

Class

Name

■ Answer the questions.

**1. What is the best word for the blank?**

The Middle Ages, or Medieval Period, was a time that lasted from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. \_\_\_\_\_, a third of the population died from the Black Death. The world population did not reach pre-plague levels again until the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

- a. While these years
- b. During many years
- c. For many years
- d. During these years

**2. Which word does NOT correctly match with its meaning?**

- a. alien: from another planet
- b. solution: to create a detail
- c. pastime: a fun activity
- d. adversity: a difficult set of circumstances

**3. Which pair does NOT have the same relation as the sample?**

<Sample> big : huge

- a. recognize: acknowledge
- b. significant: unimportant
- c. outstanding: amazing
- d. durable: tough

**4. Which pair does NOT have the same relation as the sample?**

<Sample> fast : slow

- a. source: origin
- b. previous: after
- c. outstanding: terrible
- d. cheap: expensive

**5. Which word has the closest meaning to the underlined word?**

The teacher chose not to include the essay question in the test.

- a. to omit
- b. to recite
- c. to reverse
- d. to consult

**6. Choose the option that best fits the blanks.**

New York is one of the most famous cities in the United States. Many films are set here. One of these, called *Goodfellas*, (A)\_\_\_\_\_ a look at the life of gangster Henry Hill. This gritty movie (B)\_\_\_\_\_ that a life of crime is not an easy one.

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| (A)       | (B)     |
| a. take   | show    |
| b. takes  | shows   |
| c. takes  | showing |
| d. taking | showing |

**7. What is the correct word for the blank?**

Recycling paper is important to do, so that fewer trees have to be cut down. However, more environmental \_\_\_\_\_ need to be found to protect our rainforests.

- a. technologies                      b. quantites
- c. creations                         d. solutions

**8. What is the passage mainly about?**

Pablo Picasso was a famous painter born in 1881. He went through many different periods in his painting career, from his "Rose Period," to an experimental period, which became known as the style of Cubism. His work is widely recognized as some of the world's most inventive and astounding art.

- a. Picasso invented Cubism.
- b. Picasso was a famous artist.
- c. Picasso's "Rose Period" is widely recognized.
- d. Picasso went through many careers.

**9. What is NOT true about the passage?**

Diamonds are mined from deposits all over the world. They were first discovered in riverbeds in India. Originally, people thought that India was their only source, but one thousand years later, more diamonds were discovered in Borneo. Years later, even more deposits were found in Australia, Russia, and the US.

- a. Diamond deposits are found in many countries.
- b. Diamonds were discovered in different places over time.
- c. Riverbeds in India are full of diamonds.
- d. Australia and Borneo are both sources of diamonds.

**10. What is "this problem" in the passage?**

The meanings of some words originally written in the Koran were determined by dots above the vowels. However, in ancient Arabic, these dots were often omitted, so some letters looked identical. To solve this problem, early Muslims had to get exact meanings of the writers' words before the writers died and it was too late to record them.

- a. The words recorded may have different meanings.
- b. The writers didn't tell the whole story.
- c. Ancient Arabic is difficult to read.
- d. The records were not written in order by the original writers.

**11. Choose the correct forms.**

Today's historians have a wealth of documents to (A) consulted / consult. From microfilm to digital, archivists are (B) storing / stored these records in many ways, in an attempt to keep an ordered history of the people.

- | (A)          | (B)     |
|--------------|---------|
| a. consulted | storing |
| b. consulted | stored  |
| c. consult   | storing |
| d. consult   | stored  |

**12. Choose which is NOT correct.**

The symbol "\$" is often used as an **(A)** abbreviated form to mean money. People disagree **(B)** concerning the origin of the dollar sign. Some theorize that it is a **(C)** superimposition of the letter S on the letter U, for the letters of the US. However, others **(D)** arguement that it comes from a simplification of the letters P and S from "peso."

- a. (A)
- b. (B)
- c. (C)
- d. (D)

**13. What is most appropriate for the blank?**

Many people have great intentions, but do not act. However, the Gates Foundation has do so by \_\_\_\_\_, allowing them to help less fortunate people in many meaningful ways.

- a. bringing many intelligent people together
- b. helping the poor
- c. achieving excellent results
- d. leaving it up to others

**14 Read the passage and complete the Wrap Up chart.**

Earthquakes are one of the most unpredictable natural disasters. Unlike volcanoes, earthquakes give scientists little warning. Earthquakes cause a lot of damage and loss of life. This is partly because their unpredictability gives people no time to evacuate. The shifting layers of rock beneath Earth's surface can cause buildings' foundations to crack, causing buildings to collapse onto people.

Damage	Predictability
loss of life	
	scientists don't know when they might happen

**15. Read the passage and complete the cause and effect chart.**

Engineers today are using 3D printing to test new car parts and designs. 3D printing makes it easy to have multiple versions of a part to test. In the future, more than just parts will be printed. People will be able to 3D print entire, personally designed and decorated cars.

Present Car Industry	Future Car Industry
	more than just parts will be printed
engineers have many parts to test	

**Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 15