

ACCUPLACER[®]
Sample Questions for Students

20. If I want your opinion, I will ask for it.

Rewrite, beginning with

I won't ask for your opinion

The next words will be

- A. if I want it
- B. when I want it
- C. although I want it
- D. unless I want it

21. It began to rain, and everyone at the picnic ran to the trees to take shelter.

Rewrite, beginning with

Everyone at the picnic ran to take shelter

The next words will be

- A. beginning to rain
- B. when it began to rain
- C. although it began to rain
- D. and it began to rain

22. Lucy saw an amazing sight as the sun rose over the mountains.

Rewrite, beginning with

Lucy saw an amazing sight

The next words will be

- A. an amazing sight was seen
- B. when Lucy saw an amazing sight
- C. Lucy saw an amazing sight
- D. seeing an amazing sight

23. The family felt tired after walking through the museum for three hours.

Rewrite, beginning with

The entire family felt in need of a rest

The next words will be

- A. walking through the museum for three hours
- B. having walked through the museum for three hours.
- C. and they walked through the museum for three hours
- D. despite having walked through the museum for three hours.

24. Bats see extremely well in the dark; in fact, much better than humans.

Rewrite, beginning with

Unlike bats,

The next words will be

- A. humans can see
- B. humans do not see
- C. it is not easy to see
- D. seeing is difficult

25. The big celebration meal was over, and everyone began to feel sleepy.

Rewrite, beginning with

Everyone began to feel sleepy

The next words will be

- A. and the big celebration meal
- B. before the big celebration meal
- C. although the big celebration meal
- D. after the big celebration meal

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WritePlacer®

This test measures your ability to write effectively, which is critical to academic success.

Your writing sample will be scored on the basis of how effectively it communicates a whole message to the readers for the stated purpose. Your score will be based on your ability to express, organize and support your opinions and ideas, not the position you take on the issue.

20. Compared with the rest of the country, North Dakota has a thriving economy, making it a place where more people want to live.

Winters in North Dakota are inhospitable, with average temperatures in January ranging from 2 degrees Fahrenheit to 17 degrees.

What does the second sentence do?

3. It states an effect.
4. It states an example.
5. It gives an example.
6. It gives a problem and solution.
21. Some stores are testing a new checkout system that allows shoppers to use their mobile phones to scan items as they walk through stores and pay at self-service kiosks, skipping the cashiers' lines.

The new mobile checkout system is intended to reduce long lines and customer wait times in stores.

What does the second sentence do?

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B. It states an example.
5. It gives an example.
D. It gives a problem and solution.
22. According to the American Sleep Disorders Association, the average teenager needs around 9.5 hours of sleep per night, possibly because critical growth hormones are released during sleep.

The average adult requires between six and eight hours of sleep per night for optimal health and productivity.

How do the two sentences relate?

- A. They establish a contrast.
B. They contradict each other.
C. They reinforce each other.
D. They provide a problem and solution.

Arithmetic

This test measures your ability to perform basic arithmetic operations and to solve problems that involve fundamental arithmetic concepts. There are 17 questions on the Arithmetic tests, divided into three types.

- ‡ **Arithmetic** Topics included in this category are addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, recognizing equivalent fractions and mixed numbers, and estimating.
- ‡ **Arithmetic with Decimals** include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with decimals. Percent problems, recognition of decimals, fraction and percent equivalencies, and problems involving estimation are also given.
- ‡ **Arithmetic Applications** rate, percent and measurement problems; simple geometry problems; and distribution of a quantity into its fractional parts.

Arithmetic Sample Questions

For each of the questions below, choose the best answer from the four choices given. You may use the paper provided as scratch paper.

1. $2.75 + .003 + .158 =$
 - A. 4.36
 - B. 2.911
 - C. 0.436

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7. $\frac{4 - (-6)}{-5} =$
- A. $\frac{2}{5}$
 - B. $-\frac{2}{5}$
 - C. 2
 - D. -2
8. If $2 - 3(x + 4) = -5$, then $x =$
- A. 7
 - B. -7
 - C. 17
 - D. -17
9. $-3(5 - 6) - 4(2 - 3) =$
- A. -7
 - B. 7
 - C. -1
 - D. 1
10. Which of the following expressions is equivalent to $20 - \frac{4}{5} \geq 16$?
- A. 5
 - B. $\frac{5}{4}$
 - C. $32\frac{1}{2}$
 - D. $32\frac{1}{4}$
- 11.

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- A.)#¹"
- B. !##
- C. &## · ##"
- D. &#^s · "#"

19. A rectangular yard has area 96 square feet. If the width of the yard is 4 feet less than the length, what is the perimeter, in feet, of the yard?

- A.

ACCUPLACER ESL Reading Skills Test

8. If you hold a piece of copper wire over the flame of a match, and you will be forced to drop the wire. You will, however, still be able to hold the match because the match is a poor conductor of heat. Anyone, child or adult, can try this simple experiment.

Which of the following is implied in the passage above?

- A. Copper is a good conductor of heat.
- B. A match and copper conduct heat equally.
- C. A match is an excellent conductor of heat.
- D. Matches should be kept out of the reach of small children.

9. Dogs and cats are common household pets. Other pets are considered to be exotic animals. These include snakes, lizards, and hedgehogs.

Snakes are

- A. uncommon pets.
- B. likely to be found in a household with dogs.
- C. found only in zoos.
- D. not allowed in people's homes.

10. Cesar Chavez was an influential leader for farmworkers. He fought for their rights and better working conditions. Chavez led many strikes that angered farm owners. Eventually he succeeded in getting increased wages and improved living situations for farmworkers.

Chavez changed lives because he

- A. helped the farmers get more workers.
- B. worked for the farmers.
- C. helped work on the farms every day.
- D. changed the conditions for the farmworkers.

11. When cartoonist Charles M. Schulz was a boy in elementary school, other boys teased him for being small and not very good at sports, and his art teacher told him he had no talent for drawing. He had few friends, and was too shy to talk to a red-haired girl he admired. Later in life, Schulz used his childhood experiences in his comic strip "Peanuts," using the strip's main character, the sad and lonely Charlie Brown, to represent himself as a little boy. "Peanuts" was unique at the time because it contained no adult characters. Readers fell in love with Charlie Brown, and "Peanuts" eventually became one of the most popular comic strips of all time.

What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. "Peanuts" was the world's most widely read comic strip.
- B. Charles M. Schulz was a very famous cartoonist.
- C. Schulz turned the pain of his youth into fame as an adult.
- D. The "Peanuts" comic strip featured children as its only characters.

12. Money has existed for thousands of years in nearly every culture as a means of exchange. However, today, the use of cash is becoming less and less common in modern societies all over the world. Every year, a higher percentage of purchases is made online, and even in stores customers are

5. Having recorded many of the most beloved songs of the 1940s, jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald _____ one of the most prominent musical performers of her time.
- A. had been
 - B. has been
 - C. was
 - D. will be
6. As we drove through the darkness, we saw another car coming _____ the bend in the road.
- A. through
 - B. under
 - C. over
 - D. around
7. Sonia is so determined and stubborn, she never _____ until she gets exactly what she wants.
- A. gives up
 - B. gives out
 - C. gave in
 - D. gave away
8. At only 43, John F. Kennedy was the _____ American president ever to be elected.
- A. most young
 - B. more young
 - C. youngest
 - D. younger

Each problem contains one or two sentences followed by a question. Choose the correct answer to the question.

9. Elena found a tomato that was much bigger than all the others in the garden.

How did the tomato compare to the others in the garden?

- A. It was the smallest.
- B. It was not very large.
- C.





