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AP® English Language and Composition Exam

SECTION I: Multiple Choice

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At a Glance

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Sample Question Sample Answer

Chicago is a







- (A) state
- (B) city
- (C) country
- (D) continent
- (E) village

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION SECTION I

Time—1 hour

Directions: This part consists of selections from prose works and questions on their content, form, and style. After reading each passage, choose the best answer to each question and completely fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

Note: Pay particular attention to the requirement of questions that contain the words NOT, LEAST, or EXCEPT.

Questions 1-14. Read the following passage carefully before you choose your answers.

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 - 1. The final sentence of the first paragraph (lines 6-7) is unusual in the way it uses a
 - (A) first person pronoun
 - (B) verb tense
 - (C) plural noun
 - (D) capital letter
 - (E) dangling participle
 - 2. The function of the first paragraph is to
 - (A) explain the purpose of the passage
 - (B) define the relationship between literary language and everyday speech
 - (C) describe the author's writing process
 - (D) characterize the author and her interests
 - (E) establish the author's concern about the misuse of language
 - 3. In context, "carefully wrought" (line 21) suggests both
 - (A) precision and formlessness
 - (B) beauty and permanence
 - (C) simplicity and perfection
 - (D) nervousness and self-control
 - (E) technical mastery and craftsmanship
 - 4. The word "burdened" (lines 21-22) modifies
 - (A) "things" (line 18)
 - (B) "intersection" (line 18)
 - (C) "aspect" (line 19)
 - (D) "speech" (line 20)
 - (E) "me" (line 22)

- 5. During the talk described in paragraph 2, the author responds to her mother's presence by
 - (A) altering the vocabulary and syntax she had been using to express her ideas to the group
 - (B) regretting that there are certain interests she does not share with her mother
 - (C) thinking about how audience determines the appropriateness of a style
 - (D) reexamining the mother-daughter themes in her latest work
 - (E) deciding that her mother does not need to learn academic English
- 6. The third paragraph provides
 - (A) a concrete example of how writers transform personal experience into art
 - (B) a series of assertions about the nature of language
 - (C) a rationale for the author's shifting allegiances
 - (D) an anecdote that reinforces ideas expressed in the previous paragraphs
 - (E) an argument that will be challenged in the remainder of the passage
- 7. Which of the following is true of the mother's quoted speech (lines 52-67)?
 - (A) The author expects the speech to be comprehensible enough to enable her to make a point about her mother's use of language.
 - (B) The author is concerned that her mother will change the way she talks because she is being videotaped.
 - (C) The author uses the speech as an example of the way her mother talked when the author was young, not the way her mother talks now.
 - (D) The author wants to suggest that it is her mother's accent, not her syntax, that makes her English difficult to understand.
 - (E) The author is more interested in what her mother says in the speech than in the way she says it.

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- 8. The effect of using the second person pronoun in lines 40 and 68 is to
 - (A) emphasize the author's awareness of an audience
 - (B) illustrate the effectiveness of using informal diction when speaking publicly
 - (C) indicate a shift in focus from the personal to the impersonal
 - (D) echo the style of the author's talk described in paragraph two
 - (E) enlarge the scope of the discussion to include differences in usage by native speakers of English
- 9. The first two sentences in the last paragraph (lines 68-73) do which of the following?
 - (A) Define ambiguous terms
 - (B) Develop vivid metaphors
 - (C) Explain convoluted reasoning
 - (D) Resolve disagreements
 - (E) Present contrasts
- 10. In the last paragraph, the author insists on the
 - (A) importance of an expressive command of standard English
 - (B) sophistication of some of her mother's English language skills
 - (C) inherent value of the books her mother chooses to read
 - (D) need for language learners to practice on a wide variety of written materials
 - (E) value of reading as a means of improving the language skills of nonnative speakers

- 11. In the context of the whole passage, the last sentence (lines 81-83) serves to
 - (A) establish that the author associates her mother's language with the past, not the present
 - (B) validate the form of English the author hears from her mother
 - (C) discredit the form of English the author learned from books
 - (D) summarize the characteristics of the mother's way of speaking
 - (E) reiterate the thesis that children imitate the language of their parents
- 12. The author uses directly quoted speech at various points in the passage to
 - (A) clarify the complexity of the decisions writers have to make
 - (B) establish her credibility as a well-read academic
 - (C) emphasize the underlying similarities of languages
 - (D) show how her own understanding of English evolved
 - (E) illustrate various forms of English
- 13. Which of the following best characterizes the voice of the author in the passage as a whole?
 - (A) A lonely, private voice
 - (B) An informal, public voice
 - (C) A formal, speech-making voice
 - (D) An ironic, disillusioned voice
 - (E) A scholarly, detached voice
- 14. A central concept in the passage is the notion that
 - (A) English has been enriched by borrowing from other languages
 - (B) speakers use different forms of language for different purposes
 - (C) English is easier to understand than to speak
 - (D) creative writers should first master the standard form of their native language
 - (E) literary conventions must often be sacrificed for elegance of expression

Questions 15-29. Read the following passage carefully before you choose your answers.

(This passage is from a book about clouds. Contrails are airborne streaks of condensed water vapor created by aircrafts.)

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- 15. The primary goal of the passage is to
 - (A) compare two recent scientific studies on global warming
 - (B) explore the relationship of air traffic to atmospheric temperatures
 - (C) argue for the necessity of limiting air travel in Europe
 - (D) review a chronological series of studies on cirriform clouds
 - (E) examine research methods used to gauge atmospheric temperatures
- 16. According to the passage, the relationship between aircraft contrails and cirriform clouds is best expressed by which of the following?
 - (A) Aircraft contrails decrease the number of cirriform clouds that form.
 - (B) Aircraft contrails have no significant impact on the number of cirriform clouds that form.
 - (C) Aircraft contrails increase the number of cirriform clouds that form.
 - (D) Aircraft contrails are only one of many sources of cirriform clouds.
 - (E) No conclusive evidence exists about the relationship between aircraft contrails and cirriform cloud formation.
- 17. In the first paragraph (lines 1-15), the author relies on which of the following to establish credibility?
 - (A) Concession to an opposing view
 - (B) Data from a scientific study
 - (C) Details of the procedure for a particular experiment
 - (D) Conclusions agreed to by all scientists
 - (E) Ad hominem arguments
- 18. The function of the note in line 1 is to
 - (A) document the specific source for an empirical claim
 - (B) offer an explanation of what is meant by a term
 - (C) prove that the author used print as well as online sources
 - (D) redirect a discussion begun in the body of the paper cited
 - (E) establish the credibility of one source at the expense of another

- 19. The word "Amazingly" (line 8) emphasizes the author's
 - (A) confusion about the research data
 - (B) dismay that nothing has been done to reduce the number of contrails
 - (C) surprise at the conclusion of a study
 - (D) excitement about the sophistication of scientific instruments
 - (E) frustration with the methodology used in a study
- 20. The author states "This is a major claim" (lines 11-12) in order to
 - (A) expose the logical fallacy of a popular argument
 - (B) explore ways in which global warming is a localized phenomenon
 - (C) challenge the view of those who feel that the claim is unsubstantiated
 - (D) call attention to a claim by highlighting its importance
 - (E) validate the counterclaim that temperatures have not risen in the last 25 years
- 21. The author's strategy in paragraph three (lines 25-35) can best be described as presenting a
 - (A) generalization that is substantiated by a detailed example
 - (B) problem followed by a particular recommendation
 - (C) controversial proposal followed by a counterproposal
 - (D) qualifying statement that is modified by a following statement
 - (E) summary followed by a disclaimer
- 22. The author's tone in paragraph three (lines 25-35) can best be described as
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 - (B) disbelieving
 - (C) relieved
 - (D) uncertain
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- 23. Lines 38-41 ("Ironically . . . contrails") point out
 - (A) an unexpected consequence of a technological improvement
 - (B) an innovative strategy for evaluating the effects of contrails
 - (C) an elegant design solution for a puzzling problem
 - (D) the consequences of failing to follow a carefully designed plan
 - (E) a misunderstanding about how types of transportation affect the environment
- 24. According to lines 59-70, aircraft flying lower would result in all of the following consequences EXCEPT
 - (A) burning more fuel
 - (B) increasing the number of cirriform clouds
 - (C) emitting more CO₂
 - (D) increasing financial costs
 - (E) producing fewer contrails
- 25. Lines 65-70 ("Their . . . emissions") are best described as
 - (A) an evaluation of the methodology used in the study
 - (B) an illustration of why the study was needed
 - (C) a request for a plan to implement the study recommendations
 - (D) a summary of the primary conclusions of the study
 - (E) a comparison of one study with another
- 26. What aspect of the Williams and Noland study is emphasized in the last paragraph?
 - (A) The ease of implementing the recommended flight restrictions
 - (B) The need to further reduce CO₂ emissions
 - (C) The rapidity with which improvement will occur
 - (D) The necessity of doing additional research
 - (E) The widespread support the proposal has accrued

- 27. In relationship to the passage as a whole, notes 1 and 2 do which of the following?
 - (A) Explain the shortcomings of previous studies of global warming
 - (B) Show that European and American governments are jointly funding research on contrails
 - (C) Provide conflicting commentary about links between contrails and global warming
 - (D) Offer explanations of what constitutes global warming
 - (E) Document studies that show how contrails contribute to global warming
- 28. Which of the following is an accurate reading of note 2?
 - (A) The 2003 AAC Conference took place in Friedrichshafen, Germany.
 - (B) The presentation "Observations of Contrails and Cirrus over Europe" was given daily from June 30 to July 3.
 - (C) Mannstein wrote and Schumann edited the conference proceedings.
 - (D) The conference title was "Observations of Contrails and Cirrus over Europe."
 - (E) The AAC Conference is held annually in Germany.
- 29. Taken as a whole, the notes suggest that
 - (A) the author relied primarily on scientific journals for non-specialists
 - (B) research on contrails and cirriform clouds began in 1999
 - (C) the author has consulted both published and unpublished sources
 - (D) scientists in Europe have led the way in researching contrails
 - (E) the author has written highly technical articles

Questions 30-43. Read the following passage carefully before you choose your answers.

(The following passage is an excerpt from a recent book about the arts.)

By 1867, the year of Baudelaire's death—
Queen Victoria had been on the throne for thirty years and the name "Victorian" had begun to be a target of some mockery—playwrights, architects, composers, poets, novelists, and other makers of high culture who longed for social respectability had largely acquired what their forebears had long struggled for. There were still patches of ground, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, where artists had not yet wholly cast off the status of servant. But in Western Europe and the United States, they could make friends with, and marry into, the upper middle classes or the gentry, and make grand claims for the autonomy and the dignity of their vocation.

Their cause could only prosper from the spectacle of aristocrats like Lord Byron or the vicomte de Chateaubriand, who did not disdain writing poems or novels, and even getting paid for it. Even a few German states timidly joined this status revolution: Goethe and Schiller were raised to the nobility. That von Goethe was also a hardworking public servant in the duchy of Weimar and von Schiller a professor lecturing on the philosophy of history at the University of Jena did not exactly injure their social transfiguration. But their sober occupations were not the main reason for their elevation, which they largely owed to their literary fame.

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The elbow room that aspiring avant-garde artists, like their more conventional colleagues, needed was more than mere celebrity. What they craved was an ideology, a solid validation of their lofty modern status. In 1835, toward the end of the promising early years of the French July Monarchy, Théophile Gautier's naughty Mademoiselle de Maupin, this declaration of independence in behalf of literature, proved an impressive statement. Gautier, all of twenty-three, prefaced the novel with a long, racy manifesto, which championed what would come to be called, tersely, "art for art's sake." In view of its historic import and its place in the career of modernism, it should really be called "art for artists' sake," for it was a strong plea for the maker of beautiful objects as much as an appreciation of the objects themselves. It rejected the classic division between the two, which had long separated art (highly admired) from the artist (socially disdained).

Art, so this modern doctrine goes, serves no one but itself—not mammon, not God, not country, not bourgeois self-glorification, certainly not moral

progress. It boasts its own techniques and standards, its own ideals and gratifications. "I don't know who said it, I don't know where," Gautier wrote, "that literature and the arts influence morality. Whoever he was, he was doubtless a great fool." All that the arts produce is beauty, and "nothing that is beautiful is indispensable to life." The good looks of women, the charms of music and painting, are valuable to the extent that they are useless. "Nothing is truly beautiful but what can never be of use to anything. Everything that is useful is ugly, for it is the expression of some need, and human needs are ignoble and disgusting, like men's own poor and feeble nature. The most useful place in a home is the latrine." Nothing could be plainer.

Art for art's sake was in fact too direct a 65 proposition for many advanced writers or painters to support it wholeheartedly. And yet—which is why the doctrine had broader impact than its limited explicit popularity would have indicated—antibourgeois, anti-academic artists were only too pleased to exploit its implications without fully subscribing to its principles. Cultural pessimists all the way back to Plato had believed that the wrong kind of poetry or the wrong kind of music have pernicious effects on morals; at the other extreme, believers in the innate goodness of human nature found it hard to abandon the hope that the right kind of poetry or music would purify conduct. Many modernist heretics retained some of the old faith that painting, the drama, the novel have a moral mission, whichever side an artist was on—for every Joyce or Schoenberg, creating for his own sake, there was a Strindberg or an Eliot working under the pressure of powerful social and religious convictions. In effect, art for art's sake was a radical assertion in behalf of nineteenth-century artworks, as well as of their makers' claim to sovereignty: the artist is responsible to no one but himself, and herself, except perhaps to other artists.

30. The passage is best described as

- (A) a reevaluation of the work of particular writers
- (B) an argument for the importance of the arts
- (C) a description of an influential movement in
- (D) a plea for financial support for avant-garde
- (E) a comparison between classical and contemporary artistic ideals

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- 31. The author of the passage is best described as
 - (A) an erudite literary historian
 - (B) a strong proponent of a particular theory
 - (C) a cynical observer of artistic pretentiousness
 - (D) an analyst of various historical prose styles
 - (E) a practicing artist as well as a writer
- 32. What is the function of the part of the first sentence that is set off by dashes ("Queen Victoria . . . mockery")?
 - (A) It outlines the central thesis.
 - (B) It defines an aesthetic principle.
 - (C) It introduces a controversial idea.
 - (D) It provides historical context.
 - (E) It expresses the author's point of view.
- 33. The second sentence (lines 7-10) is best characterized as which of the following?
 - (A) A qualification
 - (B) An allusion
 - (C) A simile
 - (D) A tentative hypothesis
 - (E) A supporting example
- 34. Which of the following can best be inferred from the first paragraph (lines 1-14) about European artists working before the Victorian period?
 - (A) They were often mocked.
 - (B) They lacked social status.
 - (C) They contributed little to high culture.
 - (D) They were concentrated in Western Europe.
 - (E) They were obliged to support themselves outside their art.
- 35. According to the author, the example of Byron and Chateaubriand as writers served to
 - (A) raise the standards of artistic production
 - (B) distance them from the values of the aristocracy
 - (C) call into question the need to support artistic activity
 - (D) hasten the end of the Victorian era
 - (E) enhance the dignity of other artists

- 36. The author regards the nonliterary professions of Goethe and Schiller as
 - (A) contributing to their social status
 - (B) essential to their literary fame
 - (C) distracting from their creative efforts
 - (D) influential in the content of their writing
 - (E) completely lacking in importance
- 37. In context, "elbow room" (line 28) refers to
 - (A) a desire to establish a hierarchy among avantgarde artists
 - (B) a justification for elevating the social position of artists
 - (C) the freedom from economic constraints for artists
 - (D) the inspiration to create something truly original
 - (E) a private physical space in which to create art
- 38. Gautier's statements in lines 51-54 ("'I don't know...great fool") are best described as
 - (A) ignorant
 - (B) equivocal
 - (C) reflective
 - (D) vindictive
 - (E) disdainful
- 39. In the sentence "The good looks . . . are useless" (lines 56-58), the author does which of the following?
 - (A) Offers a brief personal digression
 - (B) Presents an ironic challenge to Gautier
 - (C) Quotes from Mademoiselle de Maupin
 - (D) Summarizes views held by Gautier
 - (E) Qualifies comments by critics of Gautier
- 40. It can be inferred from the quotations in the fourth paragraph (lines 47-64) that Gautier meant the statements to be especially
 - (A) sobering
 - (B) enigmatic
 - (C) ironic
 - (D) objective
 - (E) provocative