

A) ENGLISH: PUNCTUATION

Select the phrase that correctly completes or corrects the given sentence.

1. Last year, the books were sent out at the end of _____ this year they will go in early February.
 - (a) March;
 - (b) March:
 - (c) March,
 - (d) March

2. I saw the Montreal Canadiens' hockey _____ last night.
 - (a) game which was very exciting
 - (b) game, which was very exciting
 - (c) game; which was very exciting,
 - (d) game, which was very exciting,

3. "I am certain said the witness that the truck was stopped when the car hit it."
 - (a) certain, said the witness, that
 - (b) certain, "said the witness, that
 - (c) certain," said the witness, "that
 - (d) correct as is

4. As the audience watched the game the speed skill and intensity thrilled them.
 - (a) game, the speed, skill, and intensity, thrilled
 - (b) game, the speed, skill, and intensity thrilled
 - (c) game; the speed, skill, and intensity thrilled
 - (d) game, the speed, skill, and intensity; thrilled

B) ENGLISH: PHRASING

1. Which statement is worded in the clearest terms?
 - (a) Come home on time; and then you can help your mother.
 - (b) Come home on time so you can help your mother.
 - (c) Come home and help your mother on time.
 - (d) Help your mother on time when you come home.

2. As a written sentence, which one is phrased the best?
 - (a) After doing your homework, you can watch television.
 - (b) First homework, then television.
 - (c) No homework, no T.V.
 - (d) Television can be watched after homework.

3. Which is the most efficient phrase?
 - (a) Bobby is at least as smart as Bill.
 - (b) Bobby is as smart, or smarter than Bill.
 - (c) Bobby is as smart as Bill, or smarter.
 - (d) Bobby is no less smart than Bill; maybe smarter.

4. Which sentence is not confusing or ambiguous?
 - (a) Is there a man inside with his sister and child, named Johnny?
 - (b) His plan to study slowly was conceived by Bill.
 - (c) The fish followed the bait and then bit it.
 - (d) I found a picture of my mother in the basement.

C) ENGLISH: VOCABULARY

1. "Havoc" means:

- (a) Cut in two.
- (b) Great damage and destruction.
- (c) The enemy.
- (d) Outburst of excitement.

2. "Strategy" means:

- (a) Something that follows from what happened before.
- (b) Disturbance.
- (c) Skillful planning.
- (d) Distinguishing feature.

3. "Consensus" means:

- (a) General agreement.
- (b) Standard.
- (c) A situation requiring a choice.
- (d) Outlook for the future.

4. "Plight" means:

- (a) Damage.
- (b) Carelessness.
- (c) Inability to carry out a plan.
- (d) An unfavourable condition.

D) ENGLISH: VERB USAGE

1. Which is correct?
 - (a) Baseball is similar to playing cricket.
 - (b) Playing baseball is similar to cricket.
 - (c) To play baseball is similar to cricket.
 - (d) Playing baseball is similar to playing cricket.

2. The babysitter _____ awake until the child's parents got home.
 - (a) remained
 - (b) will remain
 - (c) has remained
 - (d) remains

3. _____ the game for several years, she understood all of its challenges.
 - (a) Playing
 - (b) Having played
 - (c) Because she plays
 - (d) To play

4. In the last twenty years, a wave of immigration _____ the City of Toronto.
 - (a) changes
 - (b) will change
 - (c) is changing
 - (d) has changed

E) ENGLISH: CAPITALS (Upper vs Lower Case)

1. Which is correct?
 - (a) The Prime Minister of Canada resides at 24 Sussex drive.
 - (b) The prime minister of Canada resides at 24 Sussex Drive.
 - (c) The prime Minister of Canada resides at 24 Sussex drive.
 - (d) The Prime Minister of Canada resides at 24 Sussex Drive.

2. "Alberta's Banff national park has some of the most beautiful scenery in the World."
What correction(s) should be made to this sentence?
 - (a) "National Park" should be capitalized
 - (b) "world" should not be capitalized
 - (c) both (a) and (b)
 - (d) correct as is

3. "we play cards on the second thursday of every month."
For this to be a complete sentence, which word(s) need to be capitalized?
 - (a) "We"
 - (b) "Thursday" and "Month"
 - (c) "Month", "Thursday", and "We"
 - (d) "We" and "Thursday"

4. "The Conservative party of Canada has support in the West."
What correction(s) should be made to this sentence?
 - (a) "Party" should be capitalized
 - (b) "west" should not be capitalized
 - (c) "conservative" should not be capitalized
 - (d) no corrections needed

F) ENGLISH: READING

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow.

“Programmers grow through hands-on research”

Picture this: You’re a gamer. Your hand is on a joystick and you’re flying a plane (or maybe it’s a spaceship) on your computer monitor. The plane (or ship) hits turbulence and your joystick begins to shake in your hand. You grab hold tight and steer out of danger. The joystick stops shaking.

This scenario is played out millions of times a day by computer game enthusiasts throughout the world using force feedback, or haptic, joysticks. The technology behind this joystick that “feels” is actually quite complex and is part of a competitive gaming market that is fighting to create the most realistic gaming experiences possible for consumers. And that’s precisely where Seneca gets into the game. The School of Computer Studies is conducting the Haptic Joystick Benchmarking Project, the first research study on the performance of force feedback joysticks.

“Working on this project has been a valuable learning experience,” says Radovan Nestic, one of six students from the School of Computer Studies assigned to the project’s research team.

“I’ve always been interested in how a game actually works under the surface – beyond what’s visible on the screen – and contributing to this project has helped answer some of those questions.”

The Seneca students are working with Quanser Inc., an Ontario-based company specializing in haptics, to develop a software program that will help determine the standards and effectiveness of this growing technology. Up until now only reviews in gaming magazines and websites have compared the quality of the products being sold. While haptic technology has been around for some time and is used in other applications such as medical, space and flight simulators, there are many flaws with it that still need to be worked out.

“Especially when it comes to the gaming experience,” says Professor Evan Weaver, Project Supervisor and Chair of Seneca’s School of Computer Studies. “The goal of this research is to establish a straightforward protocol to evaluate force feedback joysticks which will allow companies like Quanser Inc. to improve haptic technology.”

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1. The purpose of the research described in this article is to:
 - (a) Assist pilots with flying their planes.
 - (b) Create a new game.
 - (c) Give students a gaming experience.
 - (d) Enhance and measure the performance of force feedback joysticks.

2. Haptic technology
 - (a) Allows students to take part in research projects.
 - (b) Is used in flight simulators.
 - (c) Allows students to see why the things they learn in class are important.
 - (d) None of the above.

3. The student quoted in this article:
 - (a) Is learning how games actually work.
 - (b) Is a partner of Quanser Inc.
 - (c) Is having a valuable employment experience.
 - (d) Is a Seneca graduate.

4. How many students are working on the Haptic Joystick Benchmarking Project?
 - (a) Six
 - (b) All students in the School of Computer Studies.
 - (c) Millions of “gamers”.
 - (d) All Seneca programmers.

G) ENGLISH: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow.

“WAR BRIDES”

At PIER 21 in Halifax today (November 8, 2006), 18 war brides and their veteran husbands will renew their marriage vows as part of the “Year of the War Bride” celebrations. Throughout the Second World War and until March, 1948, over 43,000 war brides and their more than 21,000 children arrived in Canada.

The tales of wartime romance between Canadian soldiers and their European sweethearts, most of whom were in their late teens and early twenties when they met, are the stuff of romance films. The courtships were short and the weddings planned in a jiffy before the soldiers returned to war or back to Canada. Months later, their brides, most having never been to the country before, boarded ships for the trip to their new homes.

Who better to ask for marriage advice than these couples who have stayed together for over 60 years?

Samantha Grice
National Post Column
November 8, 2006

1. Why are these couples likely to be able to give good advice about marriage?
 - (a) Because they married during war time.
 - (b) Because they have stayed together for a long time.
 - (c) Because they traveled a long way to be together.
 - (d) Because they are from different countries.

2. What is the “YEAR OF THE WAR BRIDE”?
 - (a) 2006
 - (b) 1948
 - (c) Throughout the Second World War.
 - (d) None of the above.

3. What is a “courtship”?
- (a) A vessel with a judge on board.
 - (b) Time spent at court.
 - (c) Time spent trying to attract a mate.
 - (d) Time spent at the wedding ceremony.
4. Are the “tales of wartime romance” _____
- (a) Short?
 - (b) Planned in a jiffy?
 - (c) Stories of over 64,000 new Canadians?
 - (d) The stuff of romance films?
5. The husbands are described as “veterans”. Why is that?
- (a) They have been husbands for a long time.
 - (b) It was the second marriage for all of them.
 - (c) They were soldiers of war.
 - (d) They looked after animals.
6. How old were most of the brides when they got married?
- (a) Under 25 years.
 - (b) It is not evident.
 - (c) 19 years and under.
 - (d) In their twenties.

ANSWERS

A) English: Punctuation

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (b)

B) English: Phrasing

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (c)

C) English: Vocabulary

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (d)

D) English: Verb Usage

1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (d)

E) English: Capitals (Upper vs Lower Case)

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (a)

F) English: Reading

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (a)

G) English: Reading Comprehension

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (a)