

SAMs Level A - Form 1 - Language: Usage

Sample Question A

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Does _____ plan to go?

- A he
- B him
- C his
- D he's

Sample Question B

Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

- A They was late.
- B She ran very slow.
- C They're train was late.
- D I'm not going to the lake.

Sample Question C

Read the passage and choose the answer that is written correctly for the underlined part.

Before you buy a car, decide how much you can spend. Get information about the models you is interested in.

- A you are
- B you was
- C you be
- D Correct as it is

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For Numbers 1 through 4, choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Which couples here at the Seniors' Ball _____ the longest?

- A is married
- B was married
- C has been married
- D have been married

2. By the time my dog died last August, he _____ fifteen years old.

- F was
- G will be
- H had been
- J will have been

3. Bob looked at the map to decide _____ route was best.

- A which
- B that
- C who
- D why

4. Of the ten tennis players on this team, Kurt swings his racket _____.

- F aggressive
- G aggressively
- H more aggressively
- J most aggressively

For Numbers 5 through 8, choose the answer that is written correctly and shows the correct capitalization and punctuation.

5. A The twins wanted separate birthday parties because she wanted to be treated like individuals.
B Each of the girls invited their friends over to the house on separate days.
C Christina decided to have her party during the daytime so that everyone could play games outdoors.
D Maria is having a sleepover, and everyone must bring their own sleeping bag.
6. F This soup is very well, but it's a bit salty.
G I hired you because I'm certain you will do a good job.
H Patrice isn't feeling good, so she went home early.
J I don't know her good, but she seems nice.
7. A Spring is coming more slowly this year than ever before.
B Linda played the piece very skillful, but she didn't play it with feeling.
C The more beautiful wedding I've ever seen was in 1987, when I was married.
D I think the fire department answers alarms from first-time callers more quick than calls from anyone else.
8. F Mr. McClintoff asked my kids if she would mow his lawn.
G Russell asked his parents if he could come to visit for the holidays.
H Last week, one of my cousins found a tumor growing in their neck.
J The people in this town want clean air, as long as its jobs aren't threatened.

For Numbers 9 through 13, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

Reading books is not just for school kids. Reading is the cheapest vacation you (9) can ever take. You can read books about faraway, exotic lands, or they can read (10) books about the beach. You can climb the highest mountains easy in books, or you can explore ancient ruins. Reading can take you anywhere you want to go. (11) If you get your books from the library, you don't never have to pay to take your (12) trip. Try to read something every day. It doesn't make no matter what you choose. (13) Reading is a most great escape.

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| 9. | A you | 12. | F not |
| | B he | | G doesn't |
| | C we | | H does no |
| | D Correct as it is | | J Correct as it is |
| 10. | F easier | 13. | A more great |
| | G easiest | | B greatest |
| | H easily | | C great |
| | J Correct as it is | | D Correct as it is |
| 11. | A do | | |
| | B don't | | |
| | C not | | |
| | D Correct as it is | | |

For Numbers 14 through 17, read the ad and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

Black Lab Puppies!

- (14) You couldn't find three most adorable puppies than the ones we are giving away. Labs have easygoing personalities, so they are terrific with kids. However, labs (15) are one of the largest breeds and need lots of room, unlike small dogs whom don't (16) need no running space. These qualities make black labs perfect for farm families. (17) Each of these dogs have been given all necessary immunization shots, so they should be healthy for years to come. Please call 555-6357 to make an appointment to see these pups.

14. F more adorable
G adorabler
H most adorablest
J Correct as it is

15. A whose
B who
C whom
D Correct as it is

16. F not running space
G neither running space
H any running space
J Correct as it is

17. A have be give
B has been given
C has been gived
D Correct as it is

For Numbers 18 through 20, read the passage and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

March 15, 2004

Dear Friends,

We have a happy announcement to make. Antonio and I are about to open our (18) own restaurant! We are dreaming about this for almost twenty years, and now our (19) dream is about to come true. Everyone is invited to the most big grand opening party you have ever seen. Our new place will be called The Peppermill, and it will be located at 44 East Central Avenue. If you drive past the restaurant now, you will see that the (20) sign in the parking lot still says "Joe's Kitchen," that is the old name of the place. Don't worry, we will replace it! Meet us at The Peppermill for our grand opening at 8:00 P.M. on March 24.

Best regards,

Regina

18. F have been dreaming
G will be dreaming
H dream
J Correct as it is

19. A more big
B biggest
C big
D Correct as it is

20. F here
G there
H which
J Correct as it is