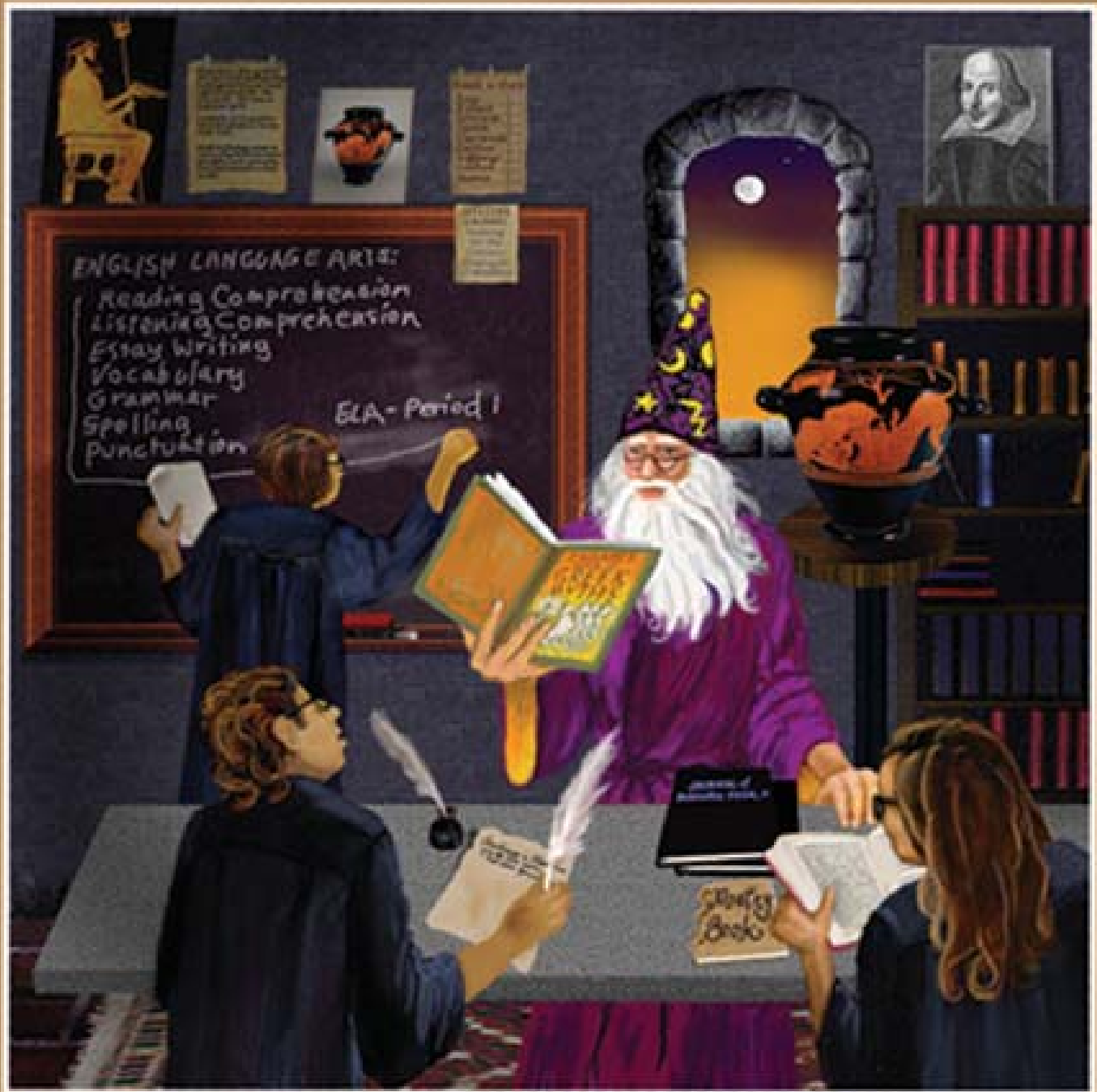


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I. GRAMMAR

A. Articles

Base your answers to questions **3739** through **3717** on identifying the article(s) in each sentence provided:

3739. Jenn is learning _____ in school.
(1) **Japanese** (3) the Japanese
(2) a Japanese (4) an Japanese
3738. We found out yesterday that Janice's mother has _____.
(1) a pneumonia (3) the pneumonia
(2) an pneumonia (4) **pneumonia**
3737. After my pet rabbit Flossie died, I was filled with _____ grief unlike anything I had ever experienced.
(1) **a** (3) the
(2) an (4) and
3736. We were all friends with _____ leader of the band who was standing in the music room as we passed.
(1) **the** (3) an
(2) a (4) and
3735. Environmental agencies are concerned about the so-called "red tides" which have been plaguing _____ Long Island Sound.
(1) **the** (3) a
(2) The (4) A
3734. _____ rose is a very useful complement to any garden or floral arrangement.
(1) The
(2) An
(3) A
(4) **Both (A) and (C) are correct.**
3733. "This school is not _____ fine, upstanding institution it used to be," said our frumpy, reactionary principal.
(1) a (3) **the**
(2) an (4) or
3732. "May I please have _____ tissue?" asked Marianna. Paul replied, "I've put _____ tissue on your desk already."
(1) the ... a (3) a ... a
(2) the ... the (4) **a ... the**
3731. I have just developed _____ new software product, but even after all my hard work _____ software often has some installation problems.
(1) **a ... the** (3) an ... the
(2) an ... a (4) the ... a

1. Identification

a. Identification

3730. "Please pick up _____ loaf of bread, _____ gallon of milk, and _____ unopened carton of eggs from the grocery store," my mother instructed dictatorially.
(1) a ... an ... a (3) an ... a ... an
(2) an ... a ... a (4) **a ... a ... an**
3729. Every time _____ historic event takes place, it should be documented thoroughly.
(1) a
(2) the
(3) an
(4) **Both (A) and (C) are correct.**
3728. _____ hospital's president informed his employees that understaffing and budget cuts would continue until the end of _____ fiscal year.
(1) The ... a (3) A ... a
(2) **The ... the** (4) A ... the
3727. We learned in astronomy class that _____ Moon orbits Earth once every twenty-four hours.
(1) **the** (3) an
(2) a (4) much
3726. Only my sister is capable of acting as silly as I can on a very exciting day.
(1) Only (3) as
(2) of (4) **a**
3725. Moses parted the Red Sea in biblical times.
(1) parted (3) in
(2) **the** (4) times
3724. The burning tree filled our yard with black smoke and an odd smell like burnt rubber.
(1) The, with, an (3) **The, an**
(2) The, an, like (4) with, and
3723. "Garamond" is my favorite font to use for reports on the computer.
(1) is (3) on
(2) to (4) **the**
3722. "The printer has broken again!" wailed Monica, holding a bit of crumpled paper and an electrical cord in one hand.
(1) **The, a, an** (3) a, of, an
(2) The, a, in (4) The, an, in
3721. If a man loses everything, has he really lost his worth?
(1) If (3) has
(2) **a** (4) really

II. PUNCTUATION

A. Apostrophe

Base your answers to questions **4886** through **4898** on choosing the answer that best corrects the underlined portion of each sentence provided:

4886. When writing her math problems, Lizette's 6s and 0s looked alike.

- (1) Correct as written (3) 6s' and 0s'
(2) 6s' and 0s **(4) 6's and 0's**

4889. Elton John had many hits songs during the 1970s.

- (1) Correct as written** (3) 1970"s
(2) 1970's (4) 1970s'

4890. The abolitionist movement in the US reached its height in the mid-1800s.

- (1) Correct as written** (3) 1800"s
(2) 1800's (4) 1800s'

4893. Tomorrow, we are going to buy balloons' for the birthday party this weekend.

- (1) balloon
(2) balloons
(3) balloon's
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

4894. Do you know where I can buy soda and potato chips' ?

- (1) potato chip
(2) potato chips
(3) potato chip's
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

4897. It is now May 4th, the book are due at the library tomorrow.

- (1) book's
(2) books
(3) books'
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

4898. Can you tell me when I will be able to order those candle?

- (1) candles**
(2) candle's
(3) candles'
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

2. Plurals

a. Plurals

Base your answers to questions **4887** through **5098** on choosing the answer choice that best corrects each *italicized* sentence provided:

4887. *In the 1950s, US citizens were afraid of communism.*

- (1) In the 1950's, US citizens were afraid of communism.
(2) In the 1950's, US citizens' were afraid of communism.
(3) In the 1950s, US citizens's were afraid of communism.
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

4888. *"In the following three weeks', we will be covering five weeks' worth of work," said Mr. Miller.*

- (1) "In the following three weeks, we will be covering five weeks' worth of work," said Mr. Miller.**
(2) "In the following three weeks, we will be covering five weeks worth of work," said Mr. Miller.
(3) "In the following three week's, we will be covering five week's worth of work," said Mr. Miller.
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

4891. *The university lists 30 PhD"s as tenured professors in the science departments.*

- (1) The university lists 30 PhDs' as tenured professors in the science departments.
(2) The university lists 30 PhDs' as tenured professors in the science departments.
(3) The university lists 30 PhDs as tenured professors in the science departments.
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

5093. *My grandmother always stresses the importance of "minding ones p's and q's."*

- (1) My grandmother always stresses the importance of "minding ones ps and qs."
(2) My grandmother always stresses the importance of "minding one's ps and qs."
(3) My grandmother always stresses the importance of "minding one's p's and q's."
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

5095. *The effects of the Great Depression on the economy in the 1930's were devastating.*

- (1) The effects' of the Great Depression on the economy in the 1930s' were devastating.
(2) The effects of the Great Depression on the economy in the 1930s were devastating.
(3) The effect's of the Great Depression on the economy in the 1930's were devastating.
(4) The sentence is correct as written.

III. SPELLING

A. Identification of Misspelled Word

Base your answers to questions 7083 through 5698 on identifying the misspelled word in each sentence provided:

7083. The situation would be diferent if you had called first, but unfortunately we cannot make exceptions.

- (1) situation (3) unfortunately
(2) **diferent** (4) exceptions

7082. I think that since I am unhappy at my current school, I will transfer to another school next year.

- (1) unhappy
(2) current
(3) transfer
(4) **All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.**

7081. After some strategic planning, the mayor and the city council developed a plan to renovate the local beach.

- (1) strategic
(2) planning
(3) council
(4) **All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.**

7079. The assignment for spring break is to write a personal narative that explains your plans for the future.

- (1) assignment (3) **narative**
(2) personal (4) future

7078. Today we are going to read the play aloud and I need a volunteer to narate the actions.

- (1) aloud
(2) volunteer
(3) **narate**
(4) All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.

7077. If you are finished cleaning your rooms, I will now ininspect them to determine if you may go outside.

- (1) finished (3) **ininspect**
(2) cleaning (4) determine

7076. Upon completion of the inspection we will decide as to whether or not we will purchase the house.

- (1) completion
(2) inspection
(3) purchase
(4) **All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.**

1. In a Sentence

a. In a Sentence 1

7075. My parents are throwing me a gratudation party on June 23; do you think that you will be able to attend?

- (1) throwing
(2) **gratudation**
(3) attend
(4) All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.

7074. "What are you planning to do after you graduate from high school?" questioned Shelia.

- (1) planning
(2) graduate
(3) questioned
(4) **All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.**

7073. When I graduate from high school I plan on attending college in North Carolina.

- (1) graduate
(2) attending
(3) college
(4) **All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.**

6861. For Halloween, we went to the video store and rented five movies all containing scary villians.

- (1) Halloween (3) movies
(2) video (4) **villians**

6860. After hiking for three days, we enjoyed the spectacular veiw from the top of the Grand Canyon.

- (1) hiking
(2) spectacular
(3) **veiw**
(4) All words in the sentence are spelled correctly.

6859. The president requested that various heads of state attend the dinner in May.

- (1) president
(2) requested
(3) various
(4) **All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.**

6858. Once you have finished cleaning the bathroom, please vaccuum the living room.

- (1) finished
(2) cleaning
(3) **vaccuum**
(4) All the words in the sentence are spelled correctly.

6857. After using the books, please return them to the shelves in the reference department.

- (1) **using** (3) reference
(2) shelves (4) department

A. Fill in the Blank

a. Sentences 1

Base your answers to questions **8326** through **9873** on choosing the word(s) that best complete each sentence provided:

8326. She was _____ as to whether the tortoise would win the race.
 (1) fictitious (3) **dubious**
 (2) gullible (4) miserly
8327. He was _____ to be invited to the party and talked of nothing else in the weeks leading up to it.
 (1) miserly (3) fictitious
 (2) gullible (4) **ecstatic**
8328. She was surprised to _____ her mother in the lobby.
 (1) **encounter** (3) evolve
 (2) bestow (4) adhere
8329. This fad will _____ into a staple of modern life.
 (1) encounter (3) harass
 (2) bestow (4) **evolve**
8330. Children are often convinced of the _____ that people on the other end of a phone line can see them.
 (1) pessimist (3) encounter
 (2) **fallacy** (4) phobia
8331. He served us with a _____ cheerfulness that we did not feel.
 (1) **fictitious** (3) miserly
 (2) gullible (4) liable
8332. She was so _____ that she believed her brother when he told her that aliens had invaded the planet.
 (1) fictitious (3) **gullible**
 (2) miserly (4) liable
8333. She is _____ to have graded our tests by now.
 (1) gullible (3) fictitious
 (2) **liable** (4) miserly
8334. The _____ student refused to donate any of his money to charity and neglected to buy birthday presents for his family members.
 (1) **miserly** (3) ecstatic
 (2) gullible (4) liable
8335. Our coworker, a(n) _____, was sure that our scheme would end in failure.
 (1) phobia (3) **pessimist**
 (2) optimist (4) fallacy
8377. I wish to _____ my deepest apologies to the injured party.
 (1) savor (3) devise
 (2) **convey** (4) stimulate
8378. You cousin operates under the _____ that she is under attack.
 (1) **delusion** (3) retort
 (2) ordeal (4) contempt
8379. They needed to _____ a way to lift heavy objects from the first floor to the twelfth floor.
 (1) savor (3) **devise**
 (2) stimulate (4) convey
8380. Arturo ate his ice cream slowly in order to _____ its chocolate taste.
 (1) convey (3) devise
 (2) stimulate (4) **savor**
8381. The scientist prodded the microscopic organism in order to _____ it.
 (1) savor (3) **stimulate**
 (2) devise (4) convey
8382. The change in his appearance was so _____ that his family failed to notice it.
 (1) **subtle** (3) universal
 (2) unique (4) vivid
8383. This hat is _____; you will never see another like it.
 (1) vivid (3) universal
 (2) subtle (4) **unique**
8384. There is a(n) _____ tendency for people to settle near water, as is evidenced in communities all over the globe.
 (1) unique (3) versatile
 (2) **universal** (4) subtle
8385. This _____ fabric can be used to make clothes, tarps, sheets, and any number of useful things.
 (1) fictitious (3) subtle
 (2) **versatile** (4) anonymous
8386. The _____ colors of the mural formed a bright rainbow.
 (1) **vivid** (3) universal
 (2) versatile (4) subtle
8426. The entrance is _____ to those who carry membership cards.
 (1) compatible (3) rational
 (2) exempt (4) **accessible**

Base your answers to questions 2841 through 2850 on the passage provided:

The following passage has been adapted from an interview with Jackie Stewart, a Grand Prix race car champion.

Driving a race car is one of the most satisfying things that I've ever done because you're controlling a machine that should do things without irregularity. It should do things always the same because most machines do. But a racing car very much has a personality and sometimes it does things that are completely and utterly out of character. It reacts in a way that is just not expected. Now to completely master this machine, to be able to tell it exactly what you want it to do, and to drive yourself along with the machine to the very limit that only you yourself can determine, why, this requires a tremendous amount of honesty. It requires honesty in your own personality and your belief in who you are and what you are and how good you are. You can have a lot of drivers sitting around egotistically saying they were doing such and such a thing around such and such a corner because they drive faster than anybody else. But when it actually comes to going around that corner, you must be extremely honest with yourself to say, "Now, this is the limit at which I can take this turn." Now it might be your limit, it might be the car's limit, but the two limits together, the combination of the two, the synchronizing of the human element with the mechanical element, is the difference between the top three or four racing drivers and all the others. This is the mark of what it's all about. When you synchronize¹ your complete body and mind to this racing car at its best, you're achieving something that you know is good and that you're doing well. You get a tremendous amount of satisfaction from this. Some days you go out in a race car and everything happens in a big rush. You don't seem to have time to change gears or brake, and the corners are all coming up too quickly. You're not synchronized. And thus the most important thing is to synchronize yourself with the elements that you're competing against, the motor car and the track. Your mind must take these elements and completely digest them so as to bring the whole vision into slow motion.

For instance, you're doing a hundred and ninety-five miles per hour. A particular turn can be taken at a hundred and seventy-three. At a hundred and ninety-five you should still have very clear vision, almost in slow motion, of going through that turn- so that you have time to brake, time to line the car up, time to recognize the amount of drift, and then you've hit the apex, given it a bit of acceleration, hit the exit, and are out at a hundred and seventy-three. Now, the good driver will do this in a calculated way such that as he gets out the other side he'll say, "I did that well!" It wasn't a case of coming out and trying to catch the car and regain control. The driver who's fighting it, who doesn't have a mental picture in advance, will arrive at the turn to find that it's all happening very quickly. He's too heavy on the brake, the car is sliding too much, it's a big, deep breath in and a hope that I get around. Now this man doesn't have it.

I think it's all the same in every sport. It's the same in playing tennis. As Rod Laver hits a ball over, he already sees it coming back to him. In that situation I might not see it coming, but he sees it coming. It's not a case of reaction time; it's a case of synchronizing. And I think this applies to other sports as well.

¹*synchronize* - to occur at the same time

2841. What does the speaker believe about most machines?

- (1) They have a character of their own. (3) They are difficult to control.
 (2) They cannot function without people to operate them. (4) **They should perform in a predictable way.**

2842. According to the speaker, a driver needs to be honest in order to

- (1) **master a race car completely** (3) get along with the other drivers
 (2) avoid becoming egotistical (4) enjoy driving a race car

2843. What advice would the speaker most likely give to a new race car driver?

- (1) Check your car thoroughly. (3) Push yourself to the limit.
 (2) Practice every day. (4) **Believe in yourself.**

2844. The speaker's attitude toward egotistical drivers appears to be one of

- (1) indifference (2) suspicion (3) **disapproval** (4) admiration

2845. According to the speaker, what separates the top three or four race car drivers from all the others?

- (1) the skill with which these drivers take the turns (3) the risks these drivers are willing to take
 (2) **the relationship between these drivers and their cars** (4) the self-confidence these drivers feel