

CTEP (College Test for English Placement) Sample Assessment

Part I: Reading Comprehension

Sample Reading Passage

The study of history provides many benefits. First, we learn from the past. We may repeat mistakes, but, at least, we have the opportunity to avoid them. Second, history teaches us what questions to ask about the present. Contrary to some people's view, the study of history is not the memorization of names, dates, and places. It is the thoughtful examination of the forces that have shaped the courses of human life. We can examine events from the past and then draw inferences about current events. History teaches us about likely outcomes.

Another benefit of the study of history is the broad range of human experience which is covered. War and peace are certainly covered as are national and international affairs. However, matters of culture (art, literature, and music) are also included in historical study. Human nature is an important part of history: emotions like passion, greed, and insecurity have influenced the shaping of world affairs. Anyone who thinks that the study of history is boring has not really studied history.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - a. Studying history helps us to live in today's world.
 - b. Studying history is not just memorization.
 - c. The role of education is to help students deal with real life.
 - d. Students should study both national and international history
2. In the first paragraph, inferences means
 - a. Graphs
 - b. Articles
 - c. Conclusions
 - d. Circumferences
3. Which method of teaching history would the author of this passage support?
 - a. Applying historical events to modern society.
 - b. Using flash cards to remember specific facts.
 - c. Weekly quizzes on dates and events.
 - d. Student competitions for the most books memorized.

Part II: Sentence Structure and Grammar

1. Choose the response that is most grammatically correct
 - a. One of the musicians who is Eric has been looking for a practice room.
 - b. Eric, one of the musicians, are looking for a practice room
 - c. Eric who is one of the musicians who are looking for a practice room.
 - d. Eric, one of the musicians, is looking for a practice room.

2. Fill in the blank and complete the sentence by choosing the correct answer from the choices given

The workers left early and _____ home.

- a. Gone
 - b. Went
 - c. Have dinner
 - d. Drives
3. Choose the answer that best combines the two individual sentences.

The traffic was heavy. I was late to work.

- a. I was late to work because the traffic was heavy.
- b. I was late to work, so the traffic was heavy.
- c. The traffic was heavy, I was late to work.
- d. The traffic was heavy: and then I was late to work.

Part III: Sentence and Syntax Skill

Complete the paragraph with the best word(s) that completes the sentence.

It used to be common for dentists to have to remove teeth. However, with modern technology, _____ (1) _____ visits to the dentist's office and good _____ (2) _____ hygiene at home, most people can keep _____ (3) _____ teeth for their entire lives.

- 1.
 - a. The
 - b. Infrequent
 - c. Regular
 - d. Often
- 2.
 - a. Dental
 - b. Person
 - c. Cleaning
 - d. Tooth
- 3.
 - a. Their
 - b. His
 - c. Front
 - d. Cleaned