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## Paragraph Content and Organization Test 5

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Mr. Lester ordered coffee and muffins for himself and his wife. Mrs. Lester used to work at a coffeehouse just like this one. The children had cinnamon buns and hot chocolate. After enjoying their treats, the Lesters decided it was time to go home and left.

1. Which is the BEST topic sentence for the paragraph above?
    - A. Coffee is not always the best thing to bring a family together.
    - B. The Lesters would some day like to own their own coffeehouse.
    - C. The Lester's neighborhood is getting larger every day with new businesses opening all the time.
    - D. Early Saturday morning, the Lesters went to the new coffeehouse in their neighborhood.
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There are many ways to make a sandcastle. Then, press the sand into shapes to form the castle. First, start with wet sand so it will pack well. Finally, smooth the sand out until your castle looks the way you want it. You can then enter your castle into a contest and maybe even win!

2. Which sentence is incorrectly placed in the paragraph?
    - A. There are many ways to make a sandcastle.
    - B. Then, press the sand into shapes to form the castle.
    - C. Finally, smooth the sand out until your castle looks the way you want it.
    - D. You can then enter your castle into a contest and maybe even win!
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Harriet went camping with her family. First, they set up the tent, and it was facing the lake. Mom and Dad cooked dinner on the camp stove. Later on, her little brother got a fire going to roast marshmallows. They had a great time camping.

3. Which words in the above paragraph are transitional words or phrases?
    - A. went, first
    - B. first, cooked
    - C. first, later on
    - D. cooked, camping
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4. Which sentence or phrase in the paragraph is redundant?

- A. Finally, I am ready for school.
  - B. I follow the same routine each day.
  - C. I pack my bag for school before I go to bed.
  - D. Every morning I get ready for school in one hour.
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*Use the paragraph below to answer question 5.*

**1**Collecting old toys has become a popular hobby. **2**People go to flea markets and garage sales looking for specific things like a 1930s doll or a 1945 wind-up car. **3**My grandfather found a cookie jar from 1945 at a house sale last week. **4**Our neighbors have toys from as far back as the 1800s. **5**These old toys are a lot of fun to look at, so I can see why people are interested in collecting them.

5. Which sentence is the topic sentence of the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
  - B. sentence 2
  - C. sentence 3
  - D. sentence 4
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*Use the paragraph below to answer question 6.*

1It was a place where chocolate drinks were served. 2In 1657, a house in England was built called the Chocolate House. 3Princes and princesses liked to go to the house to drink chocolate out of golden cups and talk with friends. 4Sometimes a guest could see the King and Queen of England drinking chocolate drinks out of golden cups.

6. In the paragraph above, sentence 2 is out of order. Where should sentence 2 BEST be placed?

- A. before sentence 1
  - B. before sentence 4
  - C. before sentence 5
  - D. before sentence 2
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7. In the paragraph above, which would make a good topic sentence?

- A. Peter went to the grocery store with his mother.
  - B. There is a lot of advanced technology in grocery stores.
  - C. It is not easy to have an enjoyable time at the grocery store.
  - D. Fruits and vegetables need to be a part of everyone's grocery list.
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8. Which would be a good topic sentence for this paragraph?

- A. Volleyball is our school's best sport.
  - B. Each spring our school schedules a field day.
  - C. Gym class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
  - D. The second and third grades have a pretty good rivalry going.
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9. Which phrase or sentence in the paragraph is repeated?

- A. Jill was eating a sandwich when her mom walked in and surprised her.
  - B. Bob always obeys mom's rules.
  - C. stuffed the peanut butter and jelly sandwich in her pocket.
  - D. That was not going to solve anything.
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10. Which would make a good closing sentence for the above paragraph?

- A. Harriet had a great time on the camping trip.
  - B. Harriet's tent was soaking wet, and ruined forever.
  - C. Harriet went swimming in the lake the next morning.
  - D. Harriet soon discovered that she was allergic to marshmallows.
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11. You should avoid writing unrelated sentences in a paragraph

- A. so that the paragraph is unified.
  - B. so that the paragraph is not too long.
  - C. so that the paragraph has several subjects.
  - D. so that the paragraph has several changes in time sequence.
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On Saturday, we went to the playground. It is just down the block from our house. Anna played on the slide. I played on the swings. We were also at the playground two weeks ago. We had fun all afternoon at the playground.

12. Which sentence from the paragraph is not needed?

- A. On Saturday, we went to the playground.
  - B. It is just down the block from our house.
  - C. We were also at the playground two weeks ago.
  - D. We had fun all afternoon at the playground.
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Hannah took dance lessons on Tuesdays. Most of the time Hannah loved the class, but once every few months the students had a recital for their parents. The students had to pick their own music, and create their own dance for that music at home. Then all the parents would come to the class and watch each student perform his or her own dance. While most of the children loved the recitals, Hannah was simply terrified every time. She felt she could never learn to enjoy dancing in front of others. She was so afraid of dancing in the recitals.

13. Which could be a supporting detail for the paragraph above?

- A. She really never did like listening to music.
  - B. Dancing is the best type of exercise for young adults.
  - C. Hannah worked very hard in dance class to get over her fear.
  - D. Hannah did not want to go to dance class, but her parents made her.
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Our field trip to the zoo was fun. First, we saw the monkeys and gorillas. Next, we got to pet some sheep and goats. Joey did not come to the zoo because he was sick. Finally, we saw the snakes, and I got to touch one. We did a lot of fun things that day at the zoo.

14. Which sentence is not related to the topic?

- A. First, we saw the monkeys and gorillas.
  - B. Next, we got to pet some sheep and goats.
  - C. Joey did not come to the zoo, because he was sick.
  - D. Finally, we saw the snakes, and I got to touch one.
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Amy and Roger wanted very much to go to the beach. After much begging, Mom and Dad decided to take them. Amy, Roger, Mom, and Dad built sandcastles and swam all day long. Last night we had chicken for dinner. It was the last day of summer vacation. The family enjoyed their day at the beach.

15. Which phrase in the paragraph above is repetitive?

- A. very much
  - B. day long
  - C. the beach
  - D. their day
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16. Which sentence does NOT support the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. After social studies, he was crossing the hall to Mrs. Peterman's room.
  - B. There was Mark Steedleman standing by the boys bathroom.
  - C. He knew his friends Chris and John were already in the computer room.
  - D. John had really loved computers ever since third grade.
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It was Mary's birthday, and Laurie was going to learn how to make a cake for the party. First, Mom told her to get out a large mixing bowl, a measuring cup, two eggs, and something to stir the batter with. When she had everything in place, Laurie began to put all the ingredients together. After stirring up the batter, Mom showed Laurie how to turn the oven on to 350 degrees. Next, she emptied the batter into a large cake pan that she had buttered and floured. Laurie put the pan in the oven, set the timer for 40 minutes and waited for it to be done. Forty minutes later, she took out a beautiful, golden-brown birthday cake.

17. Identify all the transition words and phrases that indicate the sequence in the paragraph above.

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18. Which sentence would be a good topic sentence for this paragraph?

- A. Jerry went to the store to get a pair of new shoes.
- B. Shopping for shoes is the easiest thing you can do.
- C. If you do not buy the right shoes, you can break your foot.
- D. Shoes are the most important article of clothing you wear.

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19. Which would make a good closing sentence for this paragraph?

- A. Amy got a sunburn and felt miserable.
  - B. The family enjoyed the day at the beach.
  - C. They were not looking forward to their next trip.
  - D. Now that summer is over, I can not wait to go back to school.
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20. What does the underlined sentence do for the paragraph?

- A. introduces the main topic
  - B. summarizes the main topic
  - C. gives more detail about an idea
  - D. provides a transition between ideas
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On Saturday, we went to the playground. It is just down the block from our house. Anna played on the slide. I played on the swings. We played “hide and seek” for almost an hour.

21. Which would be a good closing sentence for this paragraph?

- A. We had fun all afternoon on the playground.
  - B. “Hide and seek” is my favorite game to play.
  - C. I am never going back to that playground again.
  - D. I am getting too old to play on swings and slides.
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