COMPREHENSION PLACEMENT TEST

Sample Placement Test

COMPREHENSION Part I

(Read to the student): (Circle

1. Name three ways that an ice-cream

cone is different from a hamburger.

One is hot. A hamburger has a bun. 1a

One is sweet. One has meat. An ice-
cream cone has a cone. (and so forth) 1b

2. Name three ways that an ice-cream

cone is like a hamburger.

They are food. Each is bigger than an

ant. Both have parts. Both are

purchased. You eat them. (and so forth) 2a

3. Name three ways that a tree is the

same as a cat.

They are alive. Each is bigger than an

ant. Both die. They reproduce. Both

have coverings. (and so forth) 3a

4. Finish this sentence:

An airplane is to air as a fish is
to . . . 4

Water, a lake, an ocean, etc.

5. Finish this sentence:

An airplane is to vehicles as a fish is

to . . .

Animals, food, etc.

6. Finish this sentence:

An airplane is to wings as a fish is

to . . .

Fins

I'll say some sentences. After I say a sentence,
you try to say it exactly as I said it.

7. Here's a new sentence:

The man on first base was not very

fast. Say it. 7a

8. Here's a new sentence:

It was March twenty-seventh,
nineteen sixty-five. Say it. 8a

9. Here's a new sentence:

Some of the people who live in

America are illiterate. Say it. 9a

10. How many weeks are in a year?

52 9b

11. Listen: It has four wooden legs and

a seat and a back. What is it?

Couch or chair 11

12. Listen: We celebrate this day every

year because it's the first day of the

new year. What date is that?

January 1 or the first of January (in countries

other than the United States, substitute a

comparable local holiday.) 12

13. Say the days of the week.

Students may start with any day of the

week, but the days must be recited in

order. 13

14. What is a synonym for sad?

Unhappy, downcast 14
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15. One season of the year is summer. Name the three other seasons. Fall, winter, spring (can be given in any order) ____________ 15

16. Listen: If a dog is green, it has five legs. a. Pam’s dog is green. What else do you know about it?
   Idea: It has five legs. ____________ 16a
   b. Jim has something with five legs. Is it green? Idea: Maybe, or I don’t know. ____________ 16b

17. Listen: Some lobsters are red. a. Tony has a lobster. Is it red? 
   Idea: Maybe, or I don’t know. ____________ 17a
   b. Mary has a lobster. Is it red?
   Idea: Maybe, or I don’t know. ____________ 17b

18. Listen: No bricks walls have paint specks. Jerome has a brick wall. What else do you know about it?
   Idea: It doesn’t have paint specks. ____________ 18

19. Here’s a rule. It has silly words, but you can still answer the questions.
Listen: All lerbs have pelps.
Listen again: All lerbs have pelps.
   a. Tom has a lerb. What do you know about his lerb? 
   Idea: It has pelps. ____________ 19a
   b. What would you look for to find out if something is a lerb? 
   Idea: Pelps. ____________ 19b

20. Listen: It is used to write with.
   a. Is that true of a pencil?
   Yes ________ 20a
   b. Is that true of only a pencil? 
   No ________ 20b

21. Listen: It is a farm animal that has four legs, goes “moo,” and gives milk.
   a. Is that true of a cow?
   Yes ________ 21a
   b. Is that true of only a cow? 
   Yes ________ 21b

22. Listen to this statement and tell me what’s wrong with it.
   He was fifteen years old and his younger sister was eighteen years old.
   Idea: His younger sister is not younger than he is. ________ 22

COMPREHENSION Part II

A. They planted wadumps, little plants that grow in twinglers.

   The sentence tells the meaning of a word. Which word? __________________________
   Underline the part of the sentence that tells what the word means.

B. His drooling, a small kerchief around his wrist, was made of silk and groslops.

   The sentence tells the meaning of a word. Which word? __________________________
   Underline the part of the sentence that tells what the word means.

C. Here’s a rule: When the demand is greater than the supply, prices go up.

   Digo Dairy sells 1000 gallons of milk every day. Digo Dairy has orders for 1100 gallons of milk every day.

   How much is the supply of milk? __________________________
   How much is the demand for milk? __________________________
   What is going to happen to the price of milk at Digo Dairy? __________________________
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D. For each word in the left column, write the number of the word or phrase from the right column that means the same thing.

| a. currency | 1. all at once |
| b. suddenly | 2. silently |
| c. ambiguous | 3. movable |
| d. hesitated | 4. changed |
| e. exhibited | 5. contended |
| f. quietly | 6. paused |
| g. portable | 7. plan |
| h. regulations | 8. money |
| i. converted | 9. rate |
| j. appropriately | 10. rules |
| k. strategy | 11. vehicles |
| l. response | 12. general |
|               | 13. fittingly |
|               | 14. clean |
|               | 15. clear |
|               | 16. answer |
|               | 17. responsible |
|               | 18. gradually |
|               | 19. unclear |
|               | 20. showed |
|               | 21. hidden |
|               | 22. caused |
|               | 23. slowly |