

TEST QUESTIONS 1

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

1. As a government official, Benjamin Franklin often traveled abroad.

- (A) widely (B) secretly (C) alone (D) overseas

2. American poet James Merrily received critical acclaim for his work entitled Jim's Book.

- (A) advice (B) disapproval (C) praise (D) attention

3. A revolution in women's fashion during the second half of the twentieth century made trousers acceptable for almost all activities.

- (A) available (B) permissible (C) attractive (D) ideal

4. No fan, electric or otherwise, actually cools the air.

- (A) truly (B) haphazardly (C) persistently (D) continuously

5. The climate of Chicago is subject to abrupt changes of weather.

- (A) sudden (B) extreme (C) adverse (D) disruptive

TEST QUESTIONS 2

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1. Swallows are among the most agile passerine birds.

- (A) energetic (B) frail (C) beautiful (D) nimble

2. Shrimping in Mississippi's tidal areas is not allowed during the summer months.

- (A) worthwhile (B) permitted (C) encouraged (D) appealing

3. With the advent of cable television and the use of satellites for broadcasting, television reception improved.

- (A) arrival (B) refinement (C) distribution (D) advantage

4. Most tadpoles are vegetarians, albeit those of some species (class, kind) are carnivorous.

- (A) although (B) simply (C) supposedly (D) since

5. Advanced scientific disciplines like solar cell technology and genetic engineering are exploding with possibilities.

- (A) valued (B) celebrated (C) new (D) appealing

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1. The composition of heavenly bodies can be discovered by analyzing the light they emit.
(A) detecting (B) examining (C) intensifying (D) observing
2. In 1985, the Coca-Cola Company altered the secret formula of the drink's ingredients.
(A) modified (B) proposed (C) enriched (D) restored
3. Aside from simply being annoying, loud noises can permanently damage the ear.
(A) unwelcome (B) bothersome (C) detected (D) intolerable
4. Building construction is an ancient human activity.
(A) an old (B) a vital (C) an ongoing (D) a contemporary
5. Manitoba's leaders anticipated the changing economic environment during the early part of the twentieth century.
(A) welcomed (B) predicted (C) made use of (D) conformed to

TEST QUESTIONS 4

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1. Not until 1946 did the world chess governing body, FIDE, assert its control over international championship play.
(A) declare (B) relinquish (C) petition (D) decrease
2. All classifications of human societies and cultures are arbitrary.
(A) useful (B) haphazard (C) insufficient (D) ambiguous
3. Paul Newman's apparently effortless acting skill has enabled him to play a variety of characters.
(A) seemingly (B) extremely (C) visibly (D) deceptively
4. The Monroe Doctrine authorized the United States to intervene in the affairs of Latin American countries in case of foreign invasion.
(A) empowered (B) forbade (C) elicited (D) tempted
5. J. Edgar Hoover was an astute professional who served as director of the FBI for 48 years.
(A) perceptive (B) resilient (C) astounding (D) determined

TEST QUESTIONS 5

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1. Custer was cautioned by his advisors not to underestimate the strength of his opponent.

- (A) challenged (B) persuaded (C) known (D) warned

2. Bright feathers have been used for ornamentation since early times.

- (A) Long (B) Unique (C) Delicate (D) Brilliant

3. Telescopic images from outer space are often blurred by atmospheric conditions.

- (A) clouded (B) limited (C) enhanced (D) blocked

4. The narrow, green-grey leaves of the sweet alyssum are untoothed and usually bear many silvery hairs.

- (A) carry (B) yield (C) replace (D) hide

5. For many years, scientists were baffled by the small size of the atom.

- (A) amazed (B) limited (C) puzzled (D) fascinated

TEST QUESTIONS 6

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1. Water is easily the most complex of all the familiar substances that are single chemical compounds.

- (A) conventional (B) curious (C) valuable (D) complicated

2. Contrary to popular opinion, the origin of the circus is comparatively recent, having little in common with ancient Roman circuses.

- (A) apparently (B) relatively (C) exceedingly (D) sufficiently

3. The cotton gin was commonplace on many nineteenth-century farms.

- (A) often required (B) sorely needed (C) frequently seen (D) visibly absent

4. Under the microscope, cultivated silk fibers look coarse.

- (A) rough (B) rigid (C) delicate (D) immense

5. The sweet potato is chiefly grown in the southern United States.

- (A) exclusively (B) mostly (C) rarely (D) successfully