
Paraprofessional Exam Preparation

English / Language Arts

1. Mary loves cooking. Her favorite is meatloaf because it allows her to be creative and put in her own ingredient choices. Mary also likes cooking with recipes because they are easy and don't require thinking. And sometimes, Mary likes to cook with a recipe but changes it a little as she cooks.

The MAIN theme of this paragraph is

- A. Mary likes cooking meatloaf
 - B. Mary likes to cook using recipes
 - C. Mary doesn't like to cook
 - D. Mary enjoys cooking
2. We can feel safe saying that the percentage of high school graduates who succeed in college is higher than the percentage of those who do not graduate from high school. There is also some evidence to indicate that high scholastic standing in high school is correlated with future success in college.

The MAIN theme of this paragraph is

- A. To be adequately prepared for college, a person should take advanced coursework in high school.
 - B. Most successful college graduates are high school graduates.
 - C. Earning superior grades in high school and graduating may be related to success in college.
 - D. There is a high correlation between scholastic standing and success in college.
3. Refer to the following recipe to answer the question:

Pot Roast with Vegetables

2# Pot Roast	¼ # fresh mushrooms
1 beef bouillon cube	3 cups water
6 small quartered potatoes	1 10-oz package frozen peas (thawed)
½ tsp ea. salt, garlic, pepper	2 large onions

Mix beef bouillon and water and place in bottom of crock pot. Add all other ingredients. Cook on low 6 - 8 hours. Makes 6 servings.

Which of the following ingredients are used in making Pot Roast with Vegetables?

- A. onions
- B. potatoes
- C. garlic
- D. all of the above

Use the underlined words in the following paragraph to answer questions 4 - 5.

Llamas are unusual animals they have pads on their feet like a dog. A llama doesn't have teeth on the upper part of their front mouth, only on the lower portion and in the back of their mouth. The foods that llamas enjoy include alfalfa, apples, and cracked corn.

4. According to the paragraph on Llamas, which one of the following shows the correct punctuation and capitalization?
- A. animals; They
 - B. animals, They
 - C. animals. They
 - D. correct as is

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5. According to the paragraph on Llamas, which one of the following shows the correct punctuation?

- A. alfalfa, apples, and,
- B. alfalfa apples, and
- C. alfalfa, apples, and;
- D. correct as is

6. Find the one word that is inappropriate in the paragraph below:

“Few filing systems are, or should be, set up to accumulate material indefinitely. Somewhere you have to draw the line between current, active records, and those that represent past history. Obsolete and useful records waste valuable floor space, tie up expensive equipment, and cost money in labor. They are always potential fuel for fire.”

- A. indefinitely
- B. current
- C. useful
- D. cost

7. Which one of the underlined words has the same meaning as the underlined word in the following sentence?

He has incredible drive and ambition in his new job.

- A. She will drive the children to school tomorrow.
- B. Mark will go to the golf course and spend time practicing his drive.
- C. The new president is known for his work ethic and strong drive.
- D. Having 20 kids here for the birthday party will drive me crazy!

8. Choose the sentence that shows the correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

- A. Mary, where do you think, we should go for the retirement dinner?
- B. Where, do you think we should go, Mary?
- C. As a matter of fact I think, that's the perfect place.
- D. A restaurant by the beach, on the other hand, might be more fun.

9. Choose the sentence that shows the correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

- A. “Let’s plan a dinner party suggested Sara”
- B. Jennifer immediately added, we can have the dinner at my house.”
- C. “That recipe,” said Dianne, “is over fifty years old.”
- D. “What kind of recipe is it.” Louise asked?

10. Select the word that correctly completes the sentence.

Mr. Jackson _____ home sick yesterday.

- A. gone
- B. went
- C. is
- D. go

11. Select the word that does NOT correctly complete the sentence?

My hamster runs around the house _____

- A. daily
- B. noisily
- C. happy
- D. nervously

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Select the group of words that correctly completes the sentence.

12. Running _____

- A. a very beneficial hobby
- B. can be very healthy for your heart
- C. to a certain destination
- D. without falling and getting injured

13. Choose the answer that best combines the underlined sentences.

Most stains on washable clothes can be removed.
Stains can be removed easily when they are fresh.
Stains become difficult or impossible to remove later.

- A. Washable clothes, that have fresh stains on them, can be removed easily now but become difficult or impossible to remove later.
- B. Remove stains easily when they are fresh on washable clothes or they become difficult or impossible to remove later.
- C. Stains on washable clothes become difficult or impossible to remove later so you should remove stains when they are fresh, since that is easier.
- D. Most stains on washable clothes can be removed easily when they are fresh, but become more difficult to remove later.

14. Choose the answer that best combines the underlined sentences.

Jessica is wrapping a birthday gift.
Her mother is helping her.

- A. Jessica is helping her mother, who is wrapping a birthday gift.
- B. A birthday gift is being wrapped by Jessica, who is being helped by her mother.
- C. Jessica is wrapping a birthday gift and her mother is helping her.
- D. Jessica is being helped to wrap a birthday gift by her mother.

WRITTEN REQUEST

January 30, 2004
Central Software Company PO Box 123 <u>Provo, Utah</u> 84651
<u>Dear Ms. Smith</u>
Please send me your catalog. I am interested in buying software for my computer, and my friends say <u>yours is the best.</u>
<u>Sincerely Yours</u> Fernando Garcia

15. According to the Written Request, which one of the following shows the correct punctuation?

- A. Provo Utah
- B. Provo Utah,
- C. Provo, Utah,
- D. correct as is

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16. According to the Written Request, which one of the following shows the correct punctuation?

- A. sincerely yours
- B. Sincerely Yours:
- C. Sincerely yours,
- D. correct as is

Mathematics

17. $5 \frac{7}{8} - 1 \frac{4}{8} =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. $5 \frac{5}{8}$
- B. $4 \frac{3}{8}$
- C. $4 \frac{11}{8}$
- D. $6 \frac{3}{8}$

18. $9 \frac{2}{4} - 6 \frac{1}{4} =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. $4 \frac{5}{8}$
- B. $3 \frac{3}{4}$
- C. $3 \frac{3}{8}$
- D. $3 \frac{1}{4}$

19. $2 \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{9}{10} =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. $2 \frac{3}{10}$
- B. $2 \frac{1}{10}$
- C. $2 \frac{10}{13}$
- D. $4 \frac{1}{5}$

20. $1 \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. $1 \frac{1}{3}$
- B. $\frac{1}{3}$
- C. $\frac{3}{4}$
- D. $\frac{1}{2}$

21. At 45.6 cents per liter, how much will 32 liters cost? **TUTORIAL**

- A. \$14.59
- B. \$13.80
- C. \$14.45
- D. \$20.50

22. Jake deposited \$27 into her checking account last week. This is 90% of the amount he earned mowing lawns. What amount did he earn mowing lawns? **TUTORIAL**

- A. \$30
- B. \$32
- C. \$34
- D. \$36

23. Marlene made $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cakes at the bake sale. If there were 32 takes total, how many did Marlene make? **TUTORIAL**

- A. 4
- B. 6
- C. 8
- D. 10

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24. 20% of what number is 48? **TUTORIAL**

- A. 200
- B. 220
- C. 240
- D. 260

25. 10% of what number is 54? **TUTORIAL**

- A. 450
- B. 475
- C. 540
- D. 580

26. Choose the best estimate. **TUTORIAL**

$$8.2 \times 41$$

- A. 0.33
- B. 3.30
- C. 330
- D. 3,300

27. According to the following information, what was the average temperature for the 3 days? **TUTORIAL**

Jan 1: 60*
Jan 2: 52*
Jan 3: 50*

- A. 52
- B. 54
- C. 56
- D. 58

28. $20 - (-10)$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. -10
- B. 10
- C. 30
- D. -30

29. $18 - (-14) =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. 32
- B. -32
- C. 4
- D. -4

30. If $-5b = 60$, then $b =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. 30
- B. -30
- C. 12
- D. -12

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31. If $-9b = 81$, then $b =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. 9
- B. -9
- C. 81
- D. -81

32. Simplify: **TUTORIAL**

$$-6b + 4a - 8a - 8b$$

- A. $-4a + 14b$
- B. $-4a - 14b$
- C. $16b - 2a$
- D. $-16b + 2a$

33. Simplify: **TUTORIAL**

$$11x + 4y^2 + 6y^2 - 2x$$

- A. $9x + 10y^2$
- B. $9x + (-2y^2)$
- C. $13x + 10y^2$
- D. $13x^2 + 10y^2$

34. According to the table below, which one of the following will contain the most liquid if the container is full? **TUTORIAL**

1 gallon = 128 ounces 1 liter = 33.8 ounces 1 quart = 32 ounces 1 pint = 16 ounces

- A. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ liter bottle
- B. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ gallon jug
- C. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ pint carton
- D. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ quart vase

Rainfall totals: Jan = .02 Feb = 1.6 Mar = 1.8 Apr = 2.8 May = 2.4

35. According to the rainfall amounts above, the total rainfall, in inches, for Jan, Feb and March was: **TUTORIAL**

- A. 3.6
- B. 4.3
- C. 2.8
- D. 3.9

36. According to the rainfall amounts above, the average monthly rainfall, in inches, for March, April, & May was:

TUTORIAL

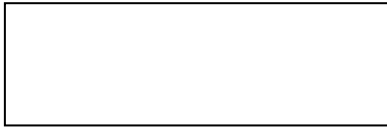
- A. 2.0
- B. 1.6
- C. 2.3
- D. 3.9

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37. If you were planning to carpet the floor area below, how many square yards of carpet would you need?

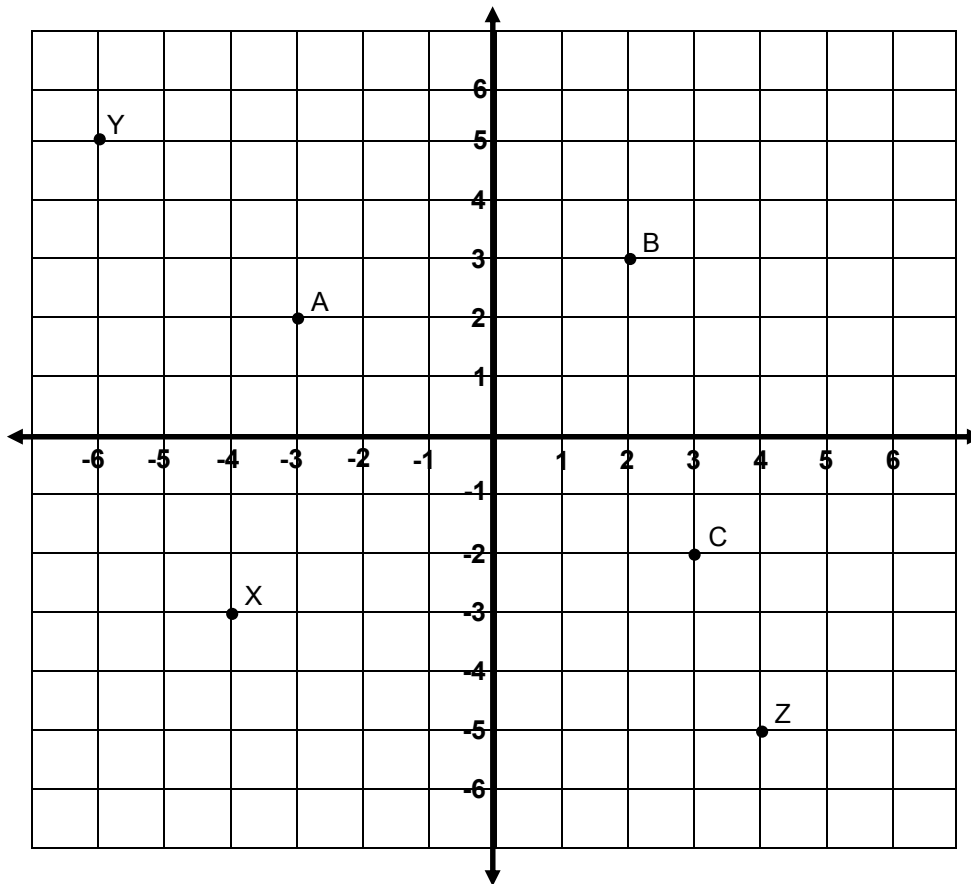
TUTORIAL

3 yds.



9 yds

- A. 12
- B. 24
- C. 27
- D. 200



38. Use the grid to locate the coordinates of point C **TUTORIAL**

- A. (3, -2)
- B. (-2, 3)
- C. (-3, 2)
- D. (2, -3)

39. Use the grid to locate the coordinates of point Y **TUTORIAL**

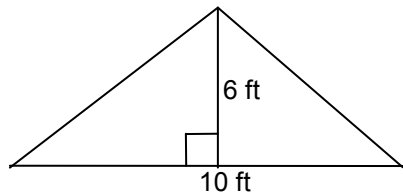
- A. (-5, 6)
- B. (6, -5)
- C. (-6, 5)
- D. (5, -6)

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40. How many quadrants are in the Grid Graph? **TUTORIAL**

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. None of the above

41. Find the area of the triangle in square feet ($A = \frac{1}{2}bh$) **TUTORIAL**



- A. 20
- B. 30
- C. 40
- D. 50

Ability to Assist in Instruction

42. The most important approach to take when dealing with young people is to

- A. tell them each time they do something incorrect
- B. provide them with examples of desirable behavior
- C. establish a friendship with them
- D. maintain an impersonal attitude with them

43. To get the cooperation of students, it is best to

- A. make reasonable and direct suggestions
- B. hint at what needs to be done
- C. ask for things to be done as a favor
- D. issue a warning if instructions are not followed

44. The most effective way to encourage students to make further efforts is to

- A. praise evidence of progress even if it is slight
- B. point out people who have done well in similar circumstances
- C. call attention to failure or backsliding
- D. establish high standards of performance

45. If one student complains to you about the conduct of another student, you should

- A. discipline the second student for the offense
- B. discipline the student for tattling
- C. pay no attention to the complaint.
- D. report the complaint to the teacher

Extra Review Problems for Paraprofessional Exam

46. $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{6} =$ **TUTORIAL**

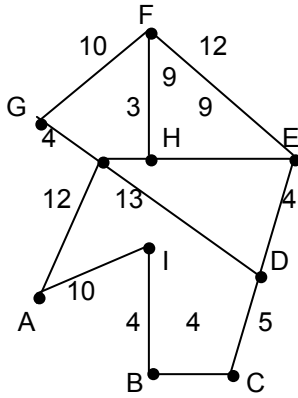
- A. $\frac{3}{9}$
- B. $\frac{1}{3}$
- C. $\frac{1}{5}$
- D. $\frac{7}{18}$

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47. $r^7 / r^5 =$ **TUTORIAL**

- A. $2r^2$
- B. r^2
- C. r^{12}
- D. $-r^{12}$

48. Use the network of roads shown in the map below to answer the question.



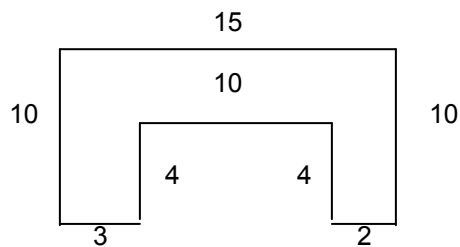
The shortest route to get from C to F travels through **TUTORIAL**

- A. D and G
- B. B and H
- C. D and E
- D. B, A and G

49. Find the perimeter of the figure

TUTORIAL

- A. 58
- B. 50
- C. 150
- D. 40



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Answer Key

English
1. D
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. D
6. C
7. C
8. D
9. C
10. B
11. C
12. B
13. D
14. C
15. D
16. C

Math
17. B
18. D
19. B
20. D
21. A
22. A
23. C
24. C
25. C
26. C
27. B
28. C
29. A
30. D
31. B
32. B
33. A
34. B
35. A
36. C
37. C
38. A
39. C
40. C
41. B

Instruction
42. C
43. A
44. A
45. D
46. D
47. B
48. C
49. A