

Select Readings, Second Edition
Elementary, GEPT-Style Midterm

INCOMPLETE SENTENCES

Beneath each sentence, you will see four words or phrases, marked A, B, C, and D. You are to choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Tennis is _____ from France, but today it is very popular in the United States, Asia, Australia, and Europe.
 - A. roughly
 - B. frequently
 - C. originally
 - D. popular

2. I snack on fresh fruits and vegetables once in a _____.
 - A. while
 - B. meals
 - C. rarely
 - D. time

3. At the age of 28, Henry David Thoreau _____ his perfect house.
 - A. build
 - B. built
 - C. building
 - D. buildings

4. It's important to shake hands _____ and look the other person in the eye when you greet them.
 - A. firmly
 - B. hugging
 - C. formal
 - D. greeting

5. If it is a _____, Masdar will be the first city in the world that uses little or no oil.
 - A. succeed
 - B. success
 - C. successes
 - D. successful

6. Kevin, Ray, and Charlie made the _____ to run across the Sahara Desert.
 - A. impossible
 - B. trip
 - C. decision
 - D. try

TEXT COMPLETION

The following passage contains four missing words or phrases. You are to choose the best answer for each missing word or phrase.

February 12
Muriel Fontaine
25B The Pinnacle
Somerset Road
Singapore

Dear Ms. Fontaine,

Thank you for choosing Majestic Travel for your (7) package.

We are always happy to assist with planning your perfect (8).

Please find your airplane tickets and hotel reservations attached. You will be staying at the Grand Plaza Hotel in an ocean (9) room.

I (10) you will enjoy the rooms and the environment at the Grand Plaza very much.

Sincerely,
Benjamin 'Bern' Goh

7. A. holiday
B. culture
C. celebrate
D. commute
8. A. festival
B. competition
C. vacation
D. program
9. A. way
B. view
C. ground
D. region
10. A. build
B. prepare
C. consider
D. believe

READING COMPREHENSION

The following passage is followed by five questions, each with four choices: A, B, C, and D. You are to choose the best answer to each question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage.

The 'Pop' in Popcorn

Popcorn is one of the most popular snacks in the world. For some people, watching a movie just isn't the same without a big bowl of buttery popcorn. There are many different kinds of corn, but only popcorn pops. Do you know why popcorn pops?

Each kernel, or piece, of popcorn contains a small drop of water inside a circle of soft corn. There is a hard shell, or covering, on the outside of each kernel of corn. It's the water inside the kernel that makes the popcorn pop.

As you heat up the corn with oil or hot air, the water inside starts to expand. When the popcorn is about 212 degrees, the water turns into steam and the soft part of the kernel starts to melt. When the kernel is heated to about 347 degrees, the steam inside is so big that it needs to get out, and the kernel explodes. The soft part inside the popcorn comes out and cools down to become the fluffy white food we know and love. When popcorn pops, each kernel grows more than 40 times its original size!

11. All of these statements are true EXCEPT: _____.
 - A. There is a soft shell outside of each kernel of popcorn.
 - B. There are many different kinds of corn.
 - C. Water inside the kernel make the popcorn pop.
 - D. Not all kinds of corn can be popcorn.

12. When you heat up the kernels, the water inside turns into _____.
 - A. oil
 - B. corn
 - C. steam
 - D. air

13. In paragraph 3, 'expand' means _____.
 - A. get bigger
 - B. get hotter
 - C. get smaller
 - D. get colder

14. Popcorn needs to be heated to about _____ degrees in order to pop.
 - A. 40
 - B. 100
 - C. 212
 - D. 347

15. In paragraph 3, 'explodes' means _____.
 - A. turns white
 - B. gets soft
 - C. gets hot
 - D. breaks