

## SECTION 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION SCRIPT

**Part A**

- 1 Sally couldn't find the classroom until after the class had begun.
- 2 Jane is taking a sick leave from work for the summer.
- 3 Henry is supposed to be at work at 8 o'clock, but he arrived at 9 this morning.
- 4 It certainly was kind of Jane to send me flowers when I was sick.
- 5 William drove George's car from Georgia to New York without stopping to sleep.
- 6 Fewer people came to the meeting than we had expected.
- 7 The professor apologized for not announcing the test earlier.
- 8 Mary is leaving her job for good.
- 9 John has some money, but not enough to buy groceries.
- 10 Harry spent five hours knocking on doors, but he didn't sell a single magazine.
- 11 They expected eighty people at the rally, but twice that many showed up.
- 12 We were supposed to meet Fred and Mary at the movies, but we're broke.
- 13 The contractor said the repairs on Frank's house would be very expensive, but Frank decided to have the work done.
- 14 I should have studied last night, but I was too tired.
- 15 John refused to go to the banquet although he was going to receive an award.
- 16 Edna hasn't gone to a movie for years.
- 17 He likes sugar in his coffee, but nothing else.
- 18 Arnold was embarrassed to tell his date that he didn't have \$15 to pay for the meal.
- 19 The man offered \$1,000 for the car, but George shook his head.
- 20 Harvey's face turned bright red when the teacher asked him a question.

**Part B**

- 21 Man: Mary, why isn't Jane teaching here this term?  
Woman: She can't. She was fired.  
Third Voice: What reason was given for Jane's not teaching?
- 22 Man: Nancy, why were you late for class this morning?  
Woman: I overslept and missed the bus.  
Third Voice: Why was Nancy late?
- 23 Woman: I'd like to exchange this green tablecloth that I bought last week for the red one.

Man: Let's see now. The red one is only \$10.95, and the green one was \$15.

Third Voice: Approximately how much money does the clerk owe the woman?

24. Man: What do you think of Professor Conrad's class?

Woman: Well, his lectures are interesting enough, but I think he could choose more appropriate questions for the tests.

Third Voice: What does the woman *not* like about Professor Conrad's class?

25. Man: Where is Charlotte?

Woman: She's outside sunbathing.

Third Voice: Why is Charlotte outside?

26. Man: May I watch what you're doing?

Woman: Sure. You dig a hole, put in the seed, cover it with dirt, and then water it.

Third Voice: What is the woman doing?

27. Woman: Are you going to watch the movie on TV tonight?

Man: No. I think I'll watch the soccer game and then the documentary on volcanoes.

Third Voice: Which is the first program the man is planning to watch?

28. Man: Where did Suzanne come from?

Woman: She was born in Switzerland and grew up in Sweden, but now she's a citizen of England.

Third Voice: What country does Suzanne presently call her home?

29. Man: Miss, what time is flight 452 for Boston due to depart?

Woman: It leaves at 3:50, but you must check in one hour prior to departure.

Third Voice: At what time must the passenger be at the airport for flight 452?

30. Woman: I want to go to the concert tonight, but it starts at 7, and I have to work until 5. There won't be enough time to go home for dinner.

Man: I've got an idea. I'll pick you up after work and we'll eat downtown. That'll give you plenty of time to get to the concert.

Third Voice: What do we learn from this conversation?

31. Woman: Would you please spell your name for me, sir?

Man: Sure. W . . . I . . . double T . . . N . . . E . . . R.

Third Voice: What is the man's name?

32. Woman: What time does the ballet start?

Man: At 8:30. We have 35 minutes to get there.

Third Voice: What time is it now?

33. Man: Do you sell jogging shoes, ma'am?

Woman: Yes, we do. They're on special this week at \$19.95 a pair or two pairs for \$35.

Third Voice: How much is one pair of jogging shoes?

34. Woman: Louie, how did your football team do last season?

Man: We won three times, lost five times, and tied twice.

Third Voice: How many times did they tie?

35. Woman: Good afternoon, I'm Roseanne your flight attendant. Welcome aboard.

Man: Hello. I've got seat A8. I hope it's by a window so that I can see the view.

Third Voice: Where did this conversation most probably take place?

#### Part C

Questions 36 through 39 are based on the following talk.

Although played quite well in Florida and Latin America, jai alai is not an American game. This handball type game originated in the Basque region of Spain. Jai alai is one of the fastest-moving ball games. In Florida it is legal to place bets on the players, somewhat similar to betting in horse racing. Bets are placed on a win, place, show basis—that is, first, second, and third.

Sports experts agree that jai alai requires more skill, speed, endurance, and nerve than any other game.

36. Where did jai alai originate?

37. Betting on jai alai players is compared to betting in what other sport?

38. Which of the following is *not* true?

39. To what game is jai alai compared in the reading?

Questions 40 through 43 are based on the following conversation.

Man: How long have you been out of the country, miss? Where did you go?

Woman: I spent three weeks in Switzerland, and one week in Greece.

Man: Do you have any plants, meat, or alcoholic beverages to declare?

Woman: I have only two bottles of rum.

Man: How much did you spend on your purchases while you were away?

Woman: About \$100.

Man: Please open this small suitcase for me. . . . OK, give this card to the official at the red desk.

40. Where did this conversation most likely take place?
41. How many countries did the woman visit?
42. How long was the woman out of the country?
43. What did the woman have to declare?

*Questions 44 through 48 are based on the following talk.*

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the nineteenth century, and later came to the United States. Several members of his family did a great deal to encourage him in the field of science. His father was most instrumental by supervising his work with the deaf. While he dealt with the deaf and investigated the science of acoustics, his studies eventually led to invention of the multiple telegraph and his greatest invention—the telephone. The last quarter century of his life was dedicated to advances in aviation.

44. What was considered to be Alexander Graham Bell's greatest invention?
45. To what did Bell dedicate the last years of his life?
46. What can we conclude about Alexander Graham Bell?
47. Which of the following statements is *not* true?
48. How many years did Bell dedicate to aviation?

*Questions 49 and 50 are based on the following conversation.*

Man: Who wrote that exciting spy adventure novel *Topaz*?

Woman: That was Leon Uris.

Man: Didn't he also write those famous stories about bullfighting in Pamplona, Spain?

Woman: No. That was Ernest Hemingway.

49. What do we learn about Leon Uris?
50. What kind of book is *Topaz*?

This is the end of the Practice Test 1 listening comprehension section.

## SECTION I: LISTENING COMPREHENSION SCRIPT

**Part A**

- 1 According to John, there's no better cheese than Swiss cheese.
- 2 The game will be held, rain or shine.
- 3 The class should have begun at 1:15, but the professor was half an hour late.
- 4 Mary takes her children to a nursery on her way to work.
- 5 Had she read the material, she would have been prepared for class.
- 6 Sixty people received evaluation forms on the summer lecture series, but only half returned them.
- 7 Peter has the potential to be a professional musician, but he's too lazy to practice.
- 8 We're planning on spending the weekend in the country as long as the weather stays nice.
- 9 Dan and his family will move to Florida when his job confirmation comes through.
- 10 No one but the seven-year-old boy saw the terrible accident.
- 11 My father likes nothing better than fishing on a hot, summer day.
- 12 Louise writes Spanish as well as she speaks it.
- 13 The actors went over their lines once more before the production began.
- 14 Ms. Daly asked the students to hand in their assignments.
- 15 Peter and Lucy had a quarrel, but they soon made up.
- 16 I usually wake up at 7:30, but this morning I overslept.
- 17 While we're on vacation, Mary will look after the dog.
- 18 John was supposed to be here at 8 o'clock, but he's late.
- 19 Although the game of golf originated in Scotland, it is probably more popular in the United States than anywhere else.
- 20 It's been thirty years since I have seen my aunt and uncle.

**Part B**

- 21 Man: Where are you going on vacation this summer?  
Woman: I've heard about a nice place called the Swiss Chalet. It's \$18 a day or \$115 a week.  
Third Voice: How much would it cost to stay at the Swiss Chalet for a week?
- 22 Man: How did your parents like the play they attended last week?  
Woman: My mother thought the language was terrible, but my father liked it.  
Third Voice: What did the woman's parents think about the play?

23. Woman: Do you make connections with the Maple Avenue line?  
 Man: Yes, ma'am. Pay your fare and I'll give you a free transfer and call you before we get to Maple Avenue.  
 Third Voice: Where did this conversation most probably take place?
24. Woman: May I have this prescription filled here? I have a terrible headache.  
 Man: Yes, but you'll have a 15-minute wait.  
 Third Voice: Where did this conversation most probably take place?
25. Woman: Aren't we supposed to have a science test this afternoon?  
 Man: It was postponed because the teacher had to attend a conference.  
 Third Voice: What do we learn from this conversation?
26. Woman: Did you listen to the president's State of the Union message on television last night?  
 Man: I couldn't because my political science lecture let out too late.  
 Third Voice: Why didn't the man listen to the president's speech?
27. Woman: Do you think I have a chance of proving my case?  
 Man: Definitely, and we're going to sue for injuries as well.  
 Third Voice: What is the probable relationship between the man and woman?
28. Woman: What time did yesterday's second baseball game start?  
 Man: It was supposed to start at a quarter to 5, but it was delayed an hour because they had to play four extra innings in the first game.  
 Third Voice: At what time did the game finally start?
29. Man: Marie's not eating her supper tonight. What's the matter with her?  
 Woman: She went to the dentist and had braces put on her teeth. She says it hurts too much to chew.  
 Third Voice: Why isn't Marie going to eat?
30. Woman: We went to that new restaurant last night and had two steak dinners for the price of one.  
 Man: John told me you had a delicious and filling meal all for \$7.50.  
 Third Voice: What is the regular price for one steak dinner?
31. Man: Have you been to that new supermarket that just opened?  
 Woman: Yes. The prices are quite reasonable. They have a great

- variety even in meats and vegetables, but you have to bag your own groceries.
- Third Voice: What is the one drawback of the new store according to the woman?
32. Woman: Where did you and Sue go on your vacation?  
 Man: We spent three days in Scotland, one week in Spain, and five days in Switzerland.  
 Third Voice: Which of the following countries was *not* mentioned?
33. Man: Can you help me? I haven't done this before.  
 Woman: It's easy. All you do is put the worm on the hook, loosen the line, and cast it.  
 Third Voice: What is the woman showing the man how to do?
34. Woman: Don't take too long at the snack bar. It's a quarter after 12.  
 Man: It's OK. We have 45 minutes before the plane leaves.  
 Third Voice: What time is their departure scheduled?
35. Man: I heard Marilyn's going to college. What's she studying?  
 Woman: She's taking courses in statistics, economics, and accounting.  
 Third Voice: What career does Marilyn probably plan to follow?

**Part C**

Questions 36 through 39 are based on the following conversation.

- Man: You don't look too happy. What seems to be the problem?  
 Woman: I've got to write a long composition for my English class, and I just can't come up with any ideas, and it's due tomorrow.  
 Man: That shouldn't be too difficult. Remember those pictures you were showing me last week? The ones from your cruise last winter.  
 Woman: Sure. I've got them here someplace.  
 Man: Why don't you write about your impressions of the pyramids in Egypt and the camel ride you took.  
 Woman: That sounds like a good idea. I can also tell about our visit to North Africa, the Holy Land, and all of the historical, biblical places we visited.  
 Man: Well, now that you're feeling better about this, I think I'll be on my way. I've got to finish my composition too.  
 Woman: Thanks for your help. Once I get organized, it won't be so difficult.
36. What was the woman's problem?

37. What does the man suggest?  
 38. Which of the following places did the woman *not* visit?  
 39. Why does the man have to leave?

Questions 40 through 42 are based on the following reading.

Nathaniel Bacon was a man determined to protect his property against Indian raids. He encouraged other Piedmont farmers to do likewise. After Governor Berkeley of Virginia had refused to help them, Bacon and his friends banded together and destroyed a group of attackers in April of 1676. Governor Berkeley declared them traitors, and they assembled a group of some 500 people and marched on Jamestown, the capital, to insist on the governor's assistance. Berkeley later ordered them all arrested. Because of this, the farmers burned Jamestown and took control of the government. The governor fled.

The fight, which was known as Bacon's Rebellion, lasted almost a year. Bacon contracted malaria and died in October of 1676, leaving the farmers at the mercy of Governor Berkeley. Twenty-three of them were hanged at his request.

40. Which of the following is *not* true?  
 41. Approximately how long were Bacon and the farmers able to fight of the governor?  
 42. How did Nathaniel Bacon die?

Questions 43 through 45 are based on the following conversation.

Woman: Alan, you've been so busy lately that we don't see you anymore.

Man: I've been trying to finish this research project so that I can present my findings at the annual conference in July.

Woman: But that's two months away. You've still got lots of time.

Man: Not really. You see, I've finished all the research, and I've just about organized all my notes, but it will take me almost two months to type them.

Woman: Well, if that's your only problem, I can type up your paper in less than two weeks.

43. What does the woman offer to do for the man?  
 44. Why does the man need to finish the paper?  
 45. What month is it now?

Questions 46 through 50 are based on the following reading.

Towering over the Black Hills of South Dakota at 6,000 feet above sea level can be seen the majestic and lifelike figures of four of America's greatest presidents. Gutson Borglum spent fourteen years carving these gargantuan busts in Mount Rushmore as a lasting tribute to America's

leadership. In 1927 Borglum began this monumental task when he was sixty years old, a time when most men are preparing for their retirement, and not for a lengthy project. Upon Borglum's death, his son continued the project until the funding ran out.

Of the four presidents, George Washington's bust is the most prominent, looking as serious as we tend to think of him. Behind him is Thomas Jefferson, who bears a friendlier visage. Teddy Roosevelt is tucked off into the corner next to the last of the four, Abraham Lincoln, whose bust is the least complete.

It is unbelievable that such a monumental masterpiece should sit in a now quiet area, once the scene of deadly battles between the Sioux Indians and the white man.

46. Why was work on Mount Rushmore finally discontinued?  
 47. Which of the following presidents is *not* represented in this magnificent sculpture?  
 48. How old was Gutson Borglum when he died?  
 49. How can the figures of Mount Rushmore best be described?  
 50. Which of the following is *not* true?

This is the end of the Practice Test 2 listening comprehension section.

## EXPLANATIONS FOR PRACTICE TEST 2

### SECTION II: STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

#### Part A

1. (C) In choice (A), the verb *being* is incorrect because it suggests that Captain Henry is *now* remote from the enemy. If this were true, he would not need to creep through the underbrush. (B) is incorrect because the infinitive *to encounter* is split by the particle *not*. (D) uses incorrect vocabulary. One can "involve oneself in something," but one cannot "involve oneself in a person or people."
2. (D) Choice (A) incorrectly uses *childs*. *Children* is the correct plural of *child*. (B) is incorrect because a plural noun is required after *one of the*. Choice (C) is verbose.
3. (B) Choice (A) is in error because it contains a dangling participle, suggesting that it entered school. (C) contains an improper use of the past perfect progressive (*had been entering*). (D) incorrectly uses *enter* into, use *enter* + noun. (Exception: It is correct to *enter into* an agreement or contract.)

## SECTION 1: LISTENING COMPREHENSION SCRIPT

## Part A

- 1 Mary went to the gas station to have her tank filled.
- 2 They would have come to the meeting if they had known about it.
- 3 Martha was born before Barbara was.
- 4 Most students in the class score eighty percent and above, but John is the exception.
- 5 The humanities professor asked the dean to question several students.
- 6 John was supposed to arrive at 6:15, but he's an hour and a half late.
- 7 Be sure to get an estimate before you let him repair your car.
- 8 If Henry hadn't had so much work to do, he would have gone to the movies.
- 9 Jane should have worked on her paper last night, but she watched TV instead.
- 10 John focused on the deer and snapped the shutter.
- 11 James had the library books renewed.
- 12 The woman needed \$54, but she was pleased to find that she had \$240 in her purse.
- 13 Henry is afraid he'll gain weight if he stops smoking.
- 14 John prefers strawberry pie, but his wife always bakes apple pie.
- 15 It's a quarter to 5. We have an hour and 45 minutes to get to the airport.
- 16 Although Harry hasn't studied in weeks, he's sure he'll pass his classes.
- 17 Mary ran into Anne downtown last week.
- 18 The meat at the banquet was so tough we could hardly cut it.
- 19 John must have forgotten about our meeting.
- 20 James was late for school this morning because he overslept.

## Part B

- 21 Man: Operator, I'd like to place a call to Athens, Greece.  
How much will it cost?  
Woman: \$9 for the first three minutes and \$3 for each additional minute.  
Third Voice: How much would a ten-minute call cost?
- 22 Man: Are you going to the concert tonight?  
Woman: No. I promised to babysit for my neighbors while they go to a military dinner.  
Third Voice: What will the woman do tonight?
- 23 Man: What's in that big bag over there?  
Woman: I bought some apples, peaches, pears, and grapes.  
Third Voice: What did the woman buy?

24. Man: I thought Francie and Mike were getting married in June.  
 Woman: No, that's when his cousin's wedding is. They're getting married the following month.  
 Third Voice: When are Francie and Mike getting married?
25. Man: Did you hear that the Chapmans sold their house and are moving to Arizona?  
 Woman: Yes, and the man who bought the house is a doctor from Philadelphia.  
 Third Voice: From where did the new owner come?
26. Woman: Ray, are you going straight home after school today?  
 Man: No. I have a class until 1 o'clock, and after that I'm going to spend a couple of hours at the library before going home.  
 Third Voice: What is Ray going to do this afternoon?
27. Woman: Where did Joe and Nancy go for their honeymoon?  
 Man: They were going to go to Puerto Rico, but they couldn't afford it, so they went to St. Augustine for one week instead.  
 Third Voice: Where did Joe and Nancy go on their honeymoon?
28. Woman: Did you know that the hot dog did not originate in the United States, but in Germany?  
 Man: Yes, and they even have something similar to it in Finland. It's made out of reindeer meat.  
 Third Voice: Which of the following is *not* true about the hot dog?
29. Woman: This doesn't look at all familiar. We must be lost. We'd better get some directions.  
 Man: Let's pull in here. While I'm filling the tank, you ask about the directions and get me a soft drink.  
 Third Voice: Where will the man and woman go for assistance?
30. Man: May I speak to Jason Daniels please?  
 Woman: Nobody by that name works here.  
 Third Voice: What do we learn from this conversation?
31. Man: Martha, you look tired.  
 Woman: I am. I've been working on the budget report for the finance committee for three days and nights.  
 Third Voice: Why is the woman tired?
32. Woman: John, how are you? I heard you were sick.  
 Man: They must have confused me with somebody else. I've never felt better.

- Third Voice: How does John feel?
33. Man: I'd like to buy this table, but I'm \$20 short.  
 Woman: I'll lend you the money if you can pay me back by Friday.  
 Third Voice: Can the man buy the table?
34. Man: Has George returned from Europe yet?  
 Woman: Yes, but he was only here for three days before his company sent him to Canada.  
 Third Voice: Where is George now?
35. Woman: Excuse me. When will the 7:15 bus arrive?  
 Man: It's been delayed two hours because a bridge was broken.  
 Third Voice: What do we learn from this conversation?

### Part C

*Questions 36 through 39 are based on the following news story.*

Two men and a thirteen-year-old boy are safe now after being rescued from their tiny boat which had been adrift in the Gulf of Mexico for twenty-four hours. After their families had reported them missing, the Coast Guard began searching, but the men were rescued after waving frantically at a private airplane flying overhead. It turned out that they had drifted only seven and a half miles from where their engine had broken down.

36. How many people were in the boat?  
 37. How were they finally rescued?  
 38. Why did the authorities begin to search for the boat?  
 39. How far had the boat drifted?

*Questions 40 through 43 are based on the following conversation.*

- Man: Did you see that TV program last night about the sky diver whose parachutes didn't open after he had jumped from his plane?  
 Woman: No, I didn't. Did he die?  
 Man: No. It's really unbelievable how he could have survived such a free fall, much less live to tell about it on television!  
 Woman: What happened?  
 Man: Neither of his chutes opened as he plummeted to the ground. When they found him, they thought he was dead. Doctors said he'd never walk again, but he proved them wrong.  
 Woman: How long was he recuperating?  
 Man: He spent eighteen months in the hospital while his bones were mending, most of which were broken. He was no sooner discharged than he went back and jumped out of a plane again.  
 Woman: Gee, some people sure do crazy things!

40. Why was the man in the hospital?
41. Where did the interview take place?
42. What caused the man's accident?
43. What happened to the man soon after he was released from the hospital?

*Questions 44 through 46 are based on the following news story.*

NASA officials have expressed a great deal of concern recently over the descent of Skylab, a satellite which is slowly making its way back to earth and is expected to reenter our atmosphere within the next two weeks. The aluminum Skylab is not expected to disintegrate on reentry. In fact, it is feared that some 400 to 500 pieces, some weighing up to 1,000 pounds, could survive reentry. These pieces would not all land in one area, but would be spread over hundreds of miles causing a great deal of damage to property and endangering human lives. At this point, we just don't know where or when it will come down or how much damage it might cause.

44. From what type of material is Skylab made?
45. Which of the following statements is true?
46. Which of the following statements is *not* true?

*Questions 47 through 50 are based on the following conversation.*

- Woman: What do you think? Am I OK?  
 Man: Well, there is some congestion. I want to do some tests.  
 Woman: How soon will I get the results?  
 Man: Oh, you'll have the results before you leave the office, and here is some medicine that I believe will help you.

47. What is the probable relationship between these two speakers?
48. When will the woman receive the results of the tests?
49. What does the man feel will help the woman?
50. What is the woman's problem?

This is the end of the Practice Test 3 listening comprehension section.