

A) Choose the underlined part of the sentence that is incorrect from a, b, c, and d. Write the answer on your answer sheet.

1. If Jack and Jill <u>was</u> a cat, I would <u>lie</u> in the sun all day and only <u>get</u> up to eat
a. b. c.
and <u>move</u> to a more comfortable spot on the couch.
d.

2. Not completely <u>prepared</u> , Jill was worried about <u>tomorrow's</u> trigonometry
a. b.
exam, <u>but</u> she set her alarm to wake up very <u>early</u> to study a few more hours
c. d.
before going to school.

3. <u>When</u> she went on stage to <u>introduce</u> the winner of this year's <u>all-college</u>
a. b. c.
dancing competition, Jane was so <u>incredible</u> excited that she forgot her script.
d.

4. A bird's nest full of eggs <u>are</u> on a branch high in a tree in my <u>backyard</u> , and
a. b.
I <u>look</u> out my bedroom window at it every morning <u>hoping</u> to see baby birds.
c. d.

5. Sarah <u>wanted</u> to bring three <u>photos</u> albums to school today to show us the
a. b.
great pictures <u>she</u> had taken of our <u>shared</u> memories.
c. d.

B) Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence from a, b, c, and d. Write the answer on your answer sheet.

1. Chuck's mother reminded him as he left for school that morning, "Remember, you must be in the banquet hall _____ 5:45, or they will start the award ceremony without you!"

- a. on b. in c. by d. to

2. Joe wasn't worried about getting the book back to the library in time because he's a fast reader and knew that he'll _____ it by its due date.

- a. of read b. be read c. can read d. have read

3. After months of experiments, the researchers discovered three main causes for crop _____ much sunlight, a lack of nitrogen in the soil, and insufficient irrigation.

- a. failure; too b. failure: too c. failure. Too d. failure-too

4. After playing hide and seek in the bushes all day with her friends, Jane broke _____ a rash all over her face, arms, and legs.

- a. up in b. out in c. up of d. out of

5. Betty doesn't usually get upset, but after the dry cleaners lost more of her favorite clothes, she felt that was _____ and decided she would never use their service again.

- a. the last straw b. the final event c. the ultimate insult d. the end game

C) Please read the following passage and answer the questions at the end.

Good afternoon, students. I am Captain Julia Andrews. I am your fire marshal. What does a fire marshal do? I make sure that all the fire stations have the correct number of professional firefighters and EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians). I also train EMTs for our state. EMTs are called "first responders" because they are the first to arrive to help people in emergencies. And I make sure that the firetrucks, hoses, life-saving equipment, and ambulances are ready to put out fires and help people.

I also perform fire safety inspections on buildings. Although there are many new fire-proof materials and modern smoke detectors, old buildings were built before new materials, sprinkler systems, and smoke detectors were required. Sprinklers turn on when fires are detected. Older buildings must be inspected for the safety of the people who live and work in them. When the old buildings have not installed modern safety equipment, I make sure that they are "retrofitted." "Retrofitted" means modern safety devices and materials are added to old buildings. I consider inspecting old buildings one of my most important duties.

Of all my fire-marshal duties, I enjoy what I'm doing right now. Besides being responsible for making sure all the fire stations are fully staffed and in perfect working order, I also get asked to give fire-safety talks to community groups and schools like yours. And that's why I'm here today. Your principal has asked me to talk to you about fireworks.

Next week is the Fourth of July, a special day famous for picnics, barbeques, and baseball games. America's Independence Day is also known for fireworks. And, this year, our town is putting on a great fireworks' display at the baseball stadium on at 8:00. It's going to be the biggest and best fireworks display ever. That's why I'm asking you to come to our show and not use fireworks at home.

Fireworks are beautiful and loud, but they also can be dangerous. I don't want any of you getting hurt. If you want to see great fireworks, come to the baseball stadium, and you'll experience the loudest, brightest display in the history of our town. I want you all to have a fun safe holiday. This year, there's no need to play with fireworks at home.

On your answer sheet, write answers to the following questions in FULL sentences.

1) Besides her regular duties as the Fire Marshal, how does Captain Andrews help the state?

2) Why does Captain Andrews inspect the gear at the fire stations?

3) Why does Captain Andrews think that inspecting older buildings is one of her most important jobs?

4) What is the specific reason Captain Andrews was asked to come to the school today?

5) Why does Captain Andrews want the students to watch the big fireworks display at the baseball stadium?

**D) Choose the best response for each question or statement.
Write the answer on your answer sheet.**

1. It seemed like a very good idea at the time.

- a. Sadly, science is not discovering life on Mars.
- b. Disappointingly, they didn't eat turkey on Thanksgiving.
- c. Unfortunately, she will never take your advice again.

2. Losing the food is the last thing I thought would ever happen.

- a. It's doubtful that the rain storm will ruin our picnic.
- b. It's impossible to plan for unexpected things.
- c. It's unlikely she has a cup of herbal tea before bed.

3. It was an accident, so it wasn't anyone's fault.

- a. True, but he passes that house on his way home.
- b. True, but you should turn out the lights before sleeping.
- c. True, but someone has to pay for the damages.

4. So, the princess sailed away to her land of rainbows.

- a. Does our team have a chance to win the championship?
- b. Please tell us another story before you go home.
- c. It's dangerous for baby turtles to reach the ocean.

5. We really should make sure before we proceed.

- a. You're right. The room may already be reserved.
- b. That's true. Bill plays the violin beautifully.
- c. We're correct. That steak dinner was delicious.

E) Look at the following picture. Use 5-8 sentences to describe what is happening. Write your description in the space provided on your answer sheet.



F) Choose one question from the following list. Write an essay that includes many details and examples. Write the question number you choose in the () on the answer sheet and your essay (200 words minimum) in the space provided on your answer sheet.

1. Do you find it easy or difficult to make important decisions? Why do you think that is?
2. If animals could talk, which animal would be the most interesting to talk to?
3. What is something you can do this year to make your family proud of you?