

MAP Reading & Grammar Practice Test

Junior Level · 50 Questions · Grades 6–8 (Ages 11–14)

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Instructions: Choose the best answer for each question. Circle or write the letter of your answer. You have **60 minutes** to complete this test. Do not use a dictionary.

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension (Questions 1–20)

Passage 1 — Read the following passage and answer Questions 1–8.

The ocean covers more than 70 percent of Earth's surface, yet scientists estimate that more than 80 percent of it remains unexplored. The deep sea — regions below 200 meters — is one of the least understood environments on our planet. Extreme pressure, near-freezing temperatures, and total darkness make exploration incredibly challenging. Despite these obstacles, researchers have discovered remarkable creatures adapted to survive in these harsh conditions. The anglerfish, for example, uses a bioluminescent lure to attract prey in the pitch-black depths. Giant tube worms thrive near hydrothermal vents, surviving on chemical energy rather than sunlight. As technology improves, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) are helping scientists unlock the mysteries of the deep, revealing ecosystems that challenge our understanding of life itself.

1. What percentage of the ocean remains unexplored, according to the passage?
 - A) 70%
 - B) 80%
 - C) 20%
 - D) 50%
2. What is the main purpose of this passage?
 - A) To argue that the ocean is dangerous
 - B) To inform readers about deep-sea exploration
 - C) To describe how fish survive in shallow water
 - D) To explain how ROVs are built
3. The word 'bioluminescent' in the passage most likely means:
 - A) Producing light naturally
 - B) Moving very quickly
 - C) Having sharp teeth
 - D) Living in cold water
4. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a challenge of deep-sea exploration?
 - A) Extreme pressure
 - B) Near-freezing temperatures
 - C) Strong ocean currents
 - D) Total darkness
5. How do giant tube worms get their energy?
 - A) From sunlight
 - B) From eating other fish
 - C) From chemical energy near hydrothermal vents

D) From bioluminescent lures

6. What does the acronym 'ROV' stand for in the passage?

- A) Remote Ocean Vessel
- B) Remotely Operated Vehicle
- C) Research Ocean Voyager
- D) Robotic Observation Vehicle

7. The tone of this passage can best be described as:

- A) Alarming and urgent
- B) Humorous and light-hearted
- C) Informative and curious
- D) Critical and negative

8. Which sentence best states the main idea of the passage?

- A) The ocean is too dangerous for humans to explore.
- B) Deep-sea creatures are more interesting than land animals.
- C) Despite challenges, technology is helping us discover life in the unexplored deep ocean.
- D) Scientists have fully mapped the ocean floor using ROVs.

Passage 2 — Read the following passage and answer Questions 9–16.

In 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the Moon, famously declaring, 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' The Apollo 11 mission was the result of nearly a decade of intense effort, competition, and innovation driven by the Space Race between the United States and the Soviet Union. Thousands of engineers, scientists, and astronauts contributed to making the mission possible. The journey to the Moon took approximately three days, and Armstrong and fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin spent about 21 hours on the lunar surface, collecting samples and conducting experiments. The third crew member, Michael Collins, orbited the Moon in the command module while his colleagues explored below. The mission returned safely to Earth on July 24, 1969, splashing down in the Pacific Ocean. The Apollo 11 mission remains one of humanity's greatest achievements and continues to inspire generations of scientists and explorers.

9. Who was the first human to walk on the Moon?

- A) Buzz Aldrin
- B) Michael Collins
- C) Neil Armstrong
- D) John Glenn

10. What was the main reason for the Apollo 11 mission, according to the passage?

- A) To collect Moon rocks for museums
- B) To win the Space Race against the Soviet Union
- C) To test new rocket technology
- D) To establish a Moon base

11. How long did it take to travel from Earth to the Moon?

- A) One day
- B) About three days
- C) One week
- D) 21 hours

12. What was Michael Collins's role during the mission?

- A) He walked on the Moon first.
- B) He collected rock samples.
- C) He orbited the Moon in the command module.

D) He stayed on Earth to monitor the mission.

13. The phrase 'one giant leap for mankind' suggests that the Moon landing was:

- A) A small, unimportant event
- B) A significant achievement for all of humanity
- C) Only important for American scientists
- D) A dangerous mistake

14. Where did the Apollo 11 mission splash down upon returning to Earth?

- A) The Atlantic Ocean
- B) The Gulf of Mexico
- C) The Pacific Ocean
- D) The Indian Ocean

15. The word 'innovation' in the passage most nearly means:

- A) Repetition of old ideas
- B) Introduction of new ideas or methods
- C) Failure to solve problems
- D) Careful observation

16. Which of the following best describes the author's attitude toward the Apollo 11 mission?

- A) Critical — the mission was too expensive.
- B) Neutral — the author presents only facts.
- C) Admiring — the mission is called one of humanity's greatest achievements.
- D) Doubtful — the author questions whether it really happened.

Questions 17–20 — Vocabulary in Context

17. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: The scientist made a _____ discovery that changed how we understand the human brain.

- A) trivial
- B) groundbreaking
- C) ordinary
- D) confusing

18. Which word is closest in meaning to 'persevere'?

- A) Give up
- B) Complain
- C) Continue despite difficulty
- D) Move quickly

19. Read the sentence: 'The author's argument was compelling, supported by strong evidence and clear logic.' The word 'compelling' most likely means:

- A) Boring and repetitive
- B) Difficult to understand
- C) Convincing and interesting
- D) Short and simple

20. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word: She was reluctant to speak in front of the large audience.

- A) Excited
- B) Unwilling
- C) Prepared
- D) Confident

SECTION B: Grammar (Questions 21–50)

Part 1 — Verb Tenses (Questions 21–28)

21. Choose the correct verb form: By the time she arrived, the movie _____ already.

- A) started
- B) has started
- C) had started
- D) starts

22. Which sentence uses the present perfect tense correctly?

- A) She has went to Paris last year.
- B) She has gone to Paris before.
- C) She have gone to Paris.
- D) She is going to Paris last year.

23. Choose the correct form: They _____ for three hours when the storm began.

- A) were hiking
- B) are hiking
- C) had been hiking
- D) hike

24. Select the sentence in the simple past tense:

- A) He is reading a book.
- B) He reads a book every day.
- C) He read a book last night.
- D) He will read a book tomorrow.

25. Choose the correct verb: If I _____ more time, I would study harder.

- A) have
- B) had
- C) will have
- D) having

26. Which sentence is in the future perfect tense?

- A) She will finish the project.
- B) She is finishing the project.
- C) She will have finished the project by Friday.
- D) She finished the project.

27. Choose the correct form: The report _____ by the manager before the meeting.

- A) reviewed
- B) was reviewed
- C) has review
- D) reviewing

28. Select the correct sentence:

- A) He don't like spicy food.
- B) He doesn't likes spicy food.
- C) He doesn't like spicy food.
- D) He not like spicy food.

Part 2 — Sentence Structure & Punctuation (Questions 29–36)

29. Which of the following is a compound sentence?

- A) She ran to school.
- B) Although it was raining, she went outside.
- C) She was tired, but she finished her homework.
- D) Running fast, she reached the finish line.

30. Identify the error in the following sentence: 'The students, who studied hard they passed the exam.'

- A) 'students' should be 'student'
- B) 'they' is unnecessary and creates a run-on
- C) 'hard' should be 'hardly'
- D) 'passed' should be 'past'

31. Choose the sentence with correct punctuation:

- A) She bought apples, oranges and, bananas.
- B) She bought apples, oranges, and bananas.
- C) She bought apples oranges and bananas.
- D) She bought, apples, oranges, and bananas.

32. Which sentence correctly uses a semicolon?

- A) I love reading; but I hate writing.
- B) She was tired; however, she kept working.
- C) He went to the store; and bought milk.
- D) They played outside; because it was sunny.

33. Identify the type of clause underlined: 'Although the test was difficult, she scored perfectly.'

- A) Independent clause
- B) Relative clause
- C) Adverbial clause
- D) Noun clause

34. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence with a quotation:

- A) She said, "I will be there soon".
- B) She said "I will be there soon."
- C) She said, "I will be there soon."
- D) She said: I will be there soon.

35. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?

- A) Running quickly, she caught the bus.
- B) Running quickly, the bus was caught.
- C) She ran quickly to catch the bus.
- D) The bus was caught by her running quickly.

36. Choose the sentence that is NOT a fragment:

- A) Because she was late.
- B) Running through the park.
- C) The dog barked loudly at the stranger.
- D) After the long journey home.

Part 3 — Parts of Speech (Questions 37–43)

37. Identify the adverb in the sentence: 'She quietly placed the book on the shelf.'

- A) placed
- B) quietly
- C) book
- D) shelf

38. Which word in the sentence is a conjunction? 'He studied hard, yet he still failed the test.'

- A) studied
- B) hard
- C) yet
- D) still

39. Choose the correct pronoun: 'Neither the teacher nor the students _____ ready.'

- A) was
- B) were
- C) is
- D) are

40. Identify the preposition in the sentence: 'The cat sat beneath the old wooden table.'

- A) cat
- B) sat
- C) beneath
- D) wooden

41. Which sentence uses an adjective correctly?

- A) She runs fastly.
- B) He is a very talented musician.
- C) They spoke loud.
- D) She dances beautiful.

42. Choose the correct possessive form: 'The _____ decision surprised everyone.' (referring to more than one manager)

- A) manager's
- B) managers'
- C) managers's
- D) manager's'

43. Which word is an abstract noun?

- A) Mountain
- B) Courage
- C) Pencil
- D) River

Part 4 — Word Choice & Usage (Questions 44–50)

44. Choose the correct word: 'The twins look so alike that it's hard to _____ between them.'

- A) distinguish
- B) define
- C) decide
- D) describe

45. Which sentence uses 'affect' and 'effect' correctly?

- A) The rain effected our plans.
- B) The rain affected our plans.
- C) The rain had an affect on our plans.
- D) The rain effected an affect on us.

46. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: 'She was _____ by the complexity of the problem.'

- A) overwhelm
- B) overwhelming
- C) overwhelmed
- D) overwhelms

47. Select the sentence that uses 'fewer' and 'less' correctly:

- A) There are less students in class today.
- B) There are fewer students in class today.
- C) There are fewer water in the bottle.
- D) There is fewer time remaining.

48. Choose the word that best fits the blank: 'The politician gave a _____ speech that moved the entire audience to tears.'

- A) monotonous
- B) irrelevant
- C) powerful
- D) confusing

49. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?

- A) She almost drove her children to school every day.
- B) She drove her children to school almost every day.
- C) Almost every day, she drove her children to school.
- D) She drove almost every day to school with her children.

50. Choose the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement:

- A) The team are playing well this season.
- B) The team is playing well this season.
- C) The team were playing well this season.
- D) The team play well this season.

ANSWER SHEET

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