotta army is on display.



- 4 You may wonder why the emperor wanted to be buried with this army. Historians say he wanted to show everyone how powerful he was when he was alive. They say he believed that in the afterlife he would need to defeat all of his enemies. So he needed the army to help him have the same kinds of victories he had while he was alive. Qin Shi Huangdi's terracotta army is certainly one of his greatest accomplishments. Now people from all over the world travel to the terracotta museum to see this dazzling sight.

- 12** How does paragraph 1 contribute to the setting of the reading selection?
- A It introduces the emperor, his tomb, and the workers who built it.
 - B It describes the number of statues built and their specific characteristics.
 - C It describes the reasons the emperor built the army and lists his accomplishments.
 - D It introduces the discovery of the statues, their age, and the materials used to build them.

- 13** This reading selection can be classified as —
- A a short story.
 - B an advertisement.
 - C an autobiography.
 - D a historical account.

- 14** According to the reading selection, Qin Shi Huangdi was buried with an army of soldiers to prove his —
- A intelligence.
 - B immortality.
 - C popularity.
 - D power.

- 15** Read the sentence from the reading selection.

“The emperor’s burial site is massive; it covers 22 square miles.”

In this sentence, the word massive means —

- A huge.
- B level.
- C limited.
- D narrow.



16 The reading selection is written in third-person point of view using dates and numbers. This helps the reader believe that the —

- A main characters are real.
- B events presented are facts.
- C events presented have been described carefully.
- D third-person point of view always includes dates and numbers.



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Directions: Read “China’s First Emperor” and “The Tremendous Terracotta Army” again. Then answer questions 17 and 18 about both reading selections.

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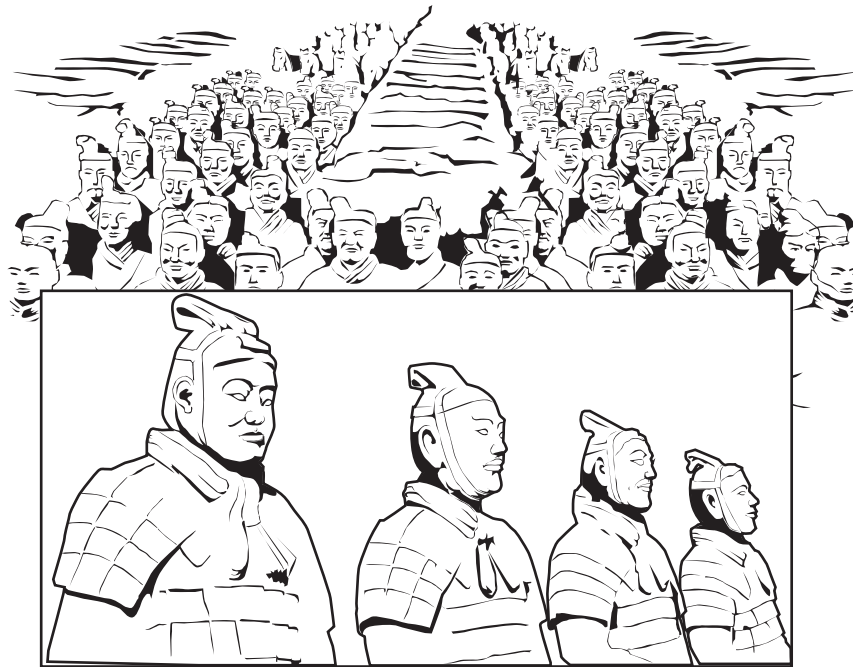


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17 After reading “China’s First Emperor” and “The Tremendous Terracotta Army,” the reader can **BEST** conclude that the —

- A terracotta army is a symbol of Chinese history.
- B terracotta army is in perfect condition.
- C emperor was the most powerful man in the world.
- D emperor was unsure of himself.

18 Which topic is present in **BOTH** “China’s First Emperor” and “The Tremendous Terracotta Army”?

- A the prime minister who helped Qin Shi Huangdi rule
- B the number of warriors buried with Qin Shi Huangdi
- C the name of Qin Shi Huangdi’s father
- D Qin Shi Huangdi’s burial site in Xian

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

19 Read the paragraphs.

(1) "Is this a good day to go swimming?" asked Evelyn.

(2) "I don't think so," replied her father. (3) "There is a cold wind, and it may rain. (4) Besides, you still have homework to do."

Which sentence has incorrect end punctuation?

- A sentence 1
- B sentence 2
- C sentence 3
- D sentence 4

20 Read the sentence.

My cousin and I entered our project in the school science fair.

Which word is the direct object?

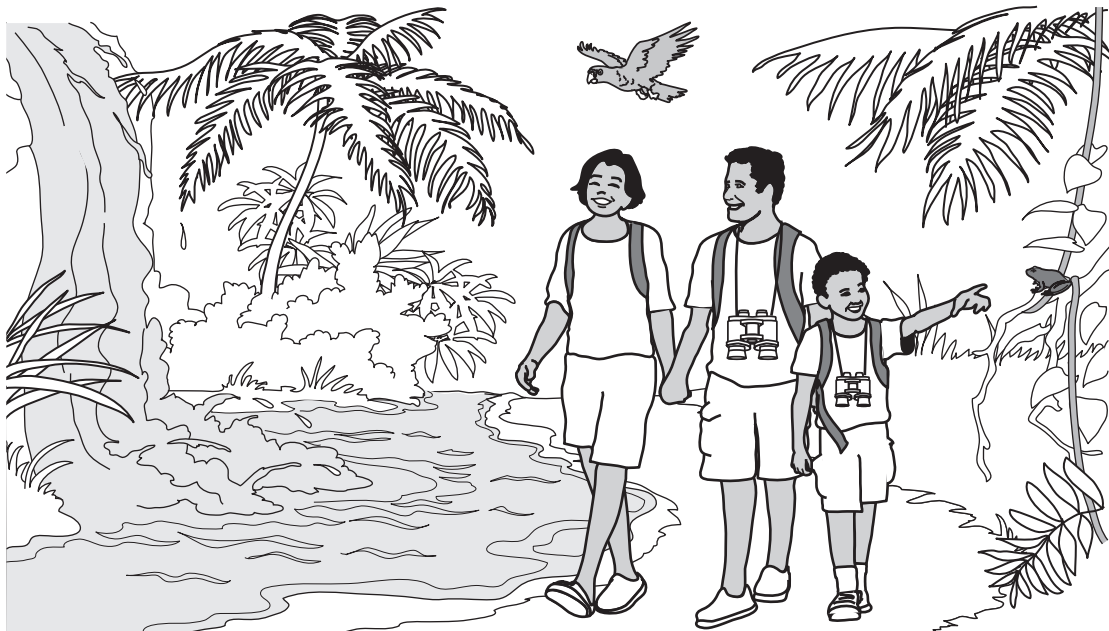
- A I
- B our
- C project
- D fair

- 21** Imagine you went on a hike in the rainforest last weekend. You saw and heard interesting things. Write a letter of at least FIVE sentences to your grandparents that describes what you heard and saw on your hike in the rainforest. Use the picture to help you think of things to include in your letter.

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.



22 Which is the **BEST** sentence to include in a descriptive paragraph about dolphins?

- A The Amazon River dolphin is pink.
- B The dolphin played with his friend the whale.
- C The shiny dolphin flashed in the sun and fell back with a loud splash.
- D The dolphin is a wonderful animal that humans must decide to protect.

23 Which sentence is written correctly?

- A Quickly dinner please finish.
- B Please finish dinner quickly.
- C Dinner please quickly finish.
- D Please dinner finish quickly.

24 Read the sentence.

Claudia stapled papers onto the _____ board.

Which word belongs in the blank?

- A bulletin
- B buletin
- C bullatin
- D bulitin

25 Read the sentence.

The queen said, "I comand you to deliver my cousin's letter to his address."

Which word is spelled incorrectly?

- A comand
- B deliver
- C cousin's
- D address

26 Read the sentence.

The clean laundry was folded and placed back _____ the basket.

Which word belongs in the blank?

- A in
- B over
- C from
- D through

27 Read the descriptive paragraph.

(1) Have you ever seen an alligator? (2) Its armor-like exterior can be scary. (3) As a hungry alligator lurks in muddy swamp areas, _____. (4) The alligator waits patiently for a hearty meal that will soon plump up its belly.

Choose the phrase that BEST completes sentence 3.

- A you can see that it is an alligator
- B its nests are built for laying eggs
- C only other alligators swim nearby during the day
- D only two focused eyes peek above the cloudy water

28 Which sentence uses a gerund as the subject?

- A Reading can inspire the imagination.
- B We are reviewing the homework assignment.
- C My younger brother loves learning about history.
- D The author was speaking in the main auditorium.



