

Wrycan Demonstration Assessment

Inline Sections Multiple Choice

1. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow was originally written^A by Washington Irving, and was^B about a ghostly inhabitant^C of Tarrytown, New York around the time of^E the American Revolution.

Answers and Explanations

- A. The phrase "was originally written" is correct, since the book was created in the past tense.
- B. The tense of the verb "was" is incorrect, since the book was already written. The word "was" should be replaced with "is."
- C. The adjective "ghostly" is correct. It corresponds to the word "inhabitant," adding more detail to the description of the word.
- D. The singular form of the word "inhabitant" is correct. It corresponds to the phrase "about a ghostly" indicating that there is one ghost and singular.
- E. The word "of" is correct. It corresponds to the phrase "the American Revolution" and is used to join the phrase to the rest of the sentence.

Passage With Blank Multiple Choice

2. The most _____ and youngest of 11 _____ of an austere Presbyterian father and a genial Anglican mother, the frail boy, Washington Irving grew up in an atmosphere of indulgence.

- (A) best..siblings
- (B) oldest..kids
- (C) liked..trees
- (D) strong..siblings
- (E) favorite..children

Answers and Explanations

✘ A. This choice is incorrect. The word "best" does not grammatically fit into the sentence, since if something is the "best," another modifier cannot be used since it is already the highest level. If the words were inserted into the text, it would read "The most best and youngest of 11 siblings of an austere Presbyterian father and a genial Anglican mother, the frail boy, Washington Irving grew up in an atmosphere of indulgence." The phrase "most best" is grammatically incorrect.

✘ B. This choice is incorrect. The word "oldest" does not grammatically fit into the sentence, since if something is "oldest," another modifier cannot be used since it is already the highest level. If the words were inserted into the text, it would read "The most oldest and youngest of 11 kids of an austere Presbyterian father and a genial Anglican mother, the frail boy, Washington Irving grew up in an atmosphere of indulgence." The phrase "most oldest" is grammatically incorrect.

✘ C. This choice is incorrect. The word "trees" does not fit into the sentence. If these words were inserted into the text, it would read "The most liked and youngest of 11 trees of an austere Presbyterian father and a genial Anglican mother, the frail boy, Washington Irving grew up in an atmosphere of indulgence." The phrase "the frail boy" indicates that Washington Irving has a male gender, and "trees" do not have male genders.

✘ D. This choice is incorrect. "Strong" means physically powerful. "Siblings" means more than one individual having one or both parents in common. If the words were inserted into the text, it would read "The most strong and youngest of 11 siblings of an austere Presbyterian father and a genial Anglican mother, the frail boy, Washington Irving grew up in an atmosphere of indulgence." The word "strong" in the sentence is incorrect, since the sentence contains "the frail boy." "Frail" means physically weak, and has an opposite meaning to the word "strong," so both words cannot describe the same boy.

✔ E. This choice is correct. If the two words were inserted into the text, it would read "The most favorite and youngest of 11 children of an austere Presbyterian father and a genial Anglican mother, the frail boy, Washington Irving grew up in an atmosphere of indulgence." Both of the words fit in the sentence.

Multiple Choice

3. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

- (A) around 35 cubic feet
- (B) 0 cubic feet

- (C) who cares
- (D) yes
- (E) hello

Answers and Explanations

✓ A. Expert Richard Thomas of New York state wildlife found that a woodchuck could (and does) chuck around 35 cubic feet of dirt in the course of digging a burrow. Thomas reasoned that if a woodchuck could chuck wood, he would chuck an amount equivalent to the weight of the dirt, or 700 pounds.

✗ B. A woodchuck would chuck as much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

✗ C. Someone cares

✗ D. Yes is not a quantity.

✗ E. Hello is not a quantity.

4. $\int_0^2 x^2$

What is the value of the above equation?

- (A) 2x
- (B) 8
- (C) 4
- (D) 4x
- (E) 2x

Answers and Explanations

✗ A.

✗ B.

✓ C. $\int_0^2 x^2 = \sum_0^2 2x = 4$

✗ D.

✗ E.

5. The late Washington Irving was a writer dubbed the "first American man of letters," and writes the widely known short stories "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle."

- (A) writes the widely known
- (B) will write the widely known
- (C) write the widely know
- (D) wrote the widely known
- (E) will wrote the widely known

Answers and Explanations

✗ A. This choice is incorrect. The tense of the word "writes" is incorrect, since Washington Irving is no longer living, he cannot write.

✗ B. This choice is incorrect. The tense of the phrase "will write" is incorrect, since Washington Irving is no longer living, he cannot write in the future.

✗ C. This choice is incorrect. the word "know" does not grammatically fit into this sentence.

✓ D. This choice is correct. The word "writes" is incorrect because it is written in the incorrect tense. Since Washington Irving is deceased, he is no longer able to write, so the short stories must have been written in the past.

✗ E. This choice is incorrect. The words "will" and "wrote" are of different tenses and grammatically do not work together. The word "will" indicates the future tense that the event has not happened yet, but the word "wrote" is past tense.

Line Reference Multiple Choice

Ichabod Crane is a constable from New York who is most concerned with all the new scientific gadgets that will allow him to do his job better.

Line However, he is quite squeamish with regard to his latest assignment:

5 traveling to the town of Sleepy Hollow, where there have been a series of murders involving people whose heads have been cut off.

The locals believe it is the work of the legendary Headless Horseman. Ichabod does not believe this,

10 but with the help of the fair Katrina Van Tassel
and the young son of one of the victims,
he uncovers some very interesting evidence that would suggest otherwise.

6. In **line 4** ("However...assignment"), the author indicates the Ichabod Crane is

- (A) quite happy about his latest assignment
- (B) easily shocked or sickened regarding his latest assignment
- (C) tall and slender
- (D) very shrewd
- (E) highly educated

Answers and Explanations

✗ A. This choice is incorrect. There is no indication that Ichabod Crane is happy in the line. The word "squeamish" means easily nauseated or sickened, but does not indicate happiness.

✓ B. This choice is correct. The word "squeamish" in the same line means easily nauseated or sickened.

✗ C. This choice is incorrect. There is no indication in the line that Ichabod Crane is tall and slender.

✗ D. This choice is incorrect. The word "shrewd" means "Characterized by keen awareness, sharp intelligence, and often a sense of the practical." This is not indicated anywhere in the line.

✗ E. This choice is incorrect. This is not indicated anywhere in the line.

Passage Based Multiple Choice

7. What is the best way to deal with the sentence in context, what is the best way to deal with **sentence 7** (reproduced below)?

There are two prevailing thoughts about origin of the name of the town.

- (A) Leave it as it is.
- (B) Insert "the" before "origin"
- (C) Place a comma after the word "thoughts."
- (D) Delete "prevailing."
- (E) Replace "thoughts" with "thought."

Answers and Explanations

✗ A. This is incorrect, there sentence is missing the word "the" before the word "origin" is missing. The word "the" is needed to indicate that the word "origin" is singular, since the name of the town has one real origin.

✓ B. This choice is correct. The word "the" is needed before the word "origin" to indicate that word is singular, since the name of the town only has one real origin.

✗ C. This choice is incorrect, since adding a comma does not fix the basic error in the sentence.

✗ D. This choice is incorrect. The sentence still has a flaw if the word "prevailing" is removed.

✗ E. This choice is incorrect. The word "two" in the sentence indicates that there is more that one thought, therefore the plural from "thoughts" should be used.