Pre-University University Remedial program 2015 trainees Reading Comprehension Study Guide & Sample Test Questions

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INSTRUCTIONS

For each question, read the information provided and answer the question that follows.

1. The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (ACC) is one of the largest and most progressive animal control agencies in the United States. The ACC operates six animal shelters serving all unincorporated County areas and 50 contract cities. The ACC covers more than 3,200 square miles of cities, deserts, beaches, and mountains; from the Antelope Valley in the north to the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the south; as far east as the border of San Bernardino County and west all the way to Thousand Oaks. The ACC provides animal control and rescue services 24 hours a day, seven days a week in our service area.

According to the passage,
A. the ACC handles only domestic animals.
B. the ACC provides control and rescue services for some cities.
C. Animal Care and Control operates within and outside of Los Angeles County.
D. services are provided to any city or unincorporated area within the 3,200 miles covered by the Agency.

2. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has appointed a newly-established Workforce Investment Board (WIB), which will implement the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. WIB's mandate is to provide key policy decisions affecting the local workforce development system, and to identify and certify the areas within Los Angeles County where WorkSource California Centers are located to be designated as Workforce Investment Areas.

According to the passage,
A. WIB is chiefly responsible for providing decisions related to policy.
B. County Board of Supervisors passed the Workforce Investment Act.
C. WorkSource California Centers are unique to areas within Los Angeles County.
D. the Workforce Investment Act will put into practice the Workforce Investment Board.

3. The Scientific Services Bureau operates one of the largest full-service crime laboratories in the United States. A staff of 198 members provides forensic science support to all Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies, except the Los Angeles Police Department. Approximately one half of the nearly 70,000 cases submitted annually to the Crime Lab is from Sheriff's Department investigators, while the remainder is from local, state, and federal agencies. Since 1989 the Scientific Services Bureau has been an accredited laboratory through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB).
According to the passage,
A. the Bureau initiated its operation in 1989.
B. the crime lab is the largest lab of its kind in the country.
C. the crime lab is capable of performing all required forensic lab analysis.
D. the number of cases the crime lab received increased after it received its accreditation.

4. The Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures Department routinely conducts price verification inspections at retail locations to confirm that prices charged to consumers are the same as those posted or advertised. On a typical visit to a store, the inspector will select up to 15 items and then take them to the check stand for payment. When the items' bar codes are scanned at the register, the price showing at the register must match what is posted on the shelf or advertised. If the prices do not match, the store will receive a notice of violation and the case may be turned over to the District Attorney's Office or local city attorney for prosecution.

According to the passage,
A. an inspector will usually find a pricing error when 15 items are being purchased.
B. an item costing less than the announced price will not be considered a violation.
C. a store receives a violation when the shelf or advertised price does not match the charged price.
D. price violation cases are automatically turned over to the appropriate jurisdiction's attorney office.

5. Reserve Deputy Probation Officers are deputized volunteers who have received special training in order to assist Probation staff in a wide range of supervised responsibilities, that include direct involvement with juvenile and adult probationers. Reserve Deputies are highly motivated, skilled, and caring people who want to serve their community as a part of the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Reserve Deputies are not a replacement for or an alternative to paid staff, but are intended to be an enhancement to existing resources.
From the passage, it can be inferred that
A. experienced Reserve Deputies supervise new volunteer Reserve Deputies.
B. direct interaction with probationers is the primary Duty of a Reserve Deputy.
C. members of the community who become Reserve Deputies have a desire to give back to the community.
D. Reserve Deputies are able to act independently on the job once they have successfully passed all training requirements.

6. The Criminal Grand Jury of Los Angeles County attends hearings brought by the District Attorney's Office. The objective of this jury is to determine, on the basis of evidence presented by the District Attorney's Office, whether certain persons should be charged with crimes and required to stand trial in Superior Court. The Criminal Grand Jury is an accusatory body and not a trial jury; therefore, the burden of proof is much lower. Specifically, the Criminal Grand Jury must decide if there is a strong suspicion the individual committed the alleged crime.

According to the passage,
A. the burden of proof is held to a stricter standard during the review of evidence.
B. the District Attorney presents its case to the Criminal Grand Jury in Superior Court.
C. when a strong suspicion is determined, the Grand Jury recommends the charged individuals punishment.
D. the Criminal Grand Jury is responsible for deciding if the alleged perpetrator of a crime should stand trial.

7. The programs and resources developed by the Education Department of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art are designed to extend the museum experience in the fullest possible way to the widest possible audience, both present and future. These programs provide visitors of all ages with the opportunity to expand their experience with works of art in both the museum's permanent collection and its special exhibitions.
According to the passage,
A. retired teachers serve as program designers and instructors at the museum.
B. educational opportunities are restricted to the museum's permanent collection.
C. the Education Department of the County Museum of Art targets its educational materials to children.
D. the learning experience provided by the museum can be enhanced through programs developed by the Education Department.

8. Since 1944, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation has been meeting the diverse needs of not only residents, but also visitors from around the world. With over 63,000 acres of parks, gardens, lakes, trails, natural areas, and the world's largest public golf course system, the Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to providing the public with social, cultural, and recreational activities to enjoy the whole year round!

According to the passage,
A. the County has boasted the largest public golf course system since 1944.
B. the natural areas of Los Angeles County are one of the biggest attractions for visitors.
C. the department offers a variety of activities that represent the needs of the community.
D. the Department of Parks and Recreation focuses its efforts entirely on recreational activities.

9. The main function of the Civil Grand Jury is to investigate county, city, and joint-power agencies. This is a significant civil function. The Grand Jury acts in a "watch-dog" capacity by examining carefully and completely the operations of various government agencies within Los Angeles County. The Civil Grand Jury cannot investigate state or federal agencies, which lie outside their jurisdiction. Part of the investigation of governmental agencies includes the ability to audit operations, accounts, and records of officers and departments within the agency under investigation. The Civil Grand Jury is further charged with investigating individual complaints from citizens. By statute the Grand Jury is required to inquire regarding the conditions and management of all public prisons within the County of Los Angeles.
According to the passage,
A. complaints filed by prisoners are not investigated by the Grand Jury.
B. auditing is the only method the Grand Jury uses during an investigation of a department.
C. the Civil Grand Jury is able to investigate any public sector agency within the County of Los Angeles.
D. the Grand Jury monitors and investigates the operations of local government agencies in Los Angeles County.

10. Los Angeles County Immunization Program efforts are targeted primarily toward pediatric and adolescent immunizations, with some adult immunization activities. Although this Program serves the entire County population, many activities are specifically directed toward communities with children at high risk of under-immunization. The Immunization Program

partners with other organizations to provide outreach and immunization services in pockets of need areas, which are defined as those areas with large numbers of unimmunized and under immunized children.

According to the passage,
A. children considered high risk are a special concern for the County Immunization Program.
B. specialized outreach services to populations in rural parts of the County are a valued service.
C. the need to be immunized is less important for unimmunized adults than it is for unimmunized children.
D. the County Immunization Program operates as an independent agency providing immunization services.

11. The Los Angeles County Tobacco Control Program (TCP) is part of the Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in the Department of Health Services. It was established as a result of the tobacco tax initiative of 1988, Proposition 99/AB75, in December of 1989. The goal of TCP is to establish policies, health services, public education, and media conditions that support the reduction of tobacco use in Los Angeles County and the associated disease, disability, and mortality.
From the passage, it can be inferred that
A. the regulation of the production of tobacco products is covered by the TCP.
B. Proposition 99/AB75 added more regulations to the tobacco tax initiative.
C. the tobacco tax initiative was a measure to reduce taxes on tobacco products.
D. television advertisements discussing health concerns related to smoking could be an example of a TCP initiative.

12. Water Awareness, Training, Education, and Recreation (W.A.T.E.R.) offers a wide variety of year-around, ocean-related recreational activities for young people, ages 7-17 on Los Angeles County beaches from Zuma to Cabrillo. Nationally recognized for unique and creative children's programs, W.A.T.E.R. strives to be on the cutting edge of serving the public with a comprehensive, quality aquatic program. Experienced County Ocean Lifeguards instruct the youth activities, supervising the students and sharing their knowledge of the marine environment.

According to the passage,
A. older children help to train the younger children in aquatic program activities.
B. Ocean Lifeguards train W.A.T.E.R. participants along any southern California beach.
C. Lifeguards provide instruction to participating youth during the summer months only.
D. W.A.T.E.R. is a broad-based program designed to provide the public with meaningful services.

13. From time to time, the County of Los Angeles makes surplus property available for sale to the public. This property consists of County property; unclaimed or abandoned personal property and valuables, except those confiscated in conjunction with drug enforcement activities; and unclaimed stolen property. The surplus property is disposed of through sale bids, auctions, and donations.
According to the passage,
A. the County's personal property brings in the largest sales.

B. items that are not claimed by their owner will be sold to the public.
C. the County holds regularly scheduled sales of property to the public.
D. property obtained by drug enforcement activities is sold through the bid process.

Critical Reading
INSTRUCTIONS: Read the passage below and answer questions 14-15. NOTE: Actual test questions will vary in format, content, and level of difficulty.

The term “Civil Service” is generally applied to paid nonmilitary service in a nonselective office in the executive branch of government. In 1883, in response to public outcry over the Spoils System, Congress passed the Civil Service Act, which created the foundations of the American Civil Service system. Among the components of the act are provisions for the selection of Civil Service personnel by open competitive examinations; guarantees for Civil Service employees from forms of coercion for political reasons; and the creation of a Civil Service Commission, an appointive board charged with administering the act. At the time of passage, the Civil Service Act covered ten percent of all classes of positions in the competitive service. By the early 1980s however, that number had grown to almost 85 percent of all federal civilian jobs in the United States. In 1978 Congress passed the Civil Service Reform Act, which replaced the Civil Service Commission with the Office of Personnel Management.
14. The primary purpose of the passage is to

A. explains the origins of the U.S. Civil Service system.
B. describes the functions of the Civil Service Commission.
C. contrasts the Spoils System with selection-by-examination.
D. illustrates the breadth and scope of public-sector employment.

15. From the passage, it can be inferred that the

A. Spoils System of employee selection was highly corrupted.
B. Office of Personnel Management will eventually be abolished.
C. Civil Service Commission failed to properly administer the Civil Service Act.
D. number of jobs covered under the Civil Service Act will continue to increase.

<u>Jumbled paragraph questions</u>
The five sentences labeled (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) given in this question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a number. Decide on the proper order for the sentences and key in this sequence of five numbers as your answer.
1. Scientists have for the first time managed to edit genes in. a human embryo to repair a genetic mutation, fueling hopes that such procedures may one day be available outside laboratory conditions.
2. The cardiac disease causes sudden death in otherwise healthy young athletes and affects about one in 500 people overall.
3. Correcting the mutation in the gene would not only ensure that the child is healthy but also prevents transmission of the mutation to future generations.
4. It is caused by a mutation in a particular gene and a child will suffer from the condition even if it inherits only one copy of the mutated gene.

5. In results announced in Nature this week, scientists fixed a mutation that thickens the heart muscle, a condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

17. The five sentences labeled (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) given in this question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a number. Decide on the proper order for the sentences and key in this sequence of five numbers as your answer.

1. Before plants can take life from atmosphere, nitrogen must undergo transformations similar to ones that food undergoes in our digestive machinery.
2. In its aerial form nitrogen is insoluble, unusable and is in need of transformation.
3. Lightning starts the series of chemical reactions that need to happen to nitrogen, ultimately helping it nourish our earth.
4. Nitrogen — an essential food for plants — is an abundant resource, with about 22 million tons of it floating over each square mile of earth.
5. One of the most dramatic examples in nature of ill wind that blows goodness is lightning.

18. The four sentences (labeled 1, 2, 3, 4) below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and key in the sequence of the four numbers as your answer:

1. But the attention of the layman, not surprisingly, has been captured by the atom bomb, although there is at least a chance that it may never be used again.
2. Of all the changes introduced by man into the household of nature, [controlled]large-scale nuclear fission is undoubtedly the most dangerous and most profound.
3. The danger to humanity created by the so-called peaceful uses of atomic energy may, however, be much greater.
4. The resultant ionizing radiation has become the most serious agent of pollution of the environment and the greatest threat to man's survival on earth

19. The four sentences (labeled 1, 2, 3, 4) given below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequence of the order of the sentences and key in the sequence of the four numbers as your answer.

1. People with dyslexia have difficulty with print reading, and people with autism spectrum disorder have difficulty with mind reading.
2. An example of a lost cognitive instinct is mind reading: our capacity to think of others and ourselves as having beliefs, desires, thoughts and feelings.
3. Mind-reading looks increasingly like literacy, a skill we know for sure is not in our genes, since scripts have been around for only 5,000-6,000 years.
4. Print-reading, like mind-reading varies across cultures, depends heavily on certain parts of the brain, and is subject to developmental disorders

Rearrange these groups of words to make meaningful sentences:

20. don't/carefully/you/Why/listen (Interrogative)
22. leave/dishes/I/table/the/don't/on/dirty (Statement)
23. and/in/quietly/Come/sit (Imperative)
24. often/to/movies/go/We/see (Statement)
25. you/sweets/Did/buy/me/for (Interrogative)
26. fixing/electrician/wiring/The/faulty/is (Statement)
27. home/sunset/before/Come (Imperative)
28. want/do/What/you (Interrogative)
29. off/Please/switch/fan/the (Imperative)

Rewrite the sentences using correct punctuation and capitalization.

30.i am wondering what you are talking about said michael to his boss

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31. when i try to go to sleep explained the patient to the doctor i have a horrible time

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32. without thinking the teacher announced im not assigning homework for the rest of the school year

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33. excuse me said lucy i forgot to call and make a reservation for our dinner

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34. after we walked to the park ian said to me we have to do this more often

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35. my husband and i always travel to spain in the summer explained joan

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36. i have wanted to ask you began the customer if you think this car will be a good one for a big family

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37. at the grocery store the cashier said i think these apples are on sale i will go check for you

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Dialogues Test

38. **Jimmy:** I have been looking for some materials for my English research paper. It's about English authors.

Mary: _____. Jimmy: Do you think I will find what I'm looking for there? Mary: Of course. I always use it to do my English assignments.

A) Don't worry my sister is also studying English nowadays
B) It's not possible to find them in the public library
C) I've told you that you ought to do your homework correctly
D) If I were you, I'd ask a professor for some help
E) Why don't you search it on the net?

39. Tony: Do you think Mr Brown is going to resign?

Clark: _____ Tony: Why do you think so? Clark: He thinks it's time someone gave the manager a lesson by giving up the job.

A) I'm not sure. But I think he is.
B) I don't expect so. He should feel better next week.
C) Yes because he was doing an awful job.
D) No, he's really good at his job.
E) He may because he's too old.

40. **Sue:** Besides the news and wildlife programs, what else do you watch on TV?

Tom: _____ Sue: I do agree, but sometimes there are some good discussions and plays. Tom: Maybe, But most of the ones I have watched have been very boring.

A) I had no idea you spent so much time watching TV.
B) Almost nothing. Do you?
C) Actually very little. There's so much rubbish on at present.
D) If it were not for my mother, I'd get rid of our TV.
E) Only the plays are worth watching, aren't they?

Grammar part

Directions For Question 1 to 20 – Given below are the statements with blanks. ***You are required to fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in the option so that the sentence appears to be in the correct form of Tense.***

____1. How many cups of tea_____ yesterday?
A. Did you drink
B. Do you drink
C. You have drank
D. You were drinking

____ 2. She shall _____ your ice-cream parlor soon because she ____ ice-cream.
A. Be visiting, like
B. Visit, likes
C. Have been visiting, is liking
D. Visiting, like

____3. Shakespeare ____ dramas that are appealing to the people of all ages.
A. Wrote
B. Had written
C. Had been writing
D. Has written

____4. The barber ___ his finger while he ____ off my hair.
A. Had cut, was chopping
B. Cut, chop
C. Cut, was chopping
D. Cuts, had been chopping

____5. Parson ___ for Bangalore early and he must ___ by this time.
A. Leave, have been reaching
B. Had left, be reaching
C. Left, have reached
D. Left, have been reached

_____6. No, Rama is not at home, He ___ just ____ for shopping
A. had, gone
B. has, gone
C. was , going
D. will have, be going

_____7. It is clearly ____ 'passengers ____ to smoke in the train', still, they ___ ignorant.
A. Written, are not allowed, are being
B. Written, was not allowed, be
C. Wrote, do not allow, are been
D. Written, are not allowing, are been

_____8. They ____ a football match in the evening. What ___ you do?
A. Were playing, do
B. Played, did
C. Have played, —
D. Are playing, will

_____9. Sheren ____ what you meant. Please explain it to her again.
A. Don't understand
B. Didn't understand
C. Doesn't understand

D. Hadn't understand

___**10.** By the end of this September, she ____in this organization for thirteen years.

A. Will work
B. Had been working
C. Will have been working
D. Will be working

_____**11.** Nancy and Princy _____to our house to play the treasure hunt with us.

A. Will have been coming
B. Are coming
C. Had been to come
D. Come

_____**12.** The flight ____ before we reach the airport.

A. Will have taken off
B. Has taken off
C. Is taking off
D. Was taking off

_____**13**. I have just ____ a typewriter and I ____ typing recently.

A. Have been hiring, have been learning
B. Hired, have learned
C. Had hired, am learning
D. Have been hired, had been learning

_____**14.** Mother ___ me to watch time and return soon, I replied, Please don't worry, if ____ late tonight.

A. Is asking, I will be
B. Had been asking, be
C. Asked, I am
D. Had asked, I will be

_____**15.** If she ___ late just one more time the manager ____ suspend her.

A. Is arriving, is going to
B. Will be arriving, would
C. Arrives, will
D. Is going to arrive, would have

_____**16.** They ___ out for an evening walk after they ____ dinner.

A. Went, had taken
B. go , had taken
C. Have gone, took
D. Are going, took

_____**17.** The warden ___ into the room to see what the students' ____.

A. Go, had been doing
B. Went, was doing
C. Gone, had been doing
D. Went, were doing

_____**18.** When our train ____ at the station, we found the bridegroom's family ____ for us.

A. Was reaching, waited
B. Reached, had been waiting
C. Have been reaching, waited
D. Reached, waiting

_____**19.** Rohan, I ___ seen you for a long time, How ___?

A. Had not, are you
B. Have not, have you been

C. Did not, had you been
D. Have not, are you been

_____**20.** She ____ movies. ____ any recent Hollywood movies?
A. Loves watching, have you watched
B. Love to watching, did you watched
C. Is loving, have you been watching
D. Loves watching, had you seen