

Freshman Honors English Placement Test Examples

The Freshman Honors Placement Test is 100 multiple choice questions, the first 75 of which resemble the examples below. The final twenty-five questions involve reading and analyzing a passage (of literature) or poem.

◆ Select the lettered word or set of words that best completes the sentence.

1. Though his partner lost everything, he was able to ----- a few dollars from the wreckage of the bankrupt business.
 - a. **salvage**
 - b. squander
 - c. reimburse
 - d. discount

◆ Beneath each sentence are three ways of phrasing the underlined material. If you think the original phrasing produces a better sentence than any of the alternatives, select choice 'd'; if not, select one of the other choices.

2. Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, he abandoned his native city for Portugal and a career at sea.
 - a. **Genoa, but abandoned his native city**
 - b. Genoa, his native city being abandoned
 - c. Genoa; therefore he abandoned his native city
 - d. no change

◆ ANALOGIES – in each of the following questions, pick the answer that best completes the comparison

3. **taunt** is to **compliment** as
 - a. supplant is to displace
 - b. daunt is to defray
 - c. abscond is to escape
 - d. **reprimand is to praise**

◆ Beneath each sentence are three alternatives for the underlined material. If you think the original sentence is grammatically sound select choice 'd'; if not, select one of the other choices.

4. One of the best things about working for this company is that they pay big bonuses.
 - a. they always pay
 - b. **it pays**
 - c. they paid
 - d. no change

◆ In each of the following sentences a word is underlined. If the word underlined is used correctly, select choice 'a'. If the word underlined is used incorrectly, select choice 'b'

5. He walked down the hall completely obliviously to the trail of papers he left behind.

- a. correct
- b. **incorrect**

◆ VOCABULARY – Identify which word is best defined or suggested by the given phrase

6. the very summit

- a. **apex**
- b. foundation
- c. core
- d. crux

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