

**Select Readings, Second Edition**  
**Intermediate, GEPT-Style Final**

**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. Mr. Gokyigit was born in Turkey, where \_\_\_\_\_ age two he developed an eye condition, which left him blind.  
A. at  
B. on  
C. in  
D. with
2. The more familiar you become with your speech, \_\_\_\_\_ confidently you can deliver it.  
A. more  
B. the more  
C. most  
D. the most
3. A letter of application must communicate your ambition and enthusiasm, yet it must, \_\_\_\_\_, be modest.  
A. instead  
B. at the same time  
C. even though  
D. rather than
4. Some people have \_\_\_\_\_ remaining awake, doing any sort of task between one and four in the afternoon.  
A. difficult  
B. a difficult  
C. been difficult  
D. difficulty
5. Even if all government money for research were cut off, the force of competition \_\_\_\_\_ still bring about advances in technology.  
A. is  
B. are  
C. going to  
D. would
6. The mark of genius is the willingness to explore *all* the alternatives, \_\_\_\_\_ just the most likely solution.  
A. yet  
B. although  
C. not  
D. however

## TEXT COMPLETION

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

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7. A. use  
B. using  
C. to using  
D. for use
8. A. with  
B. common  
C. together  
D. one
9. A. if you  
B. just to  
C. be able to  
D. when it's
10. A. do  
B. did  
C. have done  
D. will

## 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 National Spelling Bee

Every year millions of students participate in spelling competitions around the United States. Some students can't stand the pressure and are happy to drop out in the early rounds. Some, however, study for hours a day, hoping to perform successfully on the school, local and regional levels, and make it all the way to "Bee Week"—the National Spelling Bee finals in Washington D.C.

Each year, around 280 or so kids show their spelling ability at the National Spelling Bee. However, Bee Week isn't *all* spelling. During the trip to the nation's capital, competitors also enjoy sightseeing, ice-cream socials, barbecues, and a talent show, often forming friendships that last a lifetime.

The National Spelling Bee was started by the Louisville, Kentucky newspaper the *Courier-Journal* in 1925. With competitions, cash prizes, and a trip to the nation's capital, the Bee hoped to stimulate an interest in spelling, often considered a 'dull' subject by students.

The National Spelling Bee, starting with only 7 competitors in its first year, is now broadcast nationwide in the United States. The final day of the two-day National Bee has been shown on cable television for many years. Since 2006, however, the final rounds have been aired on one of the United States' main television channels in primetime, reflecting the increased popularity of the competition.

11. How many children participate in the National Spelling Bee every year?
  - A. 280
  - B. 1,925
  - C. 2,006
  - D. 1,000,000+
  
12. What activities are mentioned as part of Bee Week?
  - A. Local and regional competitions
  - B. Sightseeing and barbecues
  - C. A visit to the *Courier-Journal*
  - D. Ice-cream socials and museum visits
  
13. Where is the National Spelling Bee held?
  - A. In Louisville, Kentucky
  - B. In a newspaper office
  - C. Nationwide in the United States
  - D. In Washington, D.C.
  
14. Why was the competition originally created?
  - A. To help students become more interested in spelling
  - B. To teach students more about the U.S. capital
  - C. To give cash prizes
  - D. To help students make lifetime friendships
  
15. What can be inferred about the broadcast of the National Spelling Bee?
  - A. It has only been shown on cable TV.

- B. The entire spelling bee is televised nationally.
- C. The final day is shown on seven different channels.
- D. The final rounds are shown during the most watched time of day.