

Part VII: Reading Comprehension

In Part VII you will read passages in the form of letters, ads, memos, faxes, schedules, etc. The reading section has a number of single passages and 4 double passages. You will be asked 2-4 questions about each single passage, and 5 questions for each double passage. Sometimes you will be asked for specific details. Other times you will be asked about what the passage implies. In the paired passages you will also be asked to make connections between the two related texts. On the real test you will not have time to read every word. You need to practice scanning and reading quickly for details.

Questions 1 - 2 are based on the following advertisement

MIDNIGHT EYESHADES AS SEEN ON TV

**If you're a jet-lagged traveler or someone who needs to sleep during the daytime, this eyeshade lets you nap anywhere, anytime in total darkness. Made of lightweight plastic and soft comfortable foam padding. Completely blocks out even the brightest light.
ITEM 16472 PRICE \$22.50 each, or two for \$40.00**

1. Who would be most likely to buy this product?

- A. Opticians
- B. People who work at night
- C. People who watch a lot of TV
- D. Airline pilots

2. Which of the following is true about this product?

- A. It blocks out all but the brightest light
- B. Each one costs \$22.50
- C. It is made completely of lightweight plastic
- D. It can be ordered only on airline flights

Questions 3 - 5 are based on the following announcement

Connecting service provided by Midwest Airlines will change next Monday, with a decrease from 10 to 6 in the number of daily round trip flights from Champaign to Atlanta. Service from Champaign to St. Louis and Nashville will be discontinued. Midwest Airlines will now focus on connecting flights to northern cities, including Madison and Detroit. The number of round trip flights to each of these cities will be increased from 2 to 7. A new agreement with the larger airline, TransMidwest, is the reason for these changes. Instead of competing, the two airlines will work together to provide more frequent flights throughout their service areas.

3. Why has Midwest changed its flight service?

- A. It is competing with Trans Midwest
- B. It bought another airline
- C. It made an agreement with another airline
- D. It is trying to expand its service area

4. How will customers benefit from the two airlines' decision?

- A. More frequent flights
- B. More travel bonuses
- C. Better prices
- D. Larger service areas

5. Which flight will not be in existence starting Monday?

- A. from Madison to Detroit
- B. from Champaign to Atlanta
- C. from Champaign to St. Louis and Nashville
- D. None of the above.

Questions 6 - 8 are based on the following advertisement

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

This tour offers a behind-the-scene view of the historic site of the tenth and twenty-third modern Olympiads, and Super Bowls I and VII. It was here too that John F. Kennedy accepted the presidential nomination from the Democratic Party in 1960. Tours Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 A.M., 12 noon, and 1:30 P.M. Adults \$4.00, children 4-12 \$2.00, and children under 4 free.

6. At which of the following times is it possible to tour the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum?

- A. Sunday at 1:30 P.M.
- B. Monday at 10:30 A.M.
- C. Thursday at 12:30 P.M.
- D. Tuesday at noon

7. How much must an adult and a three-year-old child pay to take this tour?

- A. \$8.00
- B. \$6.00
- C. \$2.00
- D. \$4.00

8. Which is not true about Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum?

- A. It offers a behind-the-scene view tour of a historic site.
- B. John F. Kennedy accepted the presidential nomination there.
- C. Tours in the coliseum are open from Tuesday to Saturday.
- D. Children 4-12 years old have to pay \$2.00 for the tour.

Questions 9 - 10 are based on the following form

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

CAPTAINS CLUB

RO. Box 325

Dallas, Texas

William j Farrell

7 Waverly Street

Edinburgh, Scotland

DUES STATEMENT

Return this portion with your check US \$50 Annual US \$600 Lifetime US \$25
Initiation Fee (Due in 'addition to Annual or Lifetime payment if renewal
payment not received within 60 days of expiration of present membership.)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made payable to Captains Club

Please issue a courtesy card for my spouse:

(Print full name of spouse)

RENEWAL NOTICE

REFERENCE NO.	BILL DATE	AMOUNT DUE
87054526	06/01	\$50 BEFORE 09/01 \$75 AFTER 09/01

Please indicate address changes on reverse side

9. What is this form?

- A. An airline ticket
- B. A check
- C. A membership card
- D. An invoice

10. What should be written on the back of the form?

- A. Membership card number
- B. Job title
- C. Spouse's name
- D. New address

Questions 11 - 12 are based on the following statistics

Statistics for the lodging industry worldwide were mixed last year. As total revenue was up 20.7% on a per-room basis while occupancy was down 5.5% from the previous year. Payroll and related expenses soared 35.3%, while the average daily rate per occupied room rose 25.5% to \$59.20. Sharp increases in the median total sales per available room were recorded in Africa, Asia, Australia, Central America, Mexico and the United States.

11. Which of the following statements is true about the hotel industry last year?

- A. More statistical reports were issued than in the previous year
- B. Wages of hotel workers decreased by 5.5%
- C. Fewer hotel rooms were rented than in the previous year
- D. The average room rate was \$35.30

12. Where did total room sales NOT increase significantly?

- A. Canada
- B. Africa
- C. Central America
- D. The United States

Questions 13 - 15 are based on the following notice

A \$100 deposit per person is required for the 5-day course and \$50 per person for the 2 day course. Deposits are refundable if notice of cancellation is received at least 14 days prior to reservation period, less a \$10 handling charge. Deposit will not be refunded if cancellation is received less than 14 days prior to reservation period. Deposit may be transferred to another session if notice of change is received at least 7 days prior to original date of enrollment. Transfer of deposit to another session is contingent upon availability of space in that session.

13. Which of the following would be the best heading for this notice?

- A. Procedures for Depositing Checks
- B. Availability of Registration Forms
- C. Spring Course Offerings
- D. Policy on Withdrawals

14. How much most you pay if you cancel your registration three weeks before a session begins?

- A. Nothing
- B. \$5
- C. \$10
- D. \$50

15. What determines if your deposit can be transferred to a different course?

- A. If you have paid the handling charge
- B. If there is any space left in the second course
- C. If the first course is canceled because of low enrollment
- D. If your original space can be fitted

HOMEWORK

Word Group

What group do the words belong to?

1. Seoul, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Atlanta
2. Africa, Europe, Asia, America
3. ostrich, seagull, penguin, flamingo
4. math, French, geography, biology
5. husky, labrador, boxer, collie
6. Tokyo, Canberra, Rome, Dublin
7. chick, puppy, kitten, lamb
8. Chanel, Gucci, Dior, Armani
9. V, X, M, C
10. rose, daisy, daffodil, lily