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ACT English Test Practice: Week 9

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

My Grandfather's Internet

My grandfather is possibly the least technologically capable writer in the world. He refused to use anything but

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his pen and paper to write until last year. (He said, he didn't need any keys or mouse pads between his words and

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himself.) Consequently, when he has went to buy a computer—

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because of the knowledge that his editor refused to read another hand-written novel—he resisted connecting it to the Internet for several months. He said he had no need to find information on a World Wide Web. 20

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Grandpa's editor, however, was clever and, knowing exactly how my grandfather could use it, described how the Internet would improve his life. However, Grandpa could get

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instant feedback, and praise from the publishing company, read online reviews, and do research for his characters much faster. Finally, Grandpa connected to the Internet, and he hasn't logged off yet.

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Grandpa is fascinated by all the things he can do on the World Wide Web. He has found that chat rooms are wonderful places to have long conversations with people interesting enough to be characters in his books.

16. F. NO CHANGE
G. world he refused
H. world refusing,
J. world, and has been refusing
17. A. NO CHANGE
B. said
C. said, that
D. said, that,
18. F. NO CHANGE
G. had went
H. went
J. goes
19. A. NO CHANGE
B. due to the fact that
C. because
D. so
20. Given that all are true, which of the following additions to the preceding sentence (after *World Wide Web*) would be most relevant?
F. that was on his computer.
G. when he had a set of encyclopedias right there in his office.
H. with other people on it.
J. where he might get a computer virus.
21. A. NO CHANGE
B. Additionally, Grandpa
C. Conversely, Grandpa
D. Grandpa
22. F. NO CHANGE
G. feedback and, praise
H. feedback and praise
J. feedback and praise,


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For example, he says, by clicking the “close” button he can

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just ignore them who aren’t interesting. Grandpa’s favorite website is Google.com. Google.com is a search engine that searches millions of sites for whatever word he types in, which is very convenient when he needs to know how the native people of Africa developed the game

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Mancala. For him, Grandpa says that, in merely a few seconds, to be able to find anything he wants is a source of pure joy.

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[1] As for his writings, Grandpa uses the Internet not only for research but also for making them more creative and checking his word choice. [2] Explaining his new vocabulary to his editor, Grandpa points to his new computer and admits that an Internet connection was a good idea after all. [3] I am sure Grandpa hasn’t explored the entire Internet yet, but I am sure he will continue to find new and better ways of using it.

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23. A. NO CHANGE
B. To illustrate,
C. On the one hand,
D. On the other hand,

24. F. NO CHANGE
G. the people
H. it
J. their talking

25. A. NO CHANGE
B. convenient, when
C. convenient. When
D. convenient; when

26. F. NO CHANGE
G. For him, Grandpa says that to be able to find anything he wants, is a source of pure joy for him, in merely a few seconds.
H. Grandpa says a source of pure joy for him is that he is able to find anything he wants, in merely a few seconds.
J. Grandpa says that being able to find anything he wants in merely a few seconds is source of pure joy for him.

27. A. NO CHANGE
B. pointing
C. having pointed
D. Grandpa has pointed

28. F. NO CHANGE
G. and he probably won’t explore the rest of it either.
H. and so his editor will have to teach him to find things faster.
J. and his editor knows just that.

29. Upon reviewing Paragraph 5 and realizing that some information has been left out, the writer composes the following sentence:

He uses the dictionary and thesaurus websites religiously.

The most logical placement for this sentence would be:

- A. before sentence 1.
B. after sentence 1.
C. after sentence 2.
D. after sentence 3.

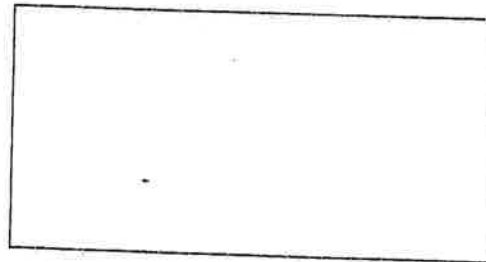
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Question 30 asks about the essay as a whole.

30. The writer is considering deleting the first sentence of Paragraph 1. If the writer removed this sentence, the essay would primarily lose:
- F. information about aspects of technology that his grandfather does not use.
 - G. humor that sets the mood for the piece.
 - H. important details about the Internet that his grandfather might enjoy.
 - J. a justification for his grandfather's reluctance to use the Internet.

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