Here is a passage based on the life of a Native American woman. After living by herself on an island off the California coast, she was rescued in 1853. Read the passage, then answer questions 1 through 3.

Father Gonzales has given me the name of Juana Maria. My real name is in a language that is now known only to me. Ever since I came to this place called Santa Barbara, my strength has been fading. Feeling weak, I must rest much of the time. I often sit in front of Captain Nidiver’s house and look across the channel toward the misty islands of my birth.

On my wild island home, I was always strong and healthy. In that time, many of my people had already gone from the island. There were only twenty of us left when the big ship came during a terrible storm. The ship people signaled us to come with them. While hurrying onto the ship, I was separated from my baby. I begged the ship people to return to the island but they refused.

I broke away and jumped into the waves, struggling through the stormy sea to the island. For four days I searched for my child. Finally, I collapsed and lay in grief for several days, alone on the island with the birds and the wild dogs. Regaining my strength, I prepared myself for living alone. I built small, round, roofless huts using whale bones, branches, and grass. When storms swept the island, I moved into a big cave in the cliffs. I wove watertight baskets and made cups and bowls of polished green stone. From the shining green feathers of the cormorant, I made beautiful long dresses. Wild plants, fish and seals were my food.

Several times ships came, and I was filled with fear and hope, but I could never bring myself to call out to the strangers. When Captain Nidiver’s ship came, his men found me hiding in my little hut in the hills and took me with them to the mainland. I hoped to see my people who left eighteen years ago, but nobody knows where they have gone. My happiest moments are now spent watching the sunny ocean and caring for the children of Captain and Mrs. Nidiver.

1. The woman jumped from the ship during the storm so she could
   a. return to the island and build a new home.
   b. escape from the ship people.
   c. save herself from the sinking ship.
   d. rescue her child.

2. How did the woman feel about the ships that visited the island?
   a. They made her remember her struggle.
   b. They filled her with joy and longing.
   c. They filled her with fear and hope.
   d. They gave her new ideas about the world.

3. Why did moving to Santa Barbara make the woman feel weak?
   a. She was not eating properly.
   b. She was being mistreated by Captain and Mrs. Nidiver.
   c. She was homesick for her island home.
   d. She did not like the food that Captain and Mrs. Nidiver were feeding her.
Read the following sign about safety procedures, then answer questions 4 and 5.

**TOXIC CHEMICAL USE**

- a. Chemicals should be handled per instructions on container.
- b. In case of chemical spill, clear the immediate area and notify the floor supervisor.
- c. Appropriate protective gear will be worn at all times when disposing of chemicals.
- d. Failure to comply with these procedures will result in disciplinary action.

4. What is the purpose of this sign?
   - a. To prevent accidents with dangerous chemicals.
   - b. To discipline employees.
   - c. To describe the use of protective gear.
   - d. To outline chemical clean-up procedures.

5. What is the first thing you should do if there is a chemical spill?
   - a. Have all workers leave the area.
   - b. Read the instructions on the container.
   - c. Discipline the worker who spilled the chemicals.
   - d. Remove equipment and machinery from the building.

6. From which of the following ways would people most likely be exposed to radiation from the Chernobyl accident?
   - a. Living in houses built with Soviet lumber.
   - b. Exhaust from airplanes crossing over Europe.
   - c. Ocean tides carrying radiation from the north.
   - d. Precipitation in Europe.
Here is an article found in the daily newspaper. Read the article then answer questions 7 through 9.

Road Work

The Valley Highway (I-25) SB from Speer Blvd. (exit 212) to 6th Ave EB (exit 206) will be closed for repairs on Saturday, April 15, from 12:00am until 5:00am. The Department of Transportation suggests using detours to Federal Blvd. or Santa Fe if you will be traveling south.

7. In which direction is the Valley Highway closing?
   - a. North to south
   - b. South to north
   - c. East to west
   - d. West to east

8. What is another name for I-25?
   - a. Valley Highway
   - b. Santa Fe
   - c. Speer Boulevard
   - d. 6th Avenue

9. About how many exits will be closed?
   - a. Four
   - b. Five
   - c. Seven
   - d. Nine
Read the passage then choose the one best answer for questions 10 and 11.

The authors of the Constitution strongly believed that the success of their young democracy depended on informed citizens. They believed that rational people would make wise and virtuous decisions if they had enough information. They also believed that free and open exchange of ideas lay at the very heart of democratic government.

Consequently, in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the authors called for free speech and for freedom of the press. By doing so, they hoped to guarantee that U.S. citizens would have access to the information necessary to make responsible decisions.

The writers of the Constitution established these and other protections by stating in the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

10. All of the following are protected by the First Amendment except:
   a. A newspaper editorial calling for common ownership of factories.
   b. A fashion designer criticizing the First Lady’s clothes.
   c. A teacher requiring students to pray in a public school.
   d. Citizens circulating a letter demanding that their Senator be impeached.

11. In the second paragraph, the word consequently could best be replaced by which of the following words:
   a. Importantly
   b. Because
   c. Therefore
   d. And
For numbers 12-15, read and complete the paragraph. For each numbered blank, there is a list of words with the same number. Choose the word from each list that best completes the meaning of the paragraph.

Thousands of years ago, whenever an Egyptian king or queen died, the body was put into a room deep under the ground. This room, called a ____ (12) ____, contained all the favorite things the person ____ (13) ____. Ancient Egyptians believed they would need certain things for another life. ____ (14) ____ have discovered several of the forgotten chambers. Because of these discoveries we know many details about how the ____ (15) ____ of ancient Egypt lived.

12.  
   a. tomb  
   b. dwelling  
   c. fortress  
   d. cemetery

13.  
   a. expected  
   b. overtook  
   c. possessed  
   d. supported

14.  
   a. Interpreters  
   b. Doctors  
   c. Administrators  
   d. Archaeologists

15.  
   a. chiefs  
   b. pharaohs  
   c. captains  
   d. superintendents
Questions 16 through 19 refer to the following poem.

Night Journey
by Theodore Roethke

Now as the train bears west, 1
Its rhythm rocks the earth, 2
And from my Pullman berth 3
I stare into the night. 4
While others take their rest 5
Bridges of iron lace, 6
A suddenness of tress, 7
A lap of mountain mist 8
All across my line of sight, 9
Then a bleak wasted place, 10
And a lake below my knees. 11
Full on my neck I felt 12
The straining at a curve; 13
My muscle move with steel, 14
I wake in every nerve. 15
I watch a beacon swing 16
From dark to blazing light 17
Beyond the mountain pass 18
Mist deepens on the pane; 19
We rush into a rain 20
That rattles double glass. 21
Wheels shake the roadbed stone, 22
The pistons jerk and shove, 23
I stay up half the night 24
To see the land I love. 25

16. Why does the speaker in the poem stay awake through half the night?
   a. He is afraid of the dark  
   b. He is enjoying the experience  
   c. He is afraid the train will crash  
   d. He is worried about his safety

17. Which of the following lines demonstrates the intensity of the speaker’s experience?
   a. “Now as the train bears west” (line 1)  
   b. “I wake in every nerve” (line 15)  
   c. “Mist deepens on the pane” (line 19)  
   d. “We rush into a rain” (line 20)

18. Why does the speaker include the line, “Wheels shake the roadbed stone” (line 22)?
   a. To emphasize the power of the train.  
   b. To show the train is in need of repair.  
   c. To illustrate the track’s poor condition.  
   d. To explain that the countryside is rugged.

19. What does the word berth mean in line 3?
   a. The place where a ship docks.  
   b. Bringing a ship in to dock.  
   c. A place to sleep.  
   d. To bring into the world.
Read the following sentence, then answer question 20.

Free enterprise is an economic system that allows individuals to own the means of production and to work for their own benefit.

20. According to this definition, which of the following is an example of a free-enterprise system?
   a. The national highway system.
   b. A family business.
   c. An environmental advocacy group.
   d. The International Red Cross.

Questions 21 through 23 refer to the following points of view about modern cities.

Speaker A: “Our cities cannot be saved without large amounts of money from the federal government. The government takes our tax money and spends it in other places. Government returns too little of our tax money to us to help with our local problems.”

Speaker B: “Our cities in North America are finished. There are just too many problems and we can’t handle them. I’m going to move out of the city as soon as I can.”

Speaker C: “Our cities can and must help themselves. We city-dwellers can save the cities by ourselves by raising the money for services and by solving our own problems. We can do it ourselves!”

Speaker D: “More money is not the answer to our problems in the cities. We can raise all the money we need, but we spend money on useless things. We ought to cut out some projects and do away with some city jobs. Some of these just don’t give us good service anyways.”

Speaker E: “We need to make cities more appealing to people. We can do this by using local talent. But we need state and federal aid for some of the big projects.”

21. Which speaker would most likely go to a city budget meeting and support a reduction in the city council staff that is paid with city tax money?
   a. Speaker A
   b. Speaker B
   c. Speaker C
   d. Speaker D
   e. Speaker E

22. Speaker B’s point of view is different from the other speakers’ arguments in that Speaker B
   a. opposes government aid in any form, but the others argue over how much aid is needed.
   b. favors abandoning cities, while the others want to save the cities but disagree on how to save them.
   c. believes that cities are centers of culture and must be saved, but the others believe that cities’ problems are unsolvable.
   d. suggests that city life is better than suburban life, while the others feel that suburban life has more advantages.
23. What is the main issue that divides Speakers A and C?
   a. Federal help vs. local help
   b. Taxation vs. nontaxation
   c. Rapid expansion vs. controlled growth
   d. Federal control vs. private control

Read the table of contents and answer questions 24-27.

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24. "Methods of Handling" begins on page
   a. 1
   b. 25
   c. 40
   d. 55

25. Page 75 is in the chapter on
   a. “Imported Meat”
   b. “Land and Water Transport”
   c. “Reindeer Meat”
   d. “The Embargo”

26. The most complete information about imports from Argentina is most likely in chapter
   a. 1
   b. 3
   c. 5
   d. 7

27. This book is most likely about
   a. The restaurant business.
   b. Reindeer herding practices.
   c. The meat industry.
   d. How to cook meat.
28. Which of the following is a synonym for the word **embargo** in chapter 7?
   a. Ban
   b. Permission
   c. Tax
   d. Documentation

Read the portion of the index below, then answer questions 29-32

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29. Information concerning rights conducted in Egyptian temples is on page
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   c. 415
   d. 422

30. Information about the government of Egypt is on page
   a. 291
   b. 302
   c. 321
   d. 357

31. Information concerning the value of the Nile River for irrigation in Egypt is on page
   a. 254
   b. 258
   c. 268
   d. 284

32. A good title for this book might be
   a. Ancient Egypt
   b. The Middle East
   c. Egypt, Then and Now
Refer to the following resume to answer questions 33 through 36.

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**EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVE**
An entry-level secretarial or stenographic position which will afford opportunities to learn and progress. Objectives are based on long-term employment. Salary desired: $2,000 per month.

**WORK HISTORY**

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<td>Duties: Worked in stenographic pool, taking and transcribing dictation for Sales, Quality Control and Production Control.</td>
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<th>Powers Products, 624 Oakland Avenue, Carmichael, CA</th>
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<td>Job Title: Clerk Typist, Sales Department</td>
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<td>Duties: Typed and filed sales orders. Kept computer inventory on 12 types and 26 patterns of automobile seat covers.</td>
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<td>Salary: $750.00 per month</td>
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33. Which of these statements is true?
   a. Susan earned more as a clerk than as a stenographer.
   b. Susan earned more as a stenographer than as a clerk.
   c. Susan earned less as a stenographer than as a clerk.
   d. Susan earned the same salary as a clerk and as a stenographer.

34. What is an Employment Objective?
   a. A list of jobs you have had.
   b. A description of the kind of work you are looking for.
   c. A list of your recreational interests and hobbies.
   d. A description of your educational skills.

35. What is the meaning of the word **position** in this passage?
   a. A stand taken on an issue.
   b. The area occupied by something.
   c. Rank or status.
   d. Description of employment.

36. What period of time in Susan’s life is not accounted for in her employment history?
   a. 09-06-2007 to the present
   b. 06-09-2001 to 08-12-2004
   c. 06-14-2005 to the present
   d. 08-12-2004 to 06-14-2005
Here is a passage about specially trained dogs. Read the passage, then answer questions 37 through 39.

It is seven a.m. and the alarm has just gone off. Charlie, a two-year-old spaniel, jumps on Maria’s bed and silently nudges her until she begins to grumble and almost opens her eyes. This morning, it looks as if Maria is going to be stubborn. After a few more tries, Charlie decides it is time to get help. He runs to the next room where Maria’s father is still asleep. He barks loudly until her father wakes up and follows him to Maria’s room.

Charlie’s job is to make sure that Maria gets up in time for school. Without Charlie, she would not know that her alarm had gone off because Maria cannot hear. Her dog is an example of a group of hearing-ear dogs who, like the better known guide dogs for the visually impaired, are specifically trained to help their owners in their everyday lives.

After being carefully selected, hearing-ear dogs are placed at one of thirteen nonprofit training centers in the United States. Here they undergo training and are matched with owners. A new owner will remain with the dog at the center for about one month so that owner and dog can be trained together.

The concept of hearing-ear dogs for the hearing impaired is relatively new, but the program is growing. In many states, laws have been passed to give these dogs the same privileges as other guide dogs, such as being allowed in restaurants. The dogs are making a great difference in the lives of their owners, giving them new freedom and pleasure.

37. A new owner of a hearing-ear dog would probably be taught how to
   a. train the dog to bark louder during emergencies.
   b. tell one breed of hearing-ear dog from another.
   c. interpret the dog’s actions and give commands.
   d. distinguish a friendly bark from a warning growl.

38. Which of these is Charlie probably not trained to do?
   a. Nudge Maria when a driver honks to get her attention.
   b. Howl by Maria’s ear if the smoke detector goes off.
   c. Behave in a special way when Maria’s doorbell rings.
   d. Block Maria from the street if a siren indicates an approaching ambulance.

39. Which of these is the best title for this passage?
   a. “A New Alarm System”
   b. “A New Kind of Helping Dog”
   c. “How to Care for Spaniels”
   d. “Charlie the Wonder Dog”

40. Which of the following would likely be one of Charlie’s duties?
   a. Eat food that Maria might drop on the floor at meals.
   b. Answer the door.
   c. Entertain her friends.
   d. Alert her that the bus driver has started the engine, and it’s time to get on board.
The following is part of a review of a new restaurant. Read it and answer questions 41-44.

A new family-friendly Italian eatery has just opened. My first thought was, “Do we actually need another Italian restaurant, especially on the north side?” The answer is a resounding YES. It has been years since the neighborhood once known as “Little Italy” has had a decent family Italian restaurant. Little Pepin’s closed decades ago, the legendary Pagliacis shut its doors last year, and Three Sons has been transformed into a bar with questionable food and worse service. That leaves Gaetano’s, an establishment that seems uncertain if it is a bar or a restaurant, but seems to rely on the glory of times gone by to pull in customers.

So, when Roma opened its doors last week, I couldn’t wait to try it. I made reservations and took family and friends on the first visit. We were greeted, seated, and served in a smooth, efficient manner. Their wine list is good, the selection of draft beers impressive, and their well drinks tasty; they did not skimp on the alcohol, and it was definitely not watered down.

The antipasto platter was fresh, with a nice variety. But for me, the true gauge of an Italian restaurant is its red sauce. Theirs was the best I’ve had in a restaurant. Not too sweet, too bitter, too watery, or, as in the case of a place I ate at years ago, loaded with unlikely spices like cloves! This was a perfect complement to the pasta, which was cooked al dente. The meatballs were nicely seasoned, though a bit small.

The shrimp alfredo was outstanding, and I swear the shrimp was fresh—no easy task in a land-locked city!

The dessert selection was somewhat limited, consisting mostly of ice cream sundaes. Perhaps the chef ran out of energy by the time he came to the desserts. Even though the tiramisu lacked imagination, it was an adequate end to an otherwise satisfying meal.

The prices are a little high, but at least they have a reasonably-priced children’s menu.

41. Which of the following best summarizes the critic’s feelings about Italian restaurants in this particular neighborhood?
   a. There are some famous ones.
   b. There are no longer any really good ones.
   c. There are too many of them.
   d. Some of them are her favorites.
42. Which word means the opposite of the word adequate?
   a. Unsatisfactory
   b. Outstanding
   c. Fair
   d. Awful

43. Which of the following statements expresses an opinion?
   a. “A new family-friendly eatery has just opened”
   b. “Little Pepin’s closed decades ago”
   c. “The prices are a little high”
   d. “Pagliacis shut its doors last year”

44. What is the general tone of this review?
   a. Critical
   b. Enthusiastic
   c. Dismissive
   d. Supportive

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Read the following article and answer questions 45-50.

Before Denver International Airport opened in 1995, the city’s Blue-Ribbon Arts Panel commissioned 30 pieces of public art costing $7,000,000. One of those pieces, which was destined for the new airport, has turned out to be one of the most controversial in Denver’s history.

The name of the piece is “Mustang”. It is a 28 foot tall, 9,000 pound anatomically correct blue fiberglass horse with blazing red eyes. By the time the horse was finally installed in its place of honor outside Jeppeson Terminal, it was 12 years late, and the cost had more than doubled from $300,000 to $650,000. It was the source of several threats and lawsuits between the city and the artist, and it became the subject of multiple conspiracy theories. Last, but not least, it took the life of its creator, not unlike Dr. Frankenstein’s monster.

The beast is now known throughout the city as the “demon horse.” It has gone on to become fodder for a front page story in the Wall Street Journal and a major piece in the New York Times. In 2011, Yahoo named it one of the most bizarre pieces of public art in the country, ranking third overall.

Many people would like to see it gone forever. However, according to policy set by the City and County of Denver and the DIA Art & Culture Program, all public art pieces must be in place for a minimum of 5 years before being considered for movement, much less disposal.

The piece now appraises for a cool $2,000,000, and who wants to scrap $2,000,000 of the taxpayer’s money? The artist, Luis Jimenez, has been elevated from the status of artist to icon, in part due to the scarcity of “monumental” pieces like “Mustang” created by him. And then, there are the 50% of the respondents to a recent poll who said they actually like it.

The one thing that artists and critics alike agree on is that the purpose of art is to provoke a response and make people feel, think, and talk. And “Mustang” does that above all else. So, even though the fifth anniversary of the installation of “Mustang” is approaching, it’s likely that DIA will continue to be the home of the demon horse.
45. Which of the following would be the best title for this article?
   a. Demon Horse Takes Artist’s Life
   b. Taxpayers’ Money Wasted
   c. When Will “Mustang” Run Away?
   d. Public Art Raises Controversy

46. What was the author’s purpose for writing this article?
   a. To inform readers about an interesting piece of art.
   b. To convince the readers to agree with her opinion of the sculpture.
   c. To defend the choices made by the DIA.
   d. To ask for an explanation for the sculpture’s distinctive appearance.

47. What is the most likely reason that “Mustang” won’t be going anywhere soon?
   a. 50% of the people polled liked it.
   b. The horse killed its creator.
   c. The cost doubled between the time it was commissioned and the time it was installed.
   d. Thousands of people hate it.

48. What is the meaning of the word **commissioned** as it is used in the article?
   a. Authorized
   b. Promoted
   c. Compensated
   d. Engaged

49. Which of the following is a possible reason why the sculpture is nicknamed “demon horse”?
   a. It was the subject of articles in two big newspapers.
   b. Thousands of people hate it.
   c. The amount of money it cost the city doubled before it was finished.
   d. It has frightening blazing red eyes.

50. Why did the city threaten the artist with law suits?
   a. Because he died before he finished the sculpture.
   b. Because his work offended many people.
   c. Because the piece was 12 years late.
   d. It appraised at $2,000,000.
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