**Test 2 Reading Section**

1. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“The building of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway led to the discovery of rich silver deposits.” Choices A, C, and D are true, but they do not relate to the main point in paragraph 1, the resources in the western frontier.

2. D

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *lasting* is a synonym for “enduring.”

3.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Vocabulary reference is a transitional device that connects the insert sentence with the previous sentence. The connection is “Railway construction” and “discoveries of gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc” to “The building of the . . . Railway” and “rich silver deposits.”

4.B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . the federal government created the Yukon Territory . . . in an effort to ward off the prospect of annexation to Alaska.” Choice A is not correct because fortune-seekers were flocking there already. Choice C is not correct because the tales of lawlessness were told in popular fiction, but no effort to establish law and order was mentioned. Choice D is not correct because the legality of the mining claims was not mentioned.

5. D

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *formerly* is a synonym for “previously.” Context comes from the reference to “unsettled” for an area that was increasing in population.

6. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Choice A is mentioned in paragraph 3, sentence 2. Choice C is mentioned in paragraph 3, sentence 5. Choice D is mentioned in paragraph 3, sentence 4.

7. D

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *Moreover* is a synonym for “Furthermore.” Context comes from the addition of another way that the forest and water resources were exploited.

8. C

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
*Federal taxes* paraphrases “the high tariff policies” and *cheaper imported goods* paraphrases “lower-priced foreign manufactured goods.” . . . *protecting domestic industries* paraphrases “protecting existing industries” and *supporting new businesses* paraphrases “encouraging the creation of new enterprises.”

9. A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . the governments of Ontario and Quebec . . . [offered] bonuses, subsidies, and guarantees to locate new plants within their borders.” Choice B is true, but it is not the reason why British and American businesses opened affiliates. Choice C is not correct because the consumers in western Canada were eager to buy goods from eastern and central Canada, not from abroad. Choice D is not correct because British investors contributed to the construction of urban infrastructure.

10.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**C, E, F** summarize the passage. Choices A and B are minor points that support major point C. Choice D is a minor point that supports major point E.

11. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *important* is a synonym for “primary.” Context comes from the phrase, “most concrete evidence.”

12. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . the buildings in later periods became sources of stone for other projects and what remains is usually broken and scattered.” Choice A is not correct because other theatres have been identified and many of them have been excavated. Choice B is not correct because the archeologists were not the ones who broke the stones. Choice D is not correct because concrete was not mentioned as construction material during early periods. The word “concrete” in the passage means “true” or “verifiable” in reference to “evidence.”

13. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . many pieces are irrevocably lost.” Choice A is not correct because drawings are conjectural. Choice C is not correct because the number of skenes that archeologists have excavated is not specified. Choice D is not correct because excavations did not begin until the late 1800s, not the early 1800s.

14.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Vocabulary reference and contrast are two transitional devices that connect the previous and following sentences to the insert sentence. The connection is “theatres . . . have been excavated” in the previous sentence and “These excavations” in the insert sentence as well as the contrast with “Nevertheless, they” [the theatres or excavations of theatres] in the following sentence.

15. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *debated* is a synonym for “controversial.” Context comes from the phrases “easy to misinterpret” and “questionable assumption” in later sentences.

16. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . each time a text was copied, there were new possibilities for errors.” Choice A is not correct because the problem of sources was identified for archeological findings, not written evidence. Choices C and D are not mentioned as problems for written evidence.

17. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . these characters [women] often seem victims of their own powerlessness.” Choice A is not correct because many plays featured strong female characters. Choice B is not correct because some critics have seen these plays [with women as victims] as rationalizations by the male-dominated culture and other critics have seen them as an attempt to examine this aspect of the culture. Choice C is not correct because plays featured numerous choruses of women.

18. B

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *Generally* is a synonym for “Overall.”

19. A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . historical treatment of Greek theatre is something like assembling a jigsaw puzzle of which many pieces are missing.” The reference to “missing pieces” is an analogy to the partial evidence for Greek theatre. Choice B is not correct because no comparison is made between written references and the paintings in paragraph 4. Choice C is not correct because the author does not use words and phrases that suggest justification. Choice D is not correct because the last sentence is a summary of the reading passage, not an opening sentence for a new topic.

20.

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

21. A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
The author mentions geothermal power in 1904 in Italy, and then lists a number of countries worldwide that are using geothermal energy. Choice B is not correct because only successful production is mentioned. Choices C and D are discussed later in the passage.

22. C

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage *nearly* is a synonym for “approaching.” Context comes from the number after the word.

23.B

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *optional* is a synonym for “alternative.” Context comes from the contrast of “geothermal energy” and “other” energy sources.

24. D

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . at the global level, geothermal energy supplies less than 0.15% of the total energy supply.” Choice A is not correct because geothermal energy was used as early as 1904. Choice B is not correct because Russia, Iceland, Mexico, and the United States are in the Northern Hemisphere. Choice C is not correct because several advantages of using geothermal power are noted, but the comparative cost was not mentioned.

25. A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
*High heat is the source of most of the geothermal energy* paraphrases “. . . most geothermal energy production involves the tapping of high heat sources,” and *low heat groundwater is also used sometimes* paraphrases “people are also using the low-temperature geothermal energy of groundwater in some applications.”

26. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . areas of high heat flow are associated with plate tectonic boundaries.” Choice A is not correct because geothermal heat flow is very low compared with solar heat. Choice C is not correct because, in some areas, heat flow is sufficiently high. Choice D is not correct because geothermal energy is very practical along plate boundaries.

27.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Vocabulary reference is a transitional device that connects the insert sentence with the previous sentence. “One such region” is a phrase in the insert sentence that refers to “Oceanic ridge systems” in the previous sentence.

28. A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *large* is a synonym for “considerable” in reference to “thermal pollution.” Context comes from the contrast with the phrase “atmospheric pollutants” in the previous sentence.

29.A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Choice B is mentioned in paragraph 6, sentence 4. Choices C and D are mentioned in paragraph 6, sentences 5 and 6.

30.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**B, D, E** summarize the passage. Choice A is true, but it is a minor point that provides an example for major point B. Choice C is true, but it refers to one example of cultural values developed in major point E. Choice F is true, but it is a detail that provides support for the environmental problems mentioned in major point E.

31.D

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *particular* is a synonym for “distinctive.”

32.C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . Stone Age hunter-gatherers were attracted by these animal populations [large animals].” Choice A is not mentioned. Choice B is not correct because the tools were made from the animals, not traded with other tribes. Choice D is not correct because the dogs accompanied them.

33.B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *judged* is a synonym for “estimated.” Context comes from the phrase “about 27,00 years old” in the same sentence.

34.D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . the migrations must have begun before the evolution of type B.” Choice A is not correct because the time frame was the same as the settlement of Scandinavia, but the origin of the migration was not Scandinavian. Choice B is not correct because almost no Native Americans have type B. Choice C is not correct because the blood typing was done with Native Americans and Asians, not Scandinavians.

35.D

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . glacial melting created an ice-free corridor along the eastern front range of the Rocky Mountains. Soon hunters . . . had reached the Great Plains.” Choices A and C are not correct because the corridor was ice-free. Choice B is not correct because the hunters were looking for big game, but the game did not leave a migration path.

36.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Chronological order and place reference are transitional devices that connect the insert sentence with the previous sentence. The date, 13,000 B.C.E. in the previous paragraph is a date that precedes 11,000 to 12,000 years old in the insert sentence. In addition, Washington State, California, and Peru in the insert sentence refer to the Pacific coast of North and South America in the previous sentence.

37.A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *In the end* is a synonym for “Eventually.” Context comes from the phrase “The final migration” in the following sentence.

38.A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
*Beringia was under water* paraphrases “Beringia had been submerged” and *the last people* paraphrases “The final migration.”

39.D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Choice A is mentioned in paragraph 6, sentence 3. Choices B and C are mentioned in paragraph 6, sentence 5. Choice D is not true because the Yupiks settled the coast of Alaska, not the Great Plains.

40.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**E, D, C** summarize the passage. Choice A is a concluding point that is not developed with examples and details. Choice B is a minor point that supports major point E. Choice F is a minor point that supports major point D.