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Strategies for Structure: Questions 1–15

This part of the test consists of fifteen incomplete sentences. A part of each sentence is replaced by a blank. Under each sentence four choices are listed, A, B, C, and D. One of the choices logically and grammatically completes the sentence.

- *Look at the answer choices first.*
 - If they are short, you can get an idea of what to look for when you read the sentence.
 - If they are long, read the sentence (stem) first. Analyze its structure. Work out how many clauses there are. See if the clauses have subjects and verbs. Look for connectors that join the clauses. Then look at the four choices. If you still do not know the answer, eliminate as many distractors as you can and take a guess from your remaining choices.
- *Read all the choices.* Never choose an answer before reading all four choices. Some of the choices may be very similar, and you may make a careless mistake.
- *Read the sentence completely with the answer you have chosen.* Make sure your answer fits. If the answer does not sound right, it may not be. If you do not know, guess and go on. If you have time you can come back to the difficult items later.
- *Watch for the following when you insert your answer into the sentence:*
 - Your answer may have an unnecessary word or phrase.
 - It may be incomplete.
 - It may be ungrammatical. If so, discard that answer and reconsider the remaining three.
- *Use your time carefully.* Do not spend so much time that you will not have enough time to finish the Written Expression part. Budget your time carefully. Do not spend more than thirty seconds on each item.

EXERCISE 1

Nouns are tested on the TOEFL® Test. Complete the sentences with nouns.

1. The brain stores 100 trillion pieces of _____.
2. Men's brains are heavier than _____ brains.
3. The brain uses one-quarter, or _____, of the body's oxygen.
4. The left brain controls math, _____, and _____.
5. The right brain controls color, _____, and _____.
6. The human brain weighs about 3.5 _____.
7. The brain cannot feel _____.
8. The brain receives more than 100 _____ messages from the body.

EXERCISE 2

From the reading, work out whether these statements are true or false. Check T for true and F for false.

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| 1. The weight of the brain depends on intelligence. | T F |
| 2. A jazz musician has a dominant right brain. | T F |
| 3. A left-handed person has a dominant left brain. | T F |
| 4. When you play a game of chess, you use the left side of your brain. | T F |
| 5. Your lost brain cells are always replaced. | T F |
| 6. The brain feels pain when you have a headache. | T F |