

ABILITY TO BENEFIT

The Ability to Benefit – Accuplacer –Online test is available to students for Financial Aid Qualification.

Within a three month period, ATB candidates are permitted an initial test and one retest within a two week period. An appointment must be scheduled with the Assessment Center.

Minimum Passing Scores: Reading Comprehension – 55
Sentence Skills – 60
Arithmetic – 34

Note: Student must pass all three tests in one session or retake all three tests again.

SAMPLE TEST

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the statement or passage and then choose the best answer to the question. Answer the question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the statement or passage.

1. There are two types of pottery that I do. There is production pottery-mugs, tableware, the kinds of things that sell easily. These pay for my time to do other work, which is more creative and satisfies my needs as an artist.

The author of this passage implies that:

- (A) artists have a tendency to waste valuable time
- (B) creativity and mass-production are incompatible
- (C) most people do not appreciate good art
- (D) pottery is not produced by creative people

Two underlined sentences are followed by a question or statement about them. Read each pair of sentences and then choose the best answer to the question or the best completion of the statement.

2 . The Midwest is experiencing its worst drought in fifteen years. Corn and soybean prices are expected to be very high this year.

What does the second sentence do?

- (A) It restates the idea found in the first.
- (B) It states an effect.
- (C) It gives an example.
- (D) It analyzes the statement made in the first.

SENTENCE SKILLS

Sentence Correction Questions:

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. The first choice is the same as the original sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

1. Ms. Rose planning to teach a course in biology next summer.
 - (A) planning
 - (B) are planning
 - (C) with a plan
 - (D) plans

2. The baby was obviously getting too hot, then Sam did what he could to cool her.
 - (A) hot, then Sam did
 - (B) hot, Sam did
 - (C) hot; Sam, therefore, did
 - (D) hot; Sam, trying to do

3. She hoped to find a new job. One that would let her earn money during the school year.
(A) job. One that
(B) job. The kind that
(C) job, one that
(D) job, so that it
4. Knocked sideways, the statue looked as if it would fall.
(A) Knocked sideways, the statue looked
(B) The statue was knocked sideways, looked
(C) The statue looked knocked sideways
(D) The statue, looking knocked sideways
5. To walk, biking, and driving are Pat's favorite ways of getting around.
(A) To walk, biking, and driving
(B) Walking, biking, and driving
(C) To walk, biking, and to drive
(D) To walk, to bike, and also driving
6. When you cross the street in the middle of the block, this is an example of jaywalking.
(A) When you cross the street in the middle of the block, this
(B) You cross the street in the middle of the block, this
(C) Crossing the street in the middle of the block
(D) The fact that you cross the street in the middle of the block
7. Walking by the corner the other day, a child, I noticed, was watching for the light to change.
(A) a child, I noticed, was
(B) I noticed a child was watching
(C) a child was watching, I noticed
(D) there was, I noticed, a child watching

Construction Shift Questions:

Rewrite the sentence in your head, following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

8. Being a female jockey, she was often interviewed.

Rewrite, beginning with She was often interviewed....

The next words will be

- (A) on account of she was
(B) by her being
(C) because she was
(D) being as she was

9. In his songs, Gordon Lightfoot makes melody and lyrics intricately intertwine.

Rewrite, beginning with Melody and lyrics...

Your new sentence will include

- (A) Gordon Lightfoot has
(B) make Gordon Lightfoot's
(C) in Gordon Lightfoot's
(D) does Gordon Lightfoot

10. It is easy to carry solid objects without spilling them, but the same cannot be said of liquids.

Rewrite, beginning with Unlike liquids...

The next words will be

- (A) it is easy to
(B) we can easily
(C) solid objects can easily be
(D) solid objects are easy to be

11. Excited children ran toward the loud music, and they told others about the ice cream truck outside.

Rewrite, beginning with
The excited children, who had run toward the loud...

The next words will be

- (A) music, they told
- (B) music, told
- (C) music telling
- (D) music and had told

12. If he had enough strength, Todd would move the boulder.

Rewrite, beginning with Todd cannot move the boulder...

The next words will be

- (A) when lacking
- (B) because he
- (C) although there
- (D) without enough

13. The band began to play, and then the real party started.

Rewrite, beginning with The real party started...

The next words will be

- (A) after the band began
- (B) and the band began
- (C) although the band began
- (D) the band beginning

ARITHMETIC

Solve the following problems and choose your answer from the alternatives.

1. All of the following are a way to write 20 percent of N, EXCEPT

- A. $0.20N$
- B. $\frac{20N}{100}$
- C. $\frac{1N}{5}$
- D. $20N$

2. $7/20$

- A. 0.035
- B. 2.858
- C. 0.35
- D. 3.5

3. 7.86×4.6

- A. 36.156
- B. 36.216
- C. 351.56
- D. 361.56

4. Which of the following is the least?
 A. 0.105
 B. 0.501
 C. 0.051
 D. 0.15
5. The average weight for a group of 20 women is 130 pounds. If the average for $\frac{3}{4}$ of these women was 140 pounds, what was the average weight, in pounds for the rest of the women?
 A. 100
 B. 110
 C. 120
 D. 135
6. A soccer team played 160 games and won 65% of them. How many did they win?
 A. 94
 B. 104
 C. 114
 D. 124
7. Which of the following is closest to the square root of 10.5?
 A. 3
 B. 4
 C. 5
 D. 8

8. The Number of Employees of Company K Who Were Involved In Accidents.

	Plant X	Plant Y
Mechanic	11	30
Power Machine Operators	9	12

The table above shows the results of an industrial health survey of 10,000 people employed at Company K for more than 5 years. If 2,500 employees were surveyed in each of the four categories, which group of employees had the highest accident rate?

- A. Mechanics in Plant X
 B. Mechanics in Plant Y
 C. Power Machine Operators in Plant X
 D. Power Machine Operators in Plant Y
9. Three people who work full time are to work together on a project, but their total time on the project is to be equivalent to that of only one person working fulltime. If one of the people is budgeted to $\frac{1}{2}$ of his time to the project and a second person $\frac{1}{3}$ of her time, what part of the third worker's time should be budgeted to this project?
 A. $\frac{1}{3}$
 B. $\frac{1}{4}$
 C. $\frac{1}{6}$
 D. $\frac{1}{8}$

ANSWERS:

Reading Comprehension: 1. B 2. B

Sentence Skills: 1. D 2. C 3. C 4. A 5. B 6. C 7. B 8. C
 9. C 10. C 11. B 12. B 13. A

Arithmetic: 1. D 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. A 6. B 7. A 8. B 9. C