**Test 1 Reading Section**

1. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“…*Beowulf* was written by an anonymous [author unknown] Englishman in Old English.” Choice A is not correct because it is one of four surviving manuscripts. Choice B is not correct because it was written in old English about Germanic characters. Choice D is not correct because scholars do not know if it is the sole surviving epic from about A.D. 1000.

2. B

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *principal* is a synonym for “major.” Context comes from the contrast with “minor” in the same sentence.

3. A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“Iron was accessible everywhere in Scandinavia, usually in the form of ‘bog iron’ found in the layers of peat in peat bogs.” Choice B is not correct because the author had already stated that the best swords had iron or iron-edged blades. Choice C is not correct because the Celts taught the Northmen how to use the materials, but they did not provide the bog iron. Choice D is not correct because the bog iron does not relate to the date, although 500 B.C. is mentioned as the time when the Northmen learned how to forge iron.

4.A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
*Society in Anglo-Saxon England* paraphrases “Anglo-Saxon society.” …*both advanced* paraphrases “neither primitive,” and *cultured* paraphrases “nor uncultured.” Two negatives [*nor* and *–un*] produce an affirmative meaning.

5. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“Although the *Beowulf* manuscript was written in about A.D. 1000, it was not discovered until the seventeenth century.” Choice A is not correct because the first century was the date the manuscript was written, not discovered. Choice B is not correct because the ninth century was the date when the original manuscript may have been lost. Choice C is not correct because some scholars think that the manuscript was written in the eleventh century.

6. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *rare* is a synonym for “unique.” Context comes from the reference to the “sole surviving epic” in the beginning of the same sentence.

7. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“…the original manuscript was probably lost during the ninth century…, in which the Danes destroyed the Anglo-Saxon monasteries and their great libraries.” Choice A is true but it is not the reason that scholars believe the original manuscript was lost. Choice C is not correct because the Danes were invaders, not poets. Choice D is not correct because the location of the discovery is not mentioned, although the author may have been a monk.

8.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Addition is a transitional device that connects the insert sentence with the previous sentence. *Moreover* signals that additional, related information will follow. “… they [scholars] disagree” refers to “Scholars do not know” in the previous sentence.

9. B

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, demonstrates is a synonym for “*exhibits.*”

10.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**E, D, F** summarize the passage. Choice A is true, but it is a minor point that establishes the time period for the poem and refers to major point D. Choice B is true, but it is a detail that refers to major point E and explains why there may be only one manuscript. Choice C is not clear from the information in the passage. ***Beowulf* is the oldest Anglo-Saxon epic poem that has survived to the present day.**

11. A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“The most basic mechanism [for maintenance of warm body temperature] is the high metabolic rate.” Choices B, C, and D are all ways to maintain body temperature, but they are not the most fundamental adaptation.

12. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
A passive grammatical structure in the passage is paraphrased by an active grammatical structure in the answer choice.

13. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *smallest* is a synonym for “minimal.”

14. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *control* is a synonym for “regulate.” Context comes from the reference to “temperature differences” at the end of the same sentence.

15.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Reference is a transitional device that connects the insert sentence with the previous sentence. “… a layer of fur or feathers” and “how much still air the layer [of fur or feathers] traps” in the insert sentence refers to “… fur or feathers” and “a thicker layer of air” in the previous sentence.

16. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“The loss of heat to water occurs 50 to 100 times more rapidly than heat loss to air.” Choice A is not correct because hair loses insulating power when wet, but the evolution of marine animals is not mentioned. Choice C is not correct because dry hair insulates better than wet hair. Choice D is not correct because there are land animals that are of similar size.

17. A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
"…capable of astonishing feats of thermoregulation. For example, small birds called chickadees...hold body temperature nearly constant." Choice B is not correct because the food supply supports thermoregulation, which is the main point of the example. Choice C is not correct because chickadees are capable of astonishing feats of thermoregulation. Choice D is not correct because the reason for heat production in animals is explained before the example of the chickadee.

18. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
"Choice A is mentioned in paragraph 6, sentence 7. Choice B is mentioned in paragraph 6, sentence 8. Choice C is mentioned in paragraph 6, sentences 3 and 4.

19. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *improve* is a synonym for “enhance.” Context comes from the reference to “promote” in the previous sentence."

20.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**E, C, F** summarizes the passage. Choice A is a minor point that supports major point C. Choice B is true but it is not mentioned in the passage. Choice D is a minor point that supports major point F.

21. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“Overall, these studies have shown that people with higher scores on the SRRS tend to be more vulnerable to many kinds of physical illness.” Choice A is not correct because a person with a higher score will experience more, not less, stress. Choice B is not correct because the numerical values for major problems are not identified, and a score of 30 does not have meaning unless it is compared with a higher or lower score. Choice C is not correct because the effects of positive or negative change are not mentioned in the first two paragraphs.

22.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Reference is a transitional device that connects the insert sentence with the previous sentence. “This sum” in the insert sentence refers to the phrase “adds up the numbers” in the previous sentence.

23.C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *results* is a synonym for “outcomes.”

24. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“…divorce may deserve a stress value of 73 for most people, a particular person’s divorce might generate much less stress and merit a value of only 25.” Choice A is not correct because a particular person is compared with most people. Choice B is not correct because the serious nature of divorce is not mentioned. Choice D is not correct because the numerical value of 73 for most people is questioned.

25. A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“…what qualifies as ‘trouble with the boss’? Should you check that because you’re sick and tired of your supervisor? What constitutes a ‘change in living conditions’? Does your purchase of a great new sound system qualify?“ Choice B is not correct because the author does not offer examples of responses to the questions posed. Choice C is not correct because options for scores are not provided in paragraph 5. Choice D is not correct because the author suggests that people do not respond consistently but whether they respond carefully is not mentioned.

26. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
"…subjects’ neuroticism affects both their responses to stress scales and their self-reports of health problems." Choice A is not correct because they recall more symptoms, but they are not ill more often. Choice C is not correct because they recall more stress, but they do not necessarily suffer more actual stress. Choice D is not correct because the effects of neuroticism obscure the meaning of the scores that are recorded.

27. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *arranged* is a synonym for "assembled."

28. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *related* is a synonym for "relevant."

29.C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In paragraph 1, the authors state that the SRRS “…assigns numerical values.” Choices A and B are not correct because they are mentioned in paragraph 10 in reference to the LES, not the SRRS. Choice D is not correct because recalling events from one year ago is a problem on the SRRS.

30.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**A, B, C** summarize the passage. Choice D is true but it is not mentioned in the passage. Choice E is a minor point that supports major point B. Choice F is a minor point that supports major point A.