

# SCRIPT

## SECTION I: LISTENING

In this section of the test, you will have the chance to show how well you understand spoken English. There are four parts to this section, with special directions for each part. Remember, you may not take notes.

### Part 1: Photographs

**Directions:** For each question, you will see a picture in your test book and you will hear four short statements. The statements will be spoken just one time. They will not be printed in your test book, so you must listen carefully to understand what the speaker says.

When you hear the four statements, look at the picture in your test book and choose the statement that best describes what you see in the picture. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer. Look at the sample below.

Now listen to the four statements.

- (A) The phone is on a chair.
- (B) The waiting area is crowded.
- (C) The table is between the chairs.
- (D) Cables are on the wooden floor.

Statement C, "The table is between the chairs," best describes what you see in the picture. Therefore, you should choose answer C.

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| <p><b>1</b> (A) He is strumming the instrument.<br/>(B) The musician is taking a bow.<br/>(C) He will sing into the microphone.<br/>(D) His attire is very formal.</p> <p><b>2</b> (A) The ships have set sail.<br/>(B) They harbor many doubts.<br/>(C) The boats are landlocked.<br/>(D) Yachts are lined up.</p> <p><b>3</b> (A) The bathtub is very clean.<br/>(B) A sink is below the mirror.<br/>(C) The walls are wooden.<br/>(D) The shower is being used.</p> <p><b>4</b> (A) Vegetables are growing in the field.<br/>(B) Produce is being offered.<br/>(C) Baked goods are for sale.<br/>(D) The shop has shut down for the day.</p> | <p><b>5</b> (A) The room is very tidy.<br/>(B) The guitar player is on the couch.<br/>(C) Posters are on the wall.<br/>(D) They made the room orderly.</p> <p><b>6</b> (A) The area is under construction.<br/>(B) Workers are on two ladders.<br/>(C) The renovation is complete.<br/>(D) The two ladders are of equal size.</p> <p><b>7</b> (A) The man is making a phone call from home.<br/>(B) He is standing on the telephone.<br/>(C) The man called it off.<br/>(D) He is holding a receiver.</p> <p><b>8</b> (A) The streets are empty.<br/>(B) A riot is in progress.<br/>(C) White objects are on tall poles.<br/>(D) The downpour has begun.</p> |
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| <p><b>9</b> (A) She is planting purple flowers.<br/>(B) She is holding a watering canister.<br/>(C) The flowers are on a large desk.<br/>(D) The plant is not being watered.</p> | <p><b>10</b> (A) The seats are empty.<br/>(B) The patio furniture is unassembled.<br/>(C) Green plants are on the table.<br/>(D) The large sun umbrella is closed.</p> |
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### Part 2: Question-Response

**Directions:** In this part of the test, you will hear a question spoken in English, followed by three responses, also spoken in English. The question and the responses will be spoken just one time. They will not be printed in your test book, so you must listen carefully to understand what the speakers say. You are to choose the best response to each question.

Now listen to a sample question.

*You will hear:* Has the flight from Manila landed yet?

*You will also hear:*

- (A) It takes off soon.
- (B) Ten minutes ago.
- (C) Manila is an interesting city.

The best response to the question "Has the flight from Manila landed yet?" is choice (B), "Ten minutes ago." Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

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| <p><b>11</b> What seems to be the matter with your colleague?<br/>(A) My colleague hasn't been informed about the matter.<br/>(B) He slipped on a wet floor and hurt his foot.<br/>(C) He understands the matter well.</p> <p><b>12</b> Do you have a seating preference for your ongoing flight to Rome?<br/>(A) Aisle, please.<br/>(B) I prefer flying to Milan.<br/>(C) I will stand over there instead.</p> <p><b>13</b> When is the market analysis for the Sander's project due?<br/>(A) Sanders did not do it.<br/>(B) Yesterday.<br/>(C) She is due to deliver by Cesarean next week.</p> | <p><b>14</b> Was Mr. Lee able to sell his stock before the company went bankrupt?<br/>(A) He is not a salesperson.<br/>(B) Yes, Mr. Lee went bankrupt.<br/>(C) Got out in time, thank goodness.</p> <p><b>15</b> Have we received the international transfer order from New York yet?<br/>(A) Yes, the order was transferred to New York.<br/>(B) We will send the order tomorrow.<br/>(C) Still waiting.</p> <p><b>16</b> Would you rather go to Mario's Café or that new French place on the corner tonight?<br/>(A) Neither. Let's stay in.<br/>(B) Yes, the French team placed first tonight.<br/>(C) No, Mario opened his café last night.</p> |
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- 17** Can you believe he was fired?  
 (A) Well, he had it coming.  
 (B) No, he did not cause the fire.  
 (C) He believes almost everything.
- 18** The conveyor belt has already been replaced, hasn't it?  
 (A) Yes, it will be replaced next week.  
 (B) Not to my knowledge.  
 (C) OK, I will convey the message.
- 19** Who really calls the shots in your department?  
 (A) Bob called after he heard the shots.  
 (B) No one in our department called.  
 (C) Definitely not the supervisor.
- 20** Would you mind answering a few questions about your involvement in this deal?  
 (A) My attorney said I should remain silent.  
 (B) Deals are often questionable.  
 (C) Yes, I would like to ask some questions about it.
- 21** What has the controller been up to recently?  
 (A) Actually, he is quite short.  
 (B) Not much.  
 (C) It is up to the controller to decide.
- 22** Why has the poverty rate decreased so quickly in this community?  
 (A) It is true that poverty has increased rapidly.  
 (B) Yes, the situation has become much worse.  
 (C) The government provided subsidies to local businesses.
- 23** Didn't I see you on the late news last night?  
 (A) Can't say so.  
 (B) I prefer watching comedies.  
 (C) Yes, I came home quite late.
- 24** How did she establish the Venezuelan subsidiary as a profit center?  
 (A) Cut costs and expanded operations.  
 (B) The company was established in 1968.  
 (C) It is in the center of Venezuela.
- 25** Can you explain the part about export guarantees again?  
 (A) It is important to have a guarantee for all items.  
 (B) Yes, the guarantee for this product has expired.  
 (C) Time constraints unfortunately forbid it.
- 26** Is your boss on good terms with the Chief Executive Officer?  
 (A) Yes, he has already explained the terms of agreement.  
 (B) They cannot stand each other.  
 (C) The terms were perfectly executed.
- 27** What happened with that big investment he was considering?  
 (A) It is wise to consider investments carefully.  
 (B) He is always considerate to his colleagues.  
 (C) He ended up losing his shirt.
- 28** If the bridge is closed, what will we do?  
 (A) Turn back.  
 (B) We will close the account.  
 (C) Yes, the bridge game will be very close.
- 29** How long have you been thinking about an early retirement?  
 (A) Ten months ago.  
 (B) For ages.  
 (C) Next year, hopefully.
- 30** Professor Huber hasn't left the building, has she?  
 (A) Yes, Professor Huber is still building.  
 (B) No, she turned left at the building.  
 (C) About an hour ago.

- 31** Can you give Charlotte a hand with that heavy suitcase?  
 (A) Yes, Charlotte's suitcase came in handy.  
 (B) Sorry, I have a slipped disc.  
 (C) The audience has already given Charlotte a hand.
- 32** When do you think he will stop smoking at work?  
 (A) He stopped working to smoke.  
 (B) His work went up in smoke.  
 (C) Your guess is as good as mine.
- 33** How about joining us for a nightcap?  
 (A) I had planned to turn in early.  
 (B) Your cap is very attractive.  
 (C) Yes, I joined them last night.
- 34** How was the retail trade fair in Hong Kong?  
 (A) Packed but productive.  
 (B) Retailers are interested in fair trade.  
 (C) The weather in Hong Kong was fair.
- 35** Why would Mr. Miller have agreed to such unfavorable conditions?  
 (A) He has already asked for another favor.  
 (B) Mr. Miller will speak under certain conditions.  
 (C) He only skimmed the contract before signing it.
- 36** Do you think they are being straight with us?  
 (A) They came straight from the office to meet us.  
 (B) Hard to tell.  
 (C) Yes, it is straight.
- 37** Could he have arrived at the airport already?  
 (A) Sure, he arrives tomorrow night.  
 (B) Anything is possible.  
 (C) Yes, the airport is all ready.
- 38** Would you like that gift-wrapped?  
 (A) Yes, I liked your gift very much.  
 (B) No, I would not like to get a gift.  
 (C) Does that cost extra?
- 39** Does this bill have any chance of becoming law?  
 (A) No, the bill costs too much.  
 (B) Not if I can help it.  
 (C) Bill is not a lawyer.
- 40** Is the evening flight to Pittsburgh delayed?  
 (A) Just by ten minutes.  
 (B) Yes, I will go to Pittsburgh.  
 (C) No, the morning flight was on time.

### Part 3: Conversations

**Directions:** In this part of the test, you will hear several short conversations between two people. The conversations will not be printed in your test book. You will hear the conversations only once, so you must listen carefully to understand what the speakers say.

In your test book, you will read three questions about each conversation. The questions will be followed by four answer choices. You are to choose the best answer to each question and mark it on your answer sheet.

**Questions 41 through 43 refer to the following conversation.**

Woman: Why is Margaret so angry?

Man: Her boss just gave the promotion to Jim instead.

Woman: But he has only been here for two weeks!

Man: Par for the course. She should sue the company.

- 41 How does Margaret feel?  
 42 Why does she feel that way?  
 43 What does the man think Margaret should do?

**Questions 44 through 46 refer to the following conversation.**

Man: I can't believe the copier broke down again. That's the third time this month.

Woman: We should either switch brands or demand better service.

Man: You can say that again. I'll call the service representative right away.

- 44 What is the problem?  
 45 What does the woman suggest?  
 46 What does man say about the woman's idea?

**Questions 47 through 49 refer to the following conversation.**

Man: The conference call was moved forward to 3:30 pm.

Woman: But that's an hour and a half early! I have a meeting until a quarter to four.

Man: The first part will just be a report on the project anyway.

Woman: Yes, but I am supposed to do that part.

- 47 When should the conference call have taken place?  
 48 How much of the call will the woman miss?  
 49 What is the woman supposed to do?

**Questions 50 through 52 refer to the following conversation.**

Woman: June makes a lovely bride and Jim seems so happy. Where did they meet?

Man: At an airport restaurant in Chicago. Jim was flying to Boston, and she was headed to Miami. He accidentally bumped into her and fell head over heels. Have you heard where they will go next?

Woman: Apparently back to his hometown of Seattle next month.

Man: Oh, here they come. Where's the rice?

- 50 Where does the conversation probably take place?  
 51 Where is Jim from?  
 52 What can be assumed about Jim?

**Questions 53 through 55 refer to the following conversation.**

Woman: While your meeting schedule and contact folder are finished, your itinerary is not. Some flights are still on standby.

Man: That is unacceptable. I have to be at Lake Placid by tomorrow at the latest.

Woman: My hands are tied. Everything is booked solid, but at least we were able to manage the visa and hotels, just in case.

- 53 What part of the trip is not confirmed?  
 54 How does the man feel about the arrangements?  
 55 What does the woman say?

**Questions 56 through 58 refer to the following conversation.**

Man: Did you hear that we lost the contract for the winter coats?

Woman: But why? Our quality and design are far superior to Benson's.

Man: Apparently they undercut our price. The sales manager is up in arms.

Woman: No wonder! He was just sacked.

- 56 What happened?  
 57 What had Benson done?  
 58 What happened to the sales manager?

**Questions 59 through 61 refer to the following conversation.**

Man: There is a \$50 fine for jaywalking. I have to give you a ticket.

Woman: But everyone does it, officer.

Man: Tell that to the judge.

- 59 What had the woman done?  
 60 What is the man's job?  
 61 Where does the man assume the woman will go?

**Questions 62 through 64 refer to the following conversation.**

Woman: What should we do about Richard? These grades are horrible.

Man: It definitely is his worst report card ever.

Woman: No more television before his homework is finished. Until he improves, we should take away his allowance and bicycle too.

Man: But maybe Richard has a learning disability. We should get him tested.

- 62 What can be assumed about Richard?  
 63 What does the woman suggest?  
 64 What does the man suggest?

**Questions 65 through 67 refer to the following conversation.**

Woman: The International Finance department has been running in the red all year. Their overhead is just too high.

Man: They need to tighten their belts.

Woman: Fat chance with Mr. Buckley in charge though.

Man: One of the supervisors should reprimand him.

- 65 What can be said about the International Finance department?  
 66 What does the man think the International Finance department should do?  
 67 What is said about Mr. Buckley?

**Questions 68 through 70 refer to the following conversation.**

Woman: I can't believe you swore at the Managing Director.

Man: It just slipped out. I hope he didn't notice.

Woman: Are you joking? He looked like he was going to explode.

Man: Do you think I could be sacked?

- 68 What did the man do?  
 69 How did it happen?  
 70 What concern does the man have?

**Part 4: Talks**

**Directions:** In this part of the test, you will hear several short talks by a single speaker. Each will be spoken just one time. They will not be printed in your test book, so you must listen carefully to understand and remember what is said.

In your test book, you will read three questions about each short talk. The questions will be followed by four answer choices. You are to choose the best answer to each question and mark it on your answer sheet.

**Questions 71 through 73 refer to the following lecture.**

Welcome to the Stanton Conference Center. Just ten years ago, after a \$320 million renovation effort, we opened our doors to the public, and as of today, we have welcomed over one and a quarter million visitors. Multifunctional halls, up-to-date support services and versatile exhibition space make the Stanton the ideal venue for exhibitions, conferences, balls, concerts and corporate events. The building, which has a net floor area of about 250,000 square feet, contains 15 conference halls on three levels. Facilities are equipped with movable partition walls and state-of-the-art technical equipment. A total of 125 conference rooms and offices, including four lounges, fourteen VIP suites and thirteen restaurants, are allocated to the halls.

- 71 What event might be held at Stanton?
- 72 How many people have visited Stanton?
- 73 Which rooms does Stanton have?

**Questions 74 through 76 refer to the following weather report.**

Get ready for some nasty weather across the country. A strong storm system is pounding the East Coast with damaging winds and heavy snow. Heavy snow and strong winds brought a blizzard to western Utah, eastern Nevada and southern Idaho on Tuesday, but the snow in those areas has now ceased. Snow and gusty winds will continue until Thursday, however, across parts of Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. In addition, numerous tornadoes have occurred over Oklahoma with widespread damage. Fatalities there have been confirmed. Severe thunderstorms and heavy rain will extend into the morning hours over parts of Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas. Some storms will have damaging winds and large hail.

- 74 Where will it snow on Wednesday?
- 75 What happened in Oklahoma?
- 76 How can the weather across the country best be described?

**Questions 77 through 79 refer to the following talk.**

Well, I've had a fever for roughly three days and just generally felt under the weather. I was nauseous yesterday but didn't throw up until this morning. I have also had diarrhea and a nasty headache all day. I didn't eat anything bad, and there has been a bug going around the office; some of my colleagues have been out the whole week. The problem is that I have a very important business trip coming up and must be in top shape. Can I get a prescription from you? I would prefer something that doesn't make me tired, as I have a big presentation tomorrow.

- 77 To whom is the Talk directed?
- 78 What did the speaker do today?
- 79 What has happened at the office?

**Questions 80 through 82 refer to the following commercial message.**

Youcan.com is the best place to buy a car online. We offer the lowest prices and have a wide selection of new and used cars - all makes and models. Prefer to buy from a dealer? No problem. We will match your specific needs with a member of our authorized dealer network and help you negotiate a low price. Looking to sell your car? List it on Youcan.com, where your ad will be seen by 500,000 car shoppers every month. So visit Youcan.com or call us at one, eight hundred, one, seven, one, forty-three hundred and let us know how we can help you find the car of your dreams.

- 80 What is the telephone number?
- 81 What can be done at Youcan.com?
- 82 How many shoppers will see a car advertisement each month?

**Questions 83 through 85 refer to the following talk.**

Our office is located just forty minutes from the airport on the Erlan Freeway. Take the Ambrose Exit and turn right at the hospital. We also are a twenty-minute drive from the city center, and buses leave on the half hour from Central Station. The nearest subway stop is North Park, on the Uptown line, and a taxi stand is available outside the station. The ride takes less than five minutes; so of course, you can walk it as well. Just go straight up Gulf Street and turn left at the traffic light. Our building is on the next right-hand corner. We look forward to seeing you at 2 pm.

- 83 How far is the office from the airport?
- 84 When might a bus leave Central Station?
- 85 When walking back to the subway from the office, what does one do at the traffic light?

**Questions 86 through 88 refer to the following introduction.**

Tonight we are pleased to welcome Dr. Jan Fable - famed financial advisor and one of the country's top business speakers. Who better to tell you about the characteristics of prosperity than a woman who is at the top of her game and who has worked with numerous sports and business professionals who are at the top of theirs? Using personal examples, Dr. Fable will explain the eight characteristics of wealth. She will also use real-life cases from a number of well-known individuals and organizations. Following the presentation there will be an appetizer reception, with the event due to close at 9 pm.

- 86 What will Fable discuss?
- 87 With whom has Fable worked?
- 88 What happens after the presentation?

**Questions 89 through 91 refer to the following news story.**

Bankruptcy laws are becoming stricter, and these changes may affect you if you find yourself unable to pay your bills. The new laws increase the income criteria for bankruptcy eligibility, lengthen pre-filing briefing requirements and make it harder to rebuild credit after a bankruptcy. They also implement a number of financial education requirements. In other words, while designed to decrease the number of bankruptcies, the updated laws do not remove this option as a way to deal with overwhelming debt. They do, however, ensure that individuals have been educated about all other options before choosing this method.

- 89 How are the new laws compared to the former ones?
- 90 What is an example of a change in the laws?
- 91 What is the purpose of the new laws?

**Questions 92 through 94 refer to the following lecture.**

Decorative dishes can be used to accent the decor of any room with shape, texture and color. They can be of modern design, including those made of plastic and honoring contemporary themes, such as particular cultural events. Also possible are vintage dishes - antiques which combine art and history with master workmanship. As one might expect, decorative dishes can range from thousands of dollars to flea market specials. Regardless of price, however, they bring whimsy and beauty to each room of the house. In the kitchen, for example, decorative dishes can create a cute corner display or be attached to a tile wall for an interesting 3-D effect.

- 92 What is a characteristic of vintage dishes?
- 93 What might be an example of a modern decorative dish?
- 94 What is a suggestion for using a decorative dish?

**Questions 95 through 97 refer to the following bulletin.**

You are invited to the twelfth annual Reading Celebration event at the Ridge Library. Over 20 exhibits will provide information about literary traditions across the state; local authors, illustrators and poets will be on hand as well. In partnership with Marcy's Café (a benefactor of the event), the Ridge Library is also sponsoring the "Mightier than the Sword" writing promotion program for young people. The two winners of this flagship program will later be invited to read their winning essays. The Reading Celebration event will take place from 10 am to 8 pm Thursday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 pm on Sunday, and all attendees will receive a free map of Georgia.

- 95** What might one of the featured exhibits be called?
- 96** Why is Marcy's Café mentioned?
- 97** What is true about the event?

**Questions 98 through 100 refer to the following directions.**

It is easy to grow an avocado plant. Insert four toothpicks into the side of the seed, spacing them evenly about one inch from the bottom. Next, balance the seed with the toothpicks across the top of a jar filled with enough water so that the bottom of the seed rests in the water. Keep the seed watered and in a well-lit place. Within weeks, roots will grow down into the water and a green shoot will grow out of the top of the seed. When the root system in the water jar is about the size of a fist, it is time to transplant the seed.

- 98** How should the seed be treated?
- 99** When is the seed ready to be transplanted?
- 100** What is the goal of this process?