

Ventures

PLACEMENT TEST



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE *VENTURES* PLACEMENT TEST

This test should be used to place students into the appropriate level of *Ventures*. The test focuses on reading and grammar recognition. It consists of 40 multiple choice questions based on the objectives, content, and language of the five levels of the *Ventures* series.

Begin the placement process by greeting the students. Spend some time talking with them in order to help them relax. Find out their names, their countries of origin, languages, and perhaps something about their families or their jobs. Your goal should be to create a comfortable, nonthreatening atmosphere in which to take the test.

Have students fill out any required forms or ask them to write their contact information (name, address, phone number) on an index card or roster. Watch for students who are unable to do this, who cannot hold a pencil, or who can write only in a non-Roman alphabet. For these students we recommend using the *Ventures* Basic Level, in tandem with its Literacy Workbook.

Students who have basic reading and writing skills should go on to take the Placement Test. Tell students that the purpose of the test is to help determine the best class for them; reassure them that they cannot “fail.” Explain the multiple choice question format and demonstrate how to fill in the bubbles on the answer sheet. Let students know that they should stop taking the test if they feel that it is too difficult.

Allow 25 minutes for students to complete the test. Observe them as they take the test; do not leave the room. If a student becomes frustrated or cannot complete the test, decide whether the student can complete the test later. Once the test is complete, score the test using the following chart:

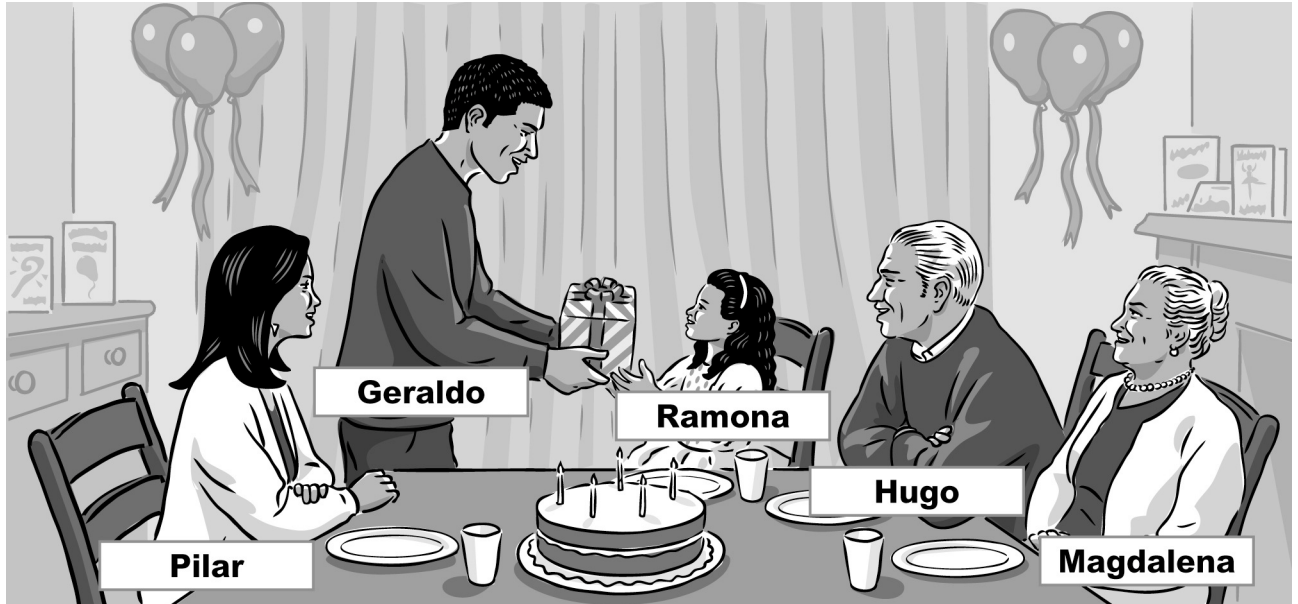
PLACEMENT TEST SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS	
Test Score (# correct)	Level
0 (few or no literacy skills)	<i>Ventures</i> Basic Level & <i>Ventures</i> Literacy Workbook
1-4	<i>Ventures</i> Basic Level
5-13	<i>Ventures</i> Level 1
14-22	<i>Ventures</i> Level 2
23-31	<i>Ventures</i> Level 3
32-40	<i>Ventures</i> Level 4

Once students are placed into a class, they should be monitored carefully to make sure their placement was accurate. If you judge that a student was placed in the wrong level, either administer the placement test again or move the student into the proper class.

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Look at the picture. Read the sentences. Choose the correct answer.



1. What's the mother's name?

- a. His name is Pilar.
- b. Her name is Pilar.
- c. Their name is Pilar.
- d. Your name is Pilar.

2. There are three ___ on the table.

- a. cup
- b. cups
- c. cake
- d. plate

3. Is Ramona happy?

- a. Yes, she is.
- b. Yes, we are.
- c. Yes, he is.
- d. Yes, they are.

Read the sentences. Choose the correct answer.

Notice from Carmina's Restaurant

Come and visit Carmina's Restaurant. It opens today. It is across from the bank. It is next to the library. The restaurant is open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Welcome to Carmina's!

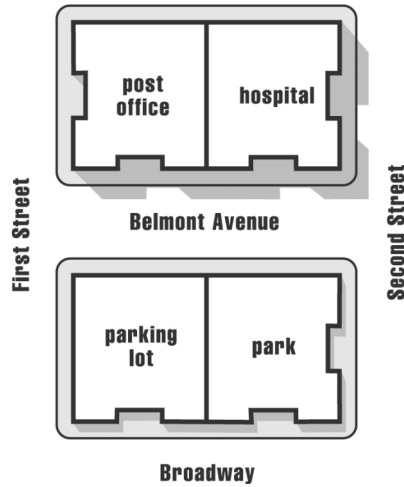
4. Carmina's Restaurant is open ____.
- a. on Sunday
b. on Tuesday
c. on Saturday
d. on Monday

Look at the schedule. Read the questions. Choose the correct answer.

Day-Care Center Work Schedule		
	Days of the Week	Hours
Sally	Tu Th	12:00–8:00 p.m.
	Sat Sun	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Dan	Tu Th F	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Megan	M W F	12:00–8:00 p.m.
	Sat	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Juan	M W	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
	Sat Sun	12:00–5:00 p.m.

5. How many people work at the day-care center?
- a. three
b. four
c. five
d. six
6. Who works until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday?
- a. Dan
b. Juan
c. Megan
d. Sally

Look at the map. Read the question. Choose the correct answer.



7. The post office is ___ the parking lot.

- a. on
- b. across from
- c. on the corner of
- d. next to

Choose the correct answer.

8. A What are Katia and Sara doing?
B They ___.

- a. talking
- b. are talking
- c. is talking
- d. talk

9. Does Lee ___ a fever?

- a. had
- b. has
- c. have
- d. having

10. A When do you eat lunch?
B ___ 12:30.

- a. In
- b. On
- c. At
- d. From

11. A How many ___ do we have?
B Three.

- a. tea
- b. onions
- c. milk
- d. bread

12. Yolanda is a teacher now. She ___ a teacher's assistant before.

- a. is
- b. are
- c. was
- d. were

13. Yesterday, Dan ___ groceries after work.

- a. bought
- b. buying
- c. buy
- d. buys

Look at the course catalog. Read the questions. Choose the correct answer.

<h1>COURSE CATALOG</h1>	
<p>General Equivalency Diploma (GED)</p> <p>Do you want to get your GED? Then you need to practice your reading, writing, and math skills. Classes are in English or Spanish. No fee.</p> <p>Instructor: Mr. Chen (English) Ms. Lopez (Spanish) Days/Times: Mon, Wed 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Introduction to Computers</p> <p>This class is for adults who want to learn about computers and the Internet. You will learn about keyboarding, e-mail, and computer jobs. Fee: \$75</p> <p>Instructor: Mrs. Gates Days/Times: Mon, Wed 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.</p>
<hr/> <p>TV and DVD Repair</p> <p>This class will teach you how to repair TVs and DVD players. You will also learn about opening your own repair shop. Fee: \$85</p> <p>Instructor: Mr. Stern Days/Times: Mon, Tues 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.</p>	<hr/> <p>Citizenship</p> <p>Do you want to be an American citizen? First, you need to learn about American history and civics. This class will prepare you for the U.S. citizenship test. Requirements: Legal resident. No fee.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Cuevas Days/Times: Thurs 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.</p>

14. What will you learn in Ms. Cuevas's class?

- a. math
- b. TV repair
- c. computer repair
- d. American history

15. Which course meets on Mondays and Tuesdays?

- a. GED
- b. TV and DVD repair
- c. Introduction to Computers
- d. Citizenship

Choose the correct answer.

16. A What did Joe buy Sylvia?

B He bought ___ a cake.

- a. to her
- b. them
- c. she
- d. her

17. Leon has a test tomorrow. He ___ study tonight.

- a. is
- b. does
- c. will
- d. are

18. A When do Mr. and Mrs. Yamada usually eat dinner?

B They usually ___ at 7 p.m.

- a. eat
- b. eats
- c. ate
- d. eating

19. Marcia's back is hurting. She ___ to see a doctor.

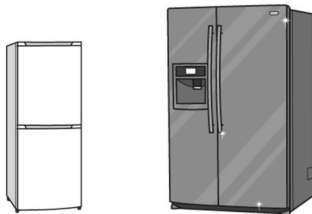
- a. have
- b. has
- c. having
- d. had

20. A How long does it take to drive to Philadelphia?

B It takes ___.

- a. every day
- b. often
- c. about two hours
- d. twice a month

Look at the picture. Read the question. Choose the correct answer.



21. A The white refrigerator is large.

B But the gray refrigerator is ___.

- a. larger than
- b. smaller
- c. larger
- d. large

Choose the correct answer.

22. Ravi cleaned his room, ___ he didn't make his bed.

- a. or
- b. but
- c. and
- d. now

Read the story. Choose the correct answers.

Keiko is worried about her 72-year-old father. He used to be in great health. He played tennis twice a week, went for long walks, and did volunteer work. He was very careful about his diet, too. He ate mostly vegetables, rice, and fish. He didn't eat too much sugar, salt, or fat. He had a lot of energy, he slept well, and he was rarely sick.

Keiko doesn't know what happened, but lately her father has changed. He has stopped playing tennis because he says his knees hurt, and he stopped going to his volunteer job. He has been taking naps every afternoon, and he hasn't been eating enough. He has lost eight pounds. His personality has changed, too.

23. Keiko's father used to ___.

- a. take naps every afternoon
- b. eat too much sugar and salt
- c. get sick a lot
- d. do volunteer work

24. Recently, Keiko's father has ___.

- a. slept well
- b. lost weight
- c. had a lot of energy
- d. seen his doctor

Choose the correct answer.

25. Connie likes going out as ___ staying home.

- a. much
- b. much as
- c. more than
- d. less than

26. David ___ well lately.

- a. have slept
- b. haven't slept
- c. hasn't slept
- d. sleeps

27. Arturo intends ___ history in college.

- a. to study
- b. studying

- c. studies
- d. will study

28. Michael always turns off his computer ____ the office.

- a. before he leaves
- b. he leaves

- c. after he left
- d. when he left

29. I'm tired of ___ TV. Let's go out.

- a. watching
- b. watches

- c. to watch
- d. watched

30. Walter is practicing the piano. He ___ since 9:00.

- a. is practicing
- b. practiced

- c. practices
- d. has been practicing

31. While we were driving to school, ___.

- a. it started to rain
- b. it starts to rain

- c. it's raining
- d. it is rain

Read the article. Choose the correct answers.

It's 10 p.m. on Friday night, and the Pinheiro family—Ana, age 40, Ernesto, 41, and their two children, ages 9 and 11—are going to bed. They have to get up early tomorrow. The entire family is going out to volunteer at the local food bank. The bank gives out free food and other necessary items to the homeless, senior citizens, and low-income families. The Pinheiros, who immigrated to the U.S. from Brazil eight years ago, volunteer there two Saturdays a month.

On a typical Saturday, the Pinheiros arrive at the food bank by 8:30 a.m. As soon as they arrive, they put on aprons and get their instructions from the volunteer coordinator. They unpack boxes of donated food, greet customers, and pack bags of food for them. They stay at the food bank until the next group of volunteers arrives at 12:30.

Anna Pinheiro says she is grateful for the opportunity to volunteer at the food bank. She says, "Volunteering has brought our family closer together. It teaches us to feel more compassionate toward people who are not as lucky as we are."

32. The Pinheiros ____.
- a. coordinate all the volunteers at the food bank
 - b. volunteer at the food bank
 - c. donate groceries to the food bank
 - d. are customers at the food bank

33. The Pinheiros feel ____.
- a. closer to other people
 - b. ungrateful for other people
 - c. compassionate toward other people
 - d. as lucky as other people

Choose the correct answer.

34. Do you believe ____?
- a. will Helen be artistic
 - b. that Helen is artistic
 - c. is Helen artistic
 - d. that if Helen is artistic
35. She used to be a fast driver. Since her accident, she drives ____.
- a. careful
 - b. more carefully
 - c. more careful
 - d. the most careful

36. ___ at your school?

- a. Is financial aid offered
- b. Financial aid is offered
- c. Financial aid offers
- d. Does financial aid offer

37. A My boyfriend took me out for dinner last night.

B Really? Tell me where___.

- a. did you go
- b. you go
- c. you went
- d. you have gone

38. Mary drives her daughter to school ___.

- a. every day last year
- b. four times a week
- c. when she was small
- d. twice so far

39. Sona doesn't use her air conditioning often ___ it's too expensive.

- a. although
- b. even though
- c. because of
- d. because

40. These days, nobody wants to buy a car ___ a lot of gas.

- a. that uses
- b. it doesn't use
- c. that it doesn't use
- d. who uses



Name: _____ Score: _____

Date: _____

PLACEMENT TEST ANSWER SHEET

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