

2006 Literacy Test Grammar Questions

Booklet 1

1. Choose the sentence that has correct punctuation.

- a) According to a recent census Canada has a population of over 30 million people.
- b) According to a recent census, Canada has a population of over 30 million people.
- c) According to a recent census Canada, has a population of over 30 million people.
- d) According to a recent census, Canada, has a population of over 30 million people.

2. Choose the sentence that has correct punctuation.

- a) I like Teds car because its red and isn't noisy.
- b) I like Ted's car because its red and isnt noisy.
- c) I like Teds car because it's red and isn't noisy.
- d) I like Ted's car because it's red and isn't noisy.

3. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

_____ . Two attempts, one in 1925 and another in 1948, had failed to get the Canadian Parliament to agree on a design for a new flag. Some Members of Parliament wanted the Canadian flag to include Britain's flag, the Union Jack, in the design. Other Members of Parliament could not agree on what colours should be on the flag. Finally, on June 15, 1964, a bill was passed in Parliament to accept the flag that we have now.

- a) The Canadian flag has a red maple leaf.
- b) Canada didn't have its own flag until 1964.
- c) Britain did not want Canada to have a new flag.
- d) Britain's flag is the most beautiful of all national flags.

4. Choose the option that best combines all the information in the boldfaced sentences.

John is an artist.

He is called a mixed-media artist.

Mixed-media artists use many materials for art.

Some materials may be trash or newspapers.

- a) John is an artist, he uses mixed media, the materials are trash and newspapers.
- b) As a mixed-media artist, John uses many materials, such as newspapers and trash, to make art.
- c) Trash and newspapers are materials that John uses to make art and since he is a mixed-media artist.
- d) When John is a mixed-media artist who uses many materials, such as trash and newspapers for his art.

5. Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

- a) Six cookies is lying on the table.
- b) Three miles is not too far to walk.
- c) Half the students wants to go by bus.
- d) Two cups of cornflakes and three glasses of juice is served for breakfast.

Booklet 2

1. Choose the option that best combines all the information in the boldfaced sentences.

The concert was on Saturday.

My favourite band, Cutting Edge, played at the concert.

It was a rock concert.

- a) The rock concert was on Saturday.
- b) Cutting Edge is my favourite band because it plays rock music.
- c) Cutting Edge, my favourite band, played at the rock concert on Saturday.
- d) Saturday's concert was a rock concert and it included the rock band Cutting Edge, since it is my favourite band.

2. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

Long Point, _____ the Graveyard of Lake Erie, has had numerous shipwrecks.

- a) Often called
- b) Often is called
- c) Often has been called
- d) Which had often been called

3. Choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

(1) Many people are afraid of spiders. (2) They think spiders can give them a poisonous bite. (3) Spiders are not really insects, because insects have eight legs. (4) Some spiders do have a poison that can kill flies and other insects. (5) However, this poison is not harmful to humans.

- a) Sentence 2
- b) Sentence 3
- c) Sentence 4
- d) Sentence 5