



Universidad Veracruzana

Exam Number: 0000



Level Two

Paper One

Reading and Writing

Sample Test

Time limit: 50 minutes

Do not write on the exam paper.

Instructions:

Match each sentence (1 - 4), with its corresponding notice (A - F). For each number, fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet. There are two EXTRA notices.

EXAMPLE

0. You would see this at a hotel.

G

CORRECT ANSWER

Leave your key at reception

1. You will have to use the stairs!

A

**No Parking 4-6 PM
Mon - Fri**

2. People from the United States should not go here.

B



3. You may find this on a drink carton.

C

Never leave a child unattended

4. You could see this around a swimming pool.

D

Aliens and non-US Citizens



E

Refrigerate juice after opening

F

Elevator out of order

Sorry for the inconvenience

Instructions:

Match each type of text (5 - 8) with the corresponding extract (H - M). For each number, fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet. There are two ADDITIONAL extracts.

EXAMPLE

CORRECT ANSWER

TYPE OF TEXT

EXTRACT

0. a comic book

N

Spiderman saved the frightened victim by swinging between two tall buildings. Many customers of the nearby shop were very excited to see the spectacle. It was amazing. Spiderman is my hero.

N

5. a list of staff's duties in a hospital's regulation book.

H

The hardest part is learning the proper way to enter the Interstate. For example, don't change lanes suddenly if you're traveling at high speed. And be careful with big trucks.

6. a list of suggestions on highway driving in the state guidebook.

I

All customers are allowed to use the computers for e-mails and the Internet, and other material in the library. New passwords are given only to the students of the Polytechnic.

7. an announcement of some new academic advantages.

J

Physicians who don't live near the Presbyterian Hospital must name a member of the medical staff who may be called to attend his or her patients in an emergency situation.

8. a beginner's driving practice guide.

K

Patients in critical condition need constant nursing care by a rehabilitation team and physicians. These employees are required to be constantly updated in their techniques with regular courses every two years.

L

Silence must be observed in the public areas of this building. Cell phones and watch alarms should be turned off. No use of laptops or tablets is permitted either.

M

Once you're ready to start driving in traffic, start out on a road with light traffic. Learn how to keep the car in your own lane, and negotiate curves and turns.

Instructions:

Complete the two conversations. For numbers 9 - 16, fill in the correct circle (A, B or C) on your answer sheet.

Dialogue one: Julie and Robert's plane has just landed in Tahiti.**EXAMPLE****CORRECT ANSWER**

0. *Julie:* I'm so glad we decided to go to Tahiti.
Robert: You're right. Imagine if we _____ Denmark.
A had chosen **B** chose **C** choose
9. *Julie:* We didn't think about the weather there in winter.
Robert: We _____ caught in below-zero weather.
A would be **B** could be **C** could have been
10. *Julie:* Imagine that. Look, let's get a taxi.
Robert: Are you sure? We were told _____ a Brista tour bus.
A to take **B** that we take **C** we took
11. *Julie:* Of course. Should we call them?
Robert: No, I'm guessing they _____ stuck in traffic.
A are being **B** may be **C** would be
12. *Julie:* OK. I just want to have all the fun possible without delays.
Robert: _____. And I want to eat a lobster immediately.
A So am I **B** I have too **C** So do I
- Julie:* I imagine you are really hungry.
Robert: Not really. Just dreaming.

Dialogue Two: Ted and Paula work in a museum at night.

13. *Ted:* Should we call someone? I hear a strange noise.
Paula: I _____ check doors and windows first.
A will prefer **B** would rather **C** prefer
14. *Ted:* All the windows and doors are connected to the alarm system.
Paula: Then I think we _____ to investigate.
A ought **B** must **C** should
15. *Ted:* Fine. Let's go to the area of Mayan statues.
Paula: Definitely. The supervisor told me thieves _____ from that kind of section first.
A steal **B** are stealing **C** had stolen
16. *Ted:* Oh, look. It's just that cat again. It gets in almost every afternoon.
Paula: The afternoon staff needs to check _____ before they leave.
A more careful **B** most careful **C** more carefully
- Ted:* I'm tired of this. What should we do?
Paula: Let's catch the little kitty.

Instructions:

Read the text and then complete the sentences that follow. For numbers 17 - 24, fill in the correct circle (A, B, or C) on your answer sheet.

The Pistachio Nut



The pistachio nut has, since ancient times, been a popular type of nut. In fact, pistachios and almonds are the only varieties of nut mentioned in the Bible!

Pistachio trees are hard to grow; growers do not expect nuts soon after planting; the first nuts usually appear after seven to ten years. Growers have to be patient. After that, the tree produces nuts every other year. Pistachios are very sensitive and need a lot of sun and not too much water. So if there are frequent rains and little sun, the water often completely ruins the nuts. It

takes about 25 years for a pistachio tree to mature, though some are mature at 20 years of age. In the Middle East, a tree has been known to live for 500 years. Iran is the largest pistachio-producing country in the world, followed by the USA and Mexico. In Mexico they are mostly grown in the state of Chihuahua. Other countries want to start growing them.

Today, California grows more than 90% of US pistachios. Some years ago, nearly 35 percent of the Californian pistachios were exported. Nowadays, there has been an increase to up to 65 percent, maybe because foreign buyers (such as China and India) recognize their contribution to our health.

When they are collected, pistachios are usually very damp and so they must be dried quickly, to keep them good. They are dried in their shells for 12 hours, within 24 hours of coming off the tree, but it's hard to completely dry them. Collectors have to work quickly. Even after the drying process, they still contain about 7 % of their water. If the pistachio nut does not open by itself, it is almost impossible to eat it! Everyone has probably had this experience.

EXAMPLE**CORRECT ANSWER****B**

0. The pistachio nut _____.

A has recently become popular

B has been popular for many years

C is not liked by many people

17. You can read about _____ type(s) of nut in the Bible.

A 0

B 1

C 2

18. Pistachio trees produce their first nuts _____.

A a year after planting

B after at least 7 years

C after at least a decade

19. After the first time, nuts will grow again every _____.

A year

B two years

C three years

20. A good climate for growing pistachios is one which is _____.

A not too wet

B not too dry

C not too sunny

21. Pistachio trees live for _____.
A less than 20 years **B** up to 25 years **C** up to 500 years
22. The country that produces the most pistachios is _____.
A Mexico **B** Iran **C** USA
23. Pistachios are dried _____.
A for twenty-four hours **B** so they don't go bad **C** without the complete shell
24. This reading is mainly about the _____.
A history of pistachios **B** characteristics of Pistachios **C** commerce of pistachios

Part Five	Numbers 25 - 32
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Instructions:
Complete the following text. For numbers 25 – 32, fill in the correct circle (A, B, or C) on your answer sheet.

Pet Travel Becomes Possible

by Heidi Kotansky

Do you want to take your pet with you on a trip? Most airlines permit one **(0)**_____ two pets in the main cabin area for an extra payment. Remember that your pet's size and age are important: your pet should be at **(25)**_____ 8 weeks old, not weigh more than 7 kilos and its box must fit under the seat in front of you.

A second option is **(26)**_____ your pet in the category of passenger luggage. But extreme summer heat **(27)**_____ make traveling in the baggage area unsafe for your pet, so some airlines do not permit pets **(28)**_____ baggage from May 15 through September 15. Travel with pets is always best during morning and evening hours through the summer, and during the middle of the day **(29)**_____ winter.

Travelling as cargo is another way **(30)**_____ your precious pet. Snakes and most similar animals, must be **(31)**_____ this way. The airline calculates the price you pay in relation to the destination, and weight **(32)**_____ the animal. So now your pet can go with you and enjoy a vacation too.

EXAMPLE	CORRECT ANSWER
0. ... Most airlines permit one (0) _____ two pets... A and B but C or	<input checked="" type="radio"/> C
25. A least B less C few	
26. A send B sent C sending	
27. A must B can C is	
28. A than B like C as	
29. A on B at C in	
30. A transport B to transport C transporting	
31. A carried B carry C carrying	
32. A from B for C of	

Instructions:

Complete the following text. For numbers 33 – 40, write ONE word in the corresponding space on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE

Thanks **(0)**_____ your lovely message

CORRECT ANSWER

(0) for

New message

from: Jenny_563@hotmail.com

to: Pa_ul-35@hotmail.com

Sans Serif



send



Dear Paul,

Thanks **(0)** for your lovely message. Yes, we **(33)**_____ love to come to your party on Friday. It sounds like a lot of fun. **(34)**_____ you know whether Gemma is coming? I haven't seen her **(35)**_____ about a year and I want to see her and find out what she is doing **(36)**_____ days. I'm so excited!

I don't really have much news to tell you and I guess we'll be able to talk a little **(37)**_____ the party. I will tell you about some mutual friends I saw recently. Can we bring the kids? **(38)**_____ me know if that's OK. If not, we can ask my parents **(39)**_____ babysit so it won't be **(40)**_____ problem. I hope.

Anyway, looking forward to seeing you on Friday at 8.

Jenny