**Test 3 Reading Section**

1. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *classifications* is a synonym for “categories.” Context comes from the phrase “three different” in the same sentence.

2. A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *comparatively* is a synonym for “relatively.” Context comes from the phrase “not killed immediately” in the same sentence.

3. C

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
*. . . when the parasite first invades* paraphrases “Newly established” and *the most destructive phase* paraphrases “more destructive.”

4.A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *permit* is a synonym for “tolerate.” Context comes from the phrase “reducing the harm” in the same sentence.

5. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“Parasites that live on the surface of their hosts are known as **ectoparasites**.” . . . *surface* means “outside.” Choice A is not correct because “mold and mildew” are ectoparasites, not ways that ectoparasites survive. Choices B and C refer to endoparasites, not to ectoparasites.

6. A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“Many examples of commensal relationships exist. Orchids use trees as a surface upon which to grow.” Choices B and D are mentioned as examples of parasites. Choice C is not correct because ants are mentioned with the Acacia as an example of mutualism, not a commensal relationship.

7. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
The author uses the example of the Acacia to explain how two species can benefit from contact. “Some species of Acacia, a thorny tree, provide food in the form of sugar . . . Certain species of ants . . . receive food and a place to live, and the [Acacia] tree is protected from animals. . . ” Both organisms benefit.

8. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“The bacteria do not cause disease but provide the plants with nitrogen-containing molecules.” Choice A is not correct because the bacteria do not cause disease. Choice B is not correct because the bacteria is used for growth. Choice D is not correct because the nodules supply nitrogen, which is beneficial.

9. A

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Because the text explains the types of relationships between species, it must be concluded that the passage would be found in a chapter about the environment and organisms. Choices B, C, and D are not correct because they are not as closely associated with the main idea. Top of Form

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**A, D, E** summarize the passage. Choice B is true, but it is an example of a commensal relationship described in major point D. Choice C refers to a mutualistic relationship developed in major point E. Choice F is mentioned as a minor point in the discussion of parasitic relationships described in major point A.

11. C

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *hardly* is a synonym for “barely.”

12. D

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Because the author states that from Neolithic towns “more complex human societies emerged,” it may be concluded that they are mentioned to contrast them with the civilizations that evolved. Choice A is not correct because a Neolithic town does not qualify as a civilization. Choice B is not correct because writing systems were not part of Neolithic settlements. Choice C is not correct because Neolithic settlements were referred to as villages, and no argument was made for the classification.

13. B

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . Neolithic settlements were hardly more than villages. But as their inhabitants mastered the art of farming, more complex human societies [civilizations] emerged.” Choice A is not correct because the Neolithic settlements preceded civilizations. Choice C is not correct because agriculture is mentioned as a cause of the rise in complex cultures, not as a definition of civilization. Choice D is not correct because the population centers increased in size as civilizations grew, but other basic characteristics had to be present as well.

14. A

**Explanatory Answer**

**. . . the majority paraphrases “most of which.”**

15. A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *fundamental* is a synonym for “crucial.”

16. B

**Explanatory Answer**

**“. . . a new social structure . . . [included] kings and an upper class . . . free people . . . and a class of slaves.” Choice A is not correct because it does not include free people. Choice C is not correct because it does not include free people. Choice D is not mentioned and may not be concluded from information in the passage. The new structure described is based on economics, not on education.**

17. B

Explanatory Answer

In this passage, important is a synonym for “prominent.” Context comes from the word “monumental” in the same sentence.

18.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
A rhetorical question is a question that is asked and answered by the same speaker. Response is a transitional device that connects the insert sentence with the previous rhetorical question. Choices A, C, and D are not correct because the pronoun “they” in the insert sentence does not refer to plural nouns in the previous sentence.

19. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Choice A is mentioned in paragraph 4, sentence 9. Choice B is mentioned in paragraph 4, sentence 8. Choice D is mentioned in paragraph 4, sentence 6.

20.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**B, E, F** summarize the passage. Choice A is true, but it is a minor point that is mentioned as an example of the characteristics of a class structure. Choice C may be one of the architectural structures built, but it is not specified. Choice D is true of Mesopotamia and Egypt, but is not developed as a major point.

21. C

**Explanatory Answer**

In this passage, facts is a synonym for “data.”

22. A

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“Venus has some traces of water vapor in its atmosphere, but it is much too hot for liquid water to survive.” Choice B is not correct because the water transformed to vapor, not ice. Ice refers to our moon, not to Venus. Choice C is not correct because the lakes or oceans evaporated quickly. Choice D is not correct because the airless atmosphere refers to Mercury, not to Venus.

23.B

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Because Jupiter’s moon is used as an example of satellites of Jovian planets, it must be concluded that Jupiter is a Jovian planet. Choice A is not correct because the satellites, not the planets, have conditions that support life. Choice C is not correct because the size of Europa is not mentioned. Choice D is not correct because the author draws no conclusion about the change of orbits. If orbits were modified, then a conclusion could be drawn about whether Europa was frozen.

24. C

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *constant* is a synonym for “stable.” Context comes from the contrast with “evolve” later in the sentence.

25.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
Reference is a transitional device that connects the insert sentence with the previous sentence. *Such periods* refers to “some points in history.” Choices A, B, and D are not correct because *such periods* does not refer to phrases in the sentences that precede the insert options.

26. C

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . life there may be unlikely because of the temperature. The surface of Titan is a deadly −179°C.” Choice A is not correct because there are oceans of liquid methane and ethane. Choice B is true, but it is not the reason why life would be improbable. Choice D is not correct because it is the temperature, not the atmosphere, that is low.

27. B

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
*. . . the evidence did not demonstrate* paraphrases “the results did not confirm.”

28. C

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
In this passage, *begun* is a synonym for “originated.” Context comes from the root *origin*, which means “beginning.”

29.B

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**Explanatory Answer**  
  
“. . . conclusive evidence [of life] may have to wait until a geologist in a space suit can . . . open rocks . . . searching for fossils.” Choice A is not correct because a geologist will travel in the spacecraft. Choice C is not correct because pictures are not mentioned as a way to confirm the existence of life on Mars. Choice D is not correct because the present conditions could be studied in a variety of ways, but conclusive evidence depends on a manned flight that will allow a geologist to study the physical evidence.

30.

**Explanatory Answer**  
  
**F, D, B** summarize the passage. Choice A is a minor point that supports the major point in Choice B. Choice C is a minor point that supports the major point in Choice D. Choice E is not true because the author entertains the possibility of life based on something other than carbon chemistry.