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ACT English Test Practice: Week 6

DIRECTIONS: In the following passage, certain words and phrases are underlined and numbered. In the right-hand column, you will find alternatives for the underlined part. In most cases, you are to choose the one that best expresses the idea, makes the statement appropriate for standard written English, or is worded most consistently with the style and tone of the passage as a whole. If you think the original version is best, choose "NO CHANGE." In some cases, you will find in the right-hand column a question about the underlined part. You are to choose the best answer to the question.

You will also find questions about a section of the passage, or about the passage as a whole. These questions do not refer to an underlined portion of the passage, but rather are identified by a number or numbers in a box.

For each question, choose the alternative you consider best and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer document. Read each passage through once before you begin to answer the questions that accompany it. For many of the questions, you must read several sentences beyond the question to determine the answer. Be sure that you have read far enough ahead each time you choose an alternative.

PASSAGE II

A Family Heirloom

I live with my father in the summer, when I'm on vacation from school. Last week, he told me he had to go on a business trip in connection with his work and that I'd be staying with his sister for three days. Although I love my aunt, I wasn't happy about the prospect of three days at her house with nothing to do. It turns out I was in for a surprise.

Soon after I arrived, my

aunt said she had a gift for me. "It belonged to my mother, your grandma. I'm sorry you never had the chance to know her," she told me.

16. F. NO CHANGE
G. having something to do with his job
H. that involved traveling to another city
J. OMIT the underlined portion.

17. Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would NOT be acceptable?
A. Not long
B. A short time
C. As soon
D. Shortly

18. F. NO CHANGE
G. aunt, said
H. aunt said,
J. aunt said;

I was expecting my aunt to hand me a ring or a bracelet, or maybe an old book, but instead she led me outside. 19

[1] She pointed to a corner of the yard, where a tortoise was calmly munching a dandelion. [2] Rosie must have heard us talking, because she began to amble over to us. ²⁰ [3] She was over a foot long and about seven inches

high. ²¹ [4] As soon as my aunt assured me that Rosie wouldn't snap or bite, I reached down to stroke her neck,

admiring her brown and tan carapace, or upper shell. 22

Rosie, it turns out is: a desert tortoise that my ²³

grandmother had started raising over twenty years ²⁴

ago. My aunt said that she would have checked with ²⁵ my parents, who each agreed that if I wanted to take responsibility for Rosie, I could take her home with me.

19. The writer is considering deleting the first part of the preceding sentence, so that the sentence would read:

She led me outside.

If the writer were to make this change, the essay would primarily lose:

- A. details that indicate to the reader what will eventually happen.
- B. the contrast between the gift and what the narrator had anticipated receiving.
- C. examples of the kinds of gifts the narrator normally receives.
- D. an indication of how close the narrator and her aunt are.

- 20. F. NO CHANGE
- G. have heard of
- H. of heard about
- J. of heard

21. Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would NOT be acceptable?

- A. After my
- B. When my
- C. My
- D. Once my

22. Upon reviewing this paragraph and realizing that some information has been left out, the writer composes the following sentence:

"This is Rosie," she announced.

This sentence should most logically be placed after Sentence:

- F. 1.
- G. 2.
- H. 3.
- J. 4.

- 23. A. NO CHANGE
- B. Rosie, it turns out, is
- C. Rosie, it turns out is
- D. Rosie it turns out, is

24. Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would NOT be acceptable?

- F. begun to raise
- G. started to raise
- H. started up raising
- J. begun raising

- 25. A. NO CHANGE
- B. had checked
- C. would check
- D. must check



It's interesting that Rosie is older than I am.

²⁶
Tortoises are land-dwelling, vegetarian turtles. They can

experience the satisfaction of contentment through a diet
²⁷
of grass clippings, lettuce, broccoli, melons, and other

vegetables and fruit. They like to warm themselves in the
²⁸
sun but will burrow into the ground when they want to be
safe and cool. I learned that I should build plywood

enclosures in each of my parents' backyards so that
²⁹
Rosie would be safe year-round.

I learned that tortoises are among the most
endangered families in reptiles. That means having a
tortoise is a privilege, and I'm proud that my family has
³⁰
entrusted me with Rosie's care. By caring for Rosie I'll be
able to share something with the grandma I never knew.

26. Given that all the choices are true, which one most effectively introduces the information that follows in this paragraph?

- F. NO CHANGE
- G. I asked my aunt about Rosie's needs and care.
- H. Most tortoise species are now found only in Africa.
- J. Some giant tortoises weigh as much as 180 kilograms.

27. A. NO CHANGE
B. reap their necessary nutritional requirements from
C. be kept as happy as a clam with
D. be adequately nourished by

28. Which choice provides the most specific and precise information?

- F. NO CHANGE
- G. things they could eat.
- H. edible items.
- J. fresh foods.

29. A. NO CHANGE
B. parent's backyards
C. parents backyards
D. parents backyards,

30. F. NO CHANGE
G. families of
H. family in
J. family of

TLC Stamp

