

Level E - Form 1 - Language: Paragraph Development

Sample Question A

Choose the sentence that best fills the blank in the paragraph.

_____. Johnny Carson was from Nebraska. Stephen Douglas was a Nebraskan. The leader Black Elk also lived in Nebraska.

- A Have you heard of Stephen Douglas?
- B Many famous people come from Nebraska.
- C Many entertainers have had humble childhoods.
- D Black Elk had a vision that the Sioux would become strong again.

Sample Question B

Choose the answer that best develops the topic sentence.

When mixing cement, you must add the right amount of water.

- A The Romans invented cement. It's cheap and durable.
- B Cement is used for sidewalks, foundations, and walls. Modern cities are built on cement.
- C If you add too much water, the cement will run. If you don't add enough, it won't form correctly.
- D Most cement is made from limestone and clay. Once water is added, the mixture will take almost any shape.

Sample Question C

Choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

1. Little Carrie has been getting into a lot of trouble lately. 2. She bit someone at daycare last month. 3. She draws the most wonderful pictures. 4. And yesterday she ate an entire tube of toothpaste.

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

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For Numbers 1 through 10, read the paragraph. Then choose the sentence that best fills the blank in the paragraph.

1. _____. We need someone to take tickets and at least two people to cook pancakes. Afterward, someone must clean up.
 - A This kitchen is a mess!
 - B Cooking can be great fun.
 - C The pancake breakfast was a great success.
 - D We need help with the pancake breakfast.

2. First, cut raw vegetables into bite-sized pieces. Then heat a bit of oil in a frying pan. Fry the vegetables for five minutes. _____.
 - F Then serve the dish hot.
 - G Buy green peppers and carrots.
 - H Then wash the raw vegetables well.
 - J Remove the seeds and stems from your vegetables.

3. _____. I woke up late this morning. My car got a flat tire. And now the Cougars have lost the game.
 - A I hate driving to work.
 - B This has been a terrible day.
 - C It's not worth it to be a Cougars fan.
 - D I'm having lunch today with my friend.

4. _____. One mistake on the job can cause you a serious injury. That's worse than losing money or missing a deadline. So always think first about safety.
 - F In the past, companies had few safety standards.
 - G Life can be hard for people who are disabled.
 - H Safety is the most important part of the job.
 - J I have a habit of working carelessly.

5. _____. My car gets great mileage. It is very safe. It's a great color, too!
 - A I really need a new car.
 - B I just bought a terrific car!
 - C Cleo has the same car I have.
 - D Seat belts are very important to me.

6. Tamyra drove to Boston last week. She started driving at five in the morning. _____. Ten hours later she arrived.
 - F She likes Houston, too.
 - G Then she packed for the trip.
 - H She stopped for food or gas every hour.
 - J Now she just has to turn around and drive back home.

7. When my parents lost their farm in Laos, they decided to come to the United States. They used all their money to take a ship to New York. For years afterward, they worked for someone else in a New York deli. _____. Today, their store is one of the largest grocery stores in the neighborhood.

- A They saved their money and opened their own store.
- B It took them only two days to find work in New York.
- C The boat ride took over three weeks, and they really suffered.
- D Then my parents' farm was destroyed by war and bad weather.

8. _____. Mostly I smell warm sand and salt water. Sometimes a strand of seaweed adds a sharp, salty smell. I wish I could save these odors in a bottle.

- F Don't you love seaweed?
- G Conch shells are very common.
- H I love all the smells of the ocean.
- J Odors bring back all kinds of memories.

9. I watch the TV weather reports each morning before I leave for work. This morning, the reporter said we'd have storms starting around the lunch hour. Just before leaving home, I turned off the TV. _____.

- A Then I got out of bed.
- B Then I talked to the reporter.
- C Then I grabbed my umbrella.
- D Then I watched the weather report.

10. Ula wanted to move to a new town. She found a job in the new town. Then she started looking for apartments. It only took her a day to find an apartment she really liked. _____.

- F She moved in three weeks later.
- G Then she looked for a new place to live.
- H Ula looked for a new city to move to with her family.
- J She tried to find an apartment.

For Numbers 11 through 15, choose the answer the best develops the topic sentence.

11. When your family needs fun, come to Barney's Bowling Alley.
- A Modern bowling began as a game called ninepin.
 - B What does your family enjoy? Outdoor activities? Music? Sports?
 - C Families need to spend time together. It brings them closer together.
 - D We have balls and shoes for bowlers of all ages. We even have bumpers, so toddlers can play.
12. The teenagers in Greenwood County need more to do.
- F Greenwood County has no theater or after-school programs. What can kids do for fun?
 - G Teenagers are blamed for many problems. But most teens are good kids.
 - H Many of us grew up here. We know the parents of most local teenagers.
 - J Greenwood County has been around for longer than 100 years. We all enjoy living here.
13. The humpback whale is an endangered species.
- A Humpback whales can be found in oceans all over the world.
 - B Without proper protection, humpback whales could die out altogether.
 - C The songs of the humpback whales are unusual and interesting.
 - D A long time ago, whales were prized for their oils.
14. If you have been laid off, maybe you should think about taking a class.
- F Classes can be fun. They are also a great place to meet new people.
 - G It seems new layoffs are announced every day. We all are a little scared.
 - H There are many places to work: stores, offices, and factories. But it can be hard to find a job you like.
 - J The world is changing fast, and classes can help you prepare for these changes. Taking classes will help your chances of getting a new job.
15. Books in the library can help you prepare to find a good job.
- A You'll find information about many types of jobs and how to get them.
 - B There are now CDs and videos you can check out at the library.
 - C Some libraries give information on special topics.
 - D Other books tell you about your favorite hobby.

For Numbers 16 through 20, read the paragraph. Then choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

16. 1. The servers in a restaurant handle people as well as food. 2. They must make customers feel welcome. 3. The restaurant must be clean at all times. 4. They must handle many customer problems.

F sentence 1
G sentence 2
H sentence 3
J sentence 4

17. 1. Colds are rarely passed on with a sneeze. 2. Most people get colds by touching someone who is sick. 3. A person can also catch a cold by sharing food. 4. The flu is not as common as colds.

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

18. 1. My daughter plays on a soccer team at school. 2. She has practice every day after school. 3. My son plays baseball. 4. Last year, the soccer team won the state championship.

F sentence 1
G sentence 2
H sentence 3
J sentence 4

19. 1. Every Saturday night, my husband and I go dancing. 2. Our friends, Gabe and Melinda, often come dancing with us. 3. Melinda is a teacher at the local school. 4. We go to a nearby club and dance all night long.

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

20. 1. Every morning before work, I go for a walk in my neighborhood. 2. Some people belong to expensive gyms. 3. I walk in a big circle, all around my neighborhood. 4. It is a great way to get exercise and visit my neighbors, too.

F sentence 1
G sentence 2
H sentence 3
J sentence 4