



Sample Tests

K-StEP

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A: Short conversations

Directions: In this section, you will hear short conversations between 2 people. After each conversation, you will hear a question about the conversation. After you hear the question, read the 4 possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. You will hear each conversation **only once**.

1.

Man: What time is the meeting tomorrow?

Woman: They say sometime after eight in the morning.

When is the meeting most likely to start?

(1) 5:15 A.M.

(2) 6:15 A.M.

(3) 7:15 A.M.

(4) 8:15 A.M.

2.

Woman: I really enjoyed your talk this morning.

Man: Oh, thanks. Yeah, it went quite well, I think.

Woman: You had some very interesting things to say. I'm Anny Cooper, by the way. I'd like to talk to you about some of your ideas.

Who is the man?

(1) A designer

(2) Mr. Cooper

(3) The keynote speaker

(4) The woman's colleague

3.

Woman: Professor Kim, may I have a minute?

Man: Go ahead. But I have a meeting in an hour.

Woman: That's fine. I won't take up much of your time.

What are the woman and Professor Kim going to do next?

(1) Discuss something briefly

(2) Say goodbye to each other

(3) Go to the meeting right away

(4) Have a small talk in the man's office

Section B: Long conversations

Directions: Listen to each long conversation and answer the questions that follow. You will hear each conversation **only once**.

- Man: Hello?
Woman: Dad. Tanya, my boyfriend just cut his hand. It's bleeding like crazy.
Man: Take it easy. What happened?
Woman: He was trying to cook a salad for me. The knife slipped while he was cutting vegetables.
Man: Don't worry. It might not be as bad as it looks. You need to put a clean towel on his hand and press down hard.
Woman: OK... I am doing that...
Man: Is it any better?
Woman: No, not really. It looks like a deep cut. Should I call 911 or 191?
Man: No! You'd better call 1669, the medical emergency. And don't worry – everything is going to be OK.

4. What is the phone number of the medical emergency call?

- (1) 911 (2) 191
(3) 1669 (4) 1966

5. How does the woman feel?

- (1) Sad (2) Horrified
(3) Ironic (4) Worried

6. What does the woman probably do next?

- (1) Press the man's hand firmly
(2) Make the medical emergency call
(3) Wait until the blood stops bleeding
(4) Put a clean towel on the man's hand

Section C: Short talks

Directions: Listen to each talk and answer the questions that follow. You will hear each talk **only once**.

My name is Ken, and maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle is very important to me. I make sure I get enough sleep every night, and I try to have a balanced diet. Most importantly, I exercise regularly. I sometimes attend Pilates classes at the gym, but I prefer to exercise outdoors. Every weekend, I either go for an 8 kilometer run or a 30-40 kilometer bike ride. I've been using an app on my iPhone for years to help track my runs. Apart from recording the number of calories I burn, the app also keeps track of how far I've run, the time taken, and the different routes and surfaces that I run along. This data is very important when I'm training for marathons or half-marathons. Running is a sport against yourself, so the app helps me stay disciplined. For my bike rides, I use another app that tracks my current cycling pace, average pace, and routes. Cycling is a relatively new

sport to me, so it's interesting to see how my stamina improves with each ride. And since I usually go cycling with friends who use the same app, being able to share and compare our cycling data makes it more fun.

7. Which of the following is **NOT** how Ken stays healthy?
- (1) By getting enough rest (2) By having a balanced diet
(3) By cycling to work every day (4) By exercising every weekend
8. What does Ken use a running app on his phone for?
- (1) To keep track of how far he's run
(2) To be the winner in half-marathons
(3) To win the track and field competition
(4) To check the weather conditions on each run
9. What does Ken's cycling app allow him to do?
- (1) Challenge his friends to cycle
(2) Show his strengths to colleagues
(3) Compare cycling data with friends
(4) Train with a virtual cycling partner

--- Part II Reading comprehension --- Sample ---

Directions: There are **three** passages in this part. Read each passage carefully and choose the best answers to the following questions.

‘Detective Conan’ to Return after 4-Month Hiatus

¹The long-running, popular Japanese serial comic “Detective Conan” that has a strong fan base in Asia including Thailand will resume next week after a four-month **hiatus** over concerns about the health of its creator, its publisher said on Sunday.

²Making the announcement on April Fool’s Day, Gosho Aoyama displayed his wit and humor by assuring fans that the comeback of the megahit comic is for real. “Today is April Fool’s, but please rest assured there are absolutely no lies in what is written here,” **he** said in a message posted on the website of the comic book’s publisher Shogakukan Inc. The publisher announced that the comic would return in the Weekly Shonen Sunday edition to hit the stores on April 11. The comic has been running in the weekly magazine since 1994.

³Detective Conan is a story about a genius teenage detective who shrank into a young boy after being forced to take in an experimental toxin, and follows his adventures in cracking mystery cases while enrolled at a local elementary school. He takes on the alias Conan Edogawa in a nod to the writer Arthur Conan Doyle.

⁴Aoyama said in December that the comic would be suspended so he can rest and recover from illness. The comic series is also popular overseas with translations available in over two dozen languages, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Indonesian, French, Spanish, and English, under the title “*Case Closed*.” It has also been adapted into an animated series since 1996, as well as feature films, video games, and live action television specials. Tottori Sand Dunes Conan Airport in western Japan is also named after the comic and anime, capitalizing on Conan’s popularity.

(Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/lifestyle/film/1438927/detective-conan-to-return-after-4-month-hiatus> -- published 1 April 2018)

1. What is the main purpose of this passage?
 - (1) To give a brief summary of “Detective Conan” series
 - (2) To discuss a health status of the creator of “Detective Conan”
 - (3) To announce the return of “Detective Conan” in the magazine
 - (4) To request a special “Detective Conan” episode on April Fool’s Day
2. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word “**hiatus**” in paragraph 1?
 - (1) a pause
 - (2) a connection
 - (3) a sequence
 - (4) a comeback
3. What does the word “**he**” in paragraph 2 refer to?
 - (1) Shonen
 - (2) Edogawa
 - (3) Shogakukan
 - (4) Aoyama
4. What can be inferred about the health status of “Detective Conan” creator?
 - (1) He has always been in excellent health.
 - (2) He is suffering a lot of physical pain.
 - (3) He has recovered from his illness.
 - (4) He is having a severe mental illness.

Part III: Grammatical structure, error identification and cloze test

Directions: Choose the best alternative—(1), (2), (3), or (4)—that correctly completes the sentence.

Part III A: Grammatical Structure

1. If things keep _____ like this, we’ll have to close the business.
 - (1) go
 - (2) going
 - (3) to go
 - (4) to going
2. Pete walked quietly _____ he didn’t want to wake up his niece.
 - (1) due to
 - (2) because
 - (3) therefore
 - (4) nevertheless

3. They made the discovery _____ brought many benefits to the town.

- (1) where (2) whose
(3) which (4) who

4. Ben was hit on the head and _____.

- (1) passed by (2) passed out
(3) passed along (4) passed on

Part III B: Error Identification

Directions: Decide which of the four underlined words or phrases—(1), (2), (3), or (4)—would not be considered grammatically correct.

1. Jim usually makes out an excuse to tell his parents when he gets home late.

- (1) (2) (3) (4)

2. At the end of the ploughing ceremony, each year people gather the rice seeds that

- (1) (2)

had scattered on the ground to mark the arrival of the rice growing.

- (3) (4)

Part III C: Cloze Test

Directions: Choose the best alternative to complete each of the following blanks.

Fresh water scarcity is already posing major problems for more than ____ (1) ____ billion people around the world, mostly in arid developing countries. The World Health Organization predicts that by mid-century, four billion of us - nearly two-thirds of the world's present population, will face ____ (2) ____ fresh water shortages. With human population expected to balloon another 50 percent by 2050, resource managers are ____ (3) ____ looking into alternative scenarios for quenching the world's growing thirst. Desalination is being held forth by some as one of the most promising ____ (4) ____ to the problem. ____ (5) ____ critics point out it doesn't come without ____ (6) ____ economic and environmental costs. Desalinated ocean water is considered the most expensive form of ____ (7) ____ water out there, ____ (8) ____ the infrastructure costs of collecting, distilling and distributing it. It is reported that, in the U.S., ____ (9) ____ water costs at least five times as much to harvest as other sources of fresh water. Similar high costs are a big hurdle to desalination efforts in ____ (10) ____ countries as well, where limited funds are already stretched too thin.

1. (1) any (2) a (3) the (4) some

2. (1) small (2) weak (3) severe (4) simple

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