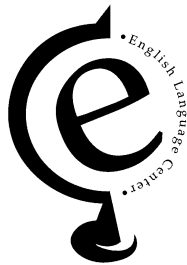


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PRACTICE Test #2 for the Certificate of English Language Competency

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Think About It, Write About it!

MSU-CELC PRACTICE Test #2: English Writing Ability

INSTRUCTIONS:

For this section of the test, a proctor will give you a special answer form. Make sure that your name appears correctly on the front of the form.

Using a Number 2 pencil **ONLY**, write as much as you can, as well as you can, in an original, 35-minute composition on **ONE** of the two topics below.

1. In some cultures, a young couple must always get their parents' approval before they get married. This approval extends to the person their child might marry, and even the family the person comes from. In other cultures, parents no longer are consulted to this degree. In fact, the couple may not ask their parents' opinions at all. Which do you believe is a better policy – to consult with one's parents, or to ignore their wishes? Be sure to support your opinion with reasons and explanations. Feel free to express your own point of view.

OR

2. Many schools have classes during the fall and spring followed by a long vacation in the summer. However, some schools are now considering a plan to have classes year round (including during the summer), but with more frequent, shorter vacations. Which approach makes more sense to you, and why? Be sure to support your opinion with reasons and explanations.



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Listen to this!

MSU-CELC PRACTICE Test #2: English Listening Ability

This section of the test is designed to assess your listening abilities. You should have the following items in front of you: a test answer sheet, a test booklet, and a Number 2 pencil. If you do not have these items, raise your hand, and a test proctor will assist you.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This listening section has three main parts: Part 1 consists of several short conversations and Part 2 has longer conversations. Part 3 contains two extended dialogues.
- There are 40 questions on this listening test. For each question, choose the ONE BEST answer.
- Find the letter on the answer sheet that corresponds to the answer you have chosen. Use your pencil to completely fill in the circle for your answer.
- If you are not sure of the answer, take your best guess. Unanswered items will be scored as incorrect.
- You are allowed to take notes in this test booklet.

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Part 1: Short Conversations

For each question in your test booklet, you will hear a short conversation. The conversation has a short title to tell you what it is about. Listen to the conversation and choose the letter of the choice that best answers the question that appears in your test booklet. You will not hear the question; you will see it and read it. You will read it quietly to yourself. Use your pencil to mark your answer on your answer sheet. You are allowed to take notes in the test booklet.

Example X:

Walking Across Campus

Mary wants to go to_____.

- a. the library
- b. her house
- c. a class

Making an appointment

1. When will Professor Reed meet with the student?
 - a. at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday
 - b. at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday
 - c. at 4:10 p.m. on Thursday

Turning in homework

2. From the conversation, it can be concluded that _____.
 - a. the student did not do her homework
 - b. the teacher did not accept her homework
 - c. the student went to see a doctor

Computer problems

3. What happened to Mary's computer?
 - a. It broke down and she lost all her data.
 - b. It had a virus but her colleague was able to fix it.
 - c. The hard drive failed, but her most recent work was saved.

Needing a signature

4. Why does Dan NOT sign what the woman wants him to sign?
 - a. He found a mistake on the reimbursement document.
 - b. He doesn't know whether he has received his reimbursement.
 - c. He has already received his reimbursement.

Getting a Ride

5. How are Christy and Don getting to the football game?
 - a. They will take Christy's car and then a bus.
 - b. They will take a car and then walk.
 - c. They will take Don's car all the way.

Frustrated TV viewer

6. What does Linda encourage Jack to do?
 - a. wait for the signal to come back
 - b. check the TV's connections
 - c. loosen the cable

Finding somewhere to park

7. For how long will the woman park on this street?
 - a. She'll park there for the whole day.
 - b. She will not park there.
 - c. She'll park until she gets a ticket.

Vocabulary Assignment

8. What would Monica like to do?
 - a. follow a flexible learning schedule
 - b. follow the teacher's learning schedule
 - c. follow an easier learning schedule

The new perfume

9. What happened to the mother's new bottle of perfume?
 - a. Her daughter's friend took it.
 - b. The mother gave it to her daughter.
 - c. Her daughter dropped and broke it

Part 2: Longer Conversations

In this section you will hear a few longer conversations. After each conversation you will read 3 to 5 questions. Listen to each conversation and answer the questions that appear in your test booklet.

Signing up for sports

10. Mary warns the man that playing hockey _____.
 - a. is more dangerous than basketball
 - b. requires more equipment than basketball
 - c. is not as popular as basketball

11. The man's son played _____ last year.
 - a. hockey
 - b. baseball
 - c. basketball

12. How much will it cost for the man's son to play hockey?
 - a. less than \$120.00
 - b. at least \$120.00
 - c. possibly nothing at all

At the gym

13. How are Sunday hours affected by the new schedule?
- The gym closes later than before on Sundays.
 - The gym closes earlier than before on Sundays.
 - The Sunday hours have not changed.
14. One can infer from the conversation that the gym used to close at _____ every night.
- 6:00 p.m.
 - 9:00 p.m.
 - 10:00 p.m.
15. On which of these nights is the gym open the latest?
- Sunday
 - Thursday
 - Saturday

At the Library

16. How many books can a student check out?
- No more than ten.
 - No more than 24.
 - There is no limit.
17. A student can keep an item for _____.
- a semester
 - a month
 - ten days
18. The library is open _____ on Saturday.
- 24 hours
 - from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - from 1:00 p.m. to midnight
19. How can a student get a book that is not available at this library?
- The library will purchase any book that a student wants.
 - If the student pays a fee, the library will order the book.
 - It can be obtained through the Interlibrary Loan Service.
20. Why does the student want to reserve a study room?
- He doesn't like to study with other people.
 - He will have to work on some group projects.
 - He will have to meet with a tutor regularly.

Part 3: Extended Discourse

In this section you will hear an announcement and an extended conversation. You will listen to each conversation twice, and then you will answer several questions.

The Principal's Announcement

21. What does the principal ask the teachers to do?
 - a. counsel their students
 - b. clarify the announcement
 - c. make sure students listen

22. The principal says that he is concerned about students _____.
 - a. on academic probation
 - b. missing classes
 - c. not graduating on time

23. What happens if students have a 15% absence rate?
 - a. They must attend summer school.
 - b. They cannot go to their graduation.
 - c. Their school year will not count.

24. The principal implies that the trash cans in the school are _____.
 - a. very small
 - b. conveniently located
 - c. far apart

25. The penalty for leaving trash in the hallway could be _____.
 - a. staying late after school
 - b. going to summer school
 - c. picking up everyone's trash

26. Which school team won first prize in a local contest?
 - a. the science team
 - b. the teaching team
 - c. the debate team

27. According to the principal, the senior class _____.
 - a. made a good impression
 - b. will be successful in the future
 - c. will be back next year

28. It is clear that the principal of this school is _____.
a. normally strict and serious
b. always relaxed and funny
c. generally unhappy with the students' behavior
29. When was this announcement most likely made?
a. at the beginning of the school year
b. in the middle of the school year
c. near the end of the school year

Making Vacation Plans

30. Who will plan the upcoming vacations for Brad and Elena's families?
a. Brad and Elena's parents
b. Brad and Elena
c. a travel agent
31. What did Elena's parents think of her idea?
a. They were happy she would do it.
b. They were not happy but willing to let her try.
c. They doubted she could be so organized.
32. What event had Elena planned before?
a. her parents' anniversary
b. her sister's wedding
c. her brother's birthday
33. Approximately how much money can Brad and Elena plan to spend?
a. \$1,000 - \$2,000 for each family
b. \$3,000 - \$4,000 for each family
c. \$7,000 - \$8,000 for each family
34. Which statement is true regarding the vacations these two families took when Brad and Elena were children?
a. They never worried about money.
b. They usually traveled by bus.
c. They used to spend less money than nowadays.
35. What can you infer about the two families' attitudes toward camping?
a. The children like it, but the parents don't.
b. Both families still enjoy camping.
c. Elena hates camping, but Brad likes it.

36. How many people will go on vacation together?
- a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 7
37. What would Elena like to do in New Zealand?
- a. go shopping
 - b. go hiking
 - c. go camping
38. How much money will remain after they buy plane tickets?
- a. \$4,000
 - b. \$3,000
 - c. \$2,000
39. About how long have Brad and Elena's families been vacationing together?
- a. for many years
 - b. for only a few years
 - c. This will be the first time.
40. What kind of relationship do Brad and Elena appear to have?
- a. They hardly know each other even though they are neighbors.
 - b. They know each other but spend little time together.
 - c. They are close friends.



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Grammar You Can Use!

MSU-CELC PRACTICE Test #2: English Grammar

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This English grammar test has 40 questions.
- You have 20 minutes to answer all 40 questions.
- For each question, choose the ONE BEST answer.
- Find the letter on the answer sheet that corresponds to the answer you have chosen. Use your pencil to completely fill in the circle for your answer.
- If you are not sure of the answer, take your best guess. Unanswered items will be scored as incorrect.
- You are allowed to write in the test booklet.

EXAMPLE:

Bob is a good student. He _____ every day.

- a. to study
- b. is study
- c. studies
- d. studying

The correct answer is c. You would mark “c” on your answer sheet.



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41. Learning how to write an essay _____ no easy task.
- is
 - are
 - be
 - am
42. The noise was _____ annoying that I could not concentrate.
- very
 - such
 - much
 - so
43. The fact that I passed the test is _____.
- encouraging
 - encourages
 - encouraged
 - encourage
44. When I came to school, I saw that a number of people _____ protesting.
- were
 - was
 - are
 - is
45. My mother does not like pop music, and my father does not like it _____.
- also
 - either
 - too
 - still
46. Neither Alissa nor her sister _____ travelled outside this country.
- have
 - has
 - is
 - are
47. _____ the professor said amazed everyone.
- That
 - When
 - What
 - Who

48. I ____ here ever since I ____ to this country.
- a. have worked came
 - b. work came
 - c. worked have come
 - d. am working had come
49. "Why are my grades so low?"
"You almost never come to class, ____ you?"
- a. don't
 - b. do
 - c. aren't
 - d. are
50. Since I changed jobs, I can only play basketball ____.
- a. week
 - b. the week
 - c. once a week
 - d. last week
51. The teacher made her students ____ hard.
- a. to work
 - b. working
 - c. worked
 - d. work
52. He has breakfast every day, ____ he?
- a. haven't
 - b. doesn't
 - c. won't
 - d. didn't
53. Bill Gates is ____ because he works hard.
- a. succeed
 - b. successful
 - c. success
 - d. successfully
54. If you have difficulty ____ a word, you should consult a dictionary.
- a. understanding
 - b. understand
 - c. you understanding
 - d. you understand

55. By the time you called, I ____ two movies already.
- watch
 - was watching
 - had watched
 - will have watched
56. Leah will start her Japanese lessons ____ January 12.
- in
 - at
 - on
 - of
57. Every day he would spend half an hour ____.
- jogging
 - jog
 - jogged
 - to jog
58. It took Amy two hours ____ her book project.
- complete
 - completing
 - have completed
 - to complete
59. A deer runs ____ than a cow.
- fast
 - more fast
 - faster
 - as fast
60. You had better ____ her back. She said she had something important to tell you.
- to call
 - calling
 - called
 - call
61. I can't walk there in time today, so ____ a bus.
- I'll take
 - taking
 - had taken
 - I take

62. Among the three students, Richard is ____ talented.
- more
 - the more
 - less
 - the most
63. ____ he is very generous, he has very few friends.
- So
 - Although
 - Because
 - In spite of
64. "Shall we go fishing or camping this weekend?"
"I prefer fishing ____ camping."
- than
 - instead
 - on
 - to
65. Mr. Liapunov stopped ____ when he was 29.
- smoking
 - to smoke
 - smoke
 - smoked
66. We will cancel the picnic if it ____.
- will rain
 - raining
 - going to rain
 - rains
67. "What are your plans for Saturday?"
"I don't know yet. I think I ____ my parents."
- would go visit
 - visiting
 - will visit
 - am visited
68. How ____ people attended the meeting?
- much
 - many
 - fewer
 - more

69. When ____ at the airport?
- did the delegates arrive
 - have the delegates arrived
 - will the delegates arrived
 - the delegates had arrived
70. You ____ a little tired when I saw you yesterday
- have seemed
 - seem
 - had been seeming
 - seemed
71. The children stayed home because there is no ____ today.
- schooling
 - school
 - schools
 - the school
72. One of the twins has a scar above his eye, but ____ doesn't.
- the other one
 - another one
 - others
 - one other
73. Please ____ forget our meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.
- not
 - won't
 - don't
 - shouldn't
74. ____ such beautiful flowers?
- Have ever you seen
 - Have you ever seen
 - Never you have seen
 - Never you hadn't seen
75. Would you mind ____ the book in my mailbox?
- putting
 - to put
 - put
 - putted

76. I am sorry that I was late. I ____ have come earlier.
- must
 - may
 - will
 - should
77. I found the book you lent me. I will ____ tomorrow.
- give you it
 - give it to you
 - give to you it
 - give it for you
78. New students should ____ for classes as early as possible.
- register
 - registering
 - registered
 - to register
79. The girl got a piece of candy and ____ left.
- fast
 - quick
 - quickly
 - faster
80. Mr. Wells is ____ vacation now.
- in
 - on
 - at
 - during



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Read About It!

MSU-CELC PRACTICE Test #2: English Reading Ability

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This reading test has four passages. Each passage is followed by several questions.
- You have 55 minutes to answer all 40 questions.
- For each question, choose the ONE BEST answer.
- Find the letter on the answer sheet that corresponds to the answer you have chosen. Use your pencil to completely fill in the circle for your answer.
- If you are not sure of the answer, take your best guess. Unanswered items will be scored as incorrect.
- You are allowed to write in the test booklet.



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Permission to go out

Brianna has written an email to George, talking about a conversation she had with her parents about going out at night. She has included you on the email as well. Read the email and George's response and answer the questions that follow.

Thursday

Dear George,

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4 I don't even know how to start, but I don't think I'll be able to go to Sara's party on Saturday. I
6 had this long argument with my parents about going out at night. They want me to be home at
8 ten. Isn't that ridiculous? I mean, that's when the party gets started, but my parents just don't
10 understand how things work! Everyone else is allowed to stay until midnight at least. I'm the
only one whose parents are so authoritarian. I guess it's kind of my fault, too. If I hadn't come
home late the last time when we met at Ben's house, my parents probably wouldn't have an issue
with me going to Sara's party. But since I messed up last week, now they are trying to set some
boundaries.

12 What my parents are really worried about is that I would drink alcohol or smoke. I said that I
14 would be responsible even if some kids did drink, but they still think coming home early is the
16 best way to keep me out of trouble. Anyway, I needed to write to you to get this off my chest.
Maybe I'll still come to the party even if I have to be home early. I'll see.

Until tomorrow,

Brianna

Friday

22 Brianna,
24 **You might be surprised** to hear that I had a similar discussion with my parents! They want me to
be home by eleven, so I'd only have another hour after you have to leave. I don't get it either!
26 We are both turning sixteen next year. We aren't kids anymore! And I told my parents that Sara
is celebrating her seventeenth birthday, so most of her friends are around our age, and they are all
28 allowed to stay until midnight—if not longer. It's so embarrassing to have to leave a party early.

30 I think I'll try to talk to my mom one more time. She is usually easier to talk to about things like
this than my dad. Hopefully we'll be able to find a **compromise**. **I'll keep you posted on that.**
32 And if nothing changes about our parents' decisions, we can just do something else together,
maybe going to the cinema—to watch an early evening show. ☺

34 Talk to you soon,
36 George

81. Brianna is writing George _____.
- to complain about her restrictions
 - to ask when the party starts
 - to tell a funny story
 - to ask whether George will come to the party
82. What best describes both George and Brianna's parents?
- They easy going.
 - They are relatively tolerant.
 - They are strict.
 - They are good friends.
83. Why is Brianna upset?
- She isn't allowed to go to Sara's party.
 - She has to be home earlier than her friends.
 - She is not allowed to drink alcohol.
 - She has to be home by midnight.
84. Why does George say 'You might be surprised'? (line 24)
- His parents also want George home early.
 - He wasn't invited to Sara's birthday party.
 - He has to be home at the same time as Brianna.
 - Sara's birthday party will end at eleven at night.
85. George says "I'll keep you posted on that" (line 31). What does he mean?
- He will send Brianna a letter.
 - He will write a letter to his mom.
 - He will only tell Brianna the good news.
 - He will let Brianna know what happens.
86. George's mom is _____.
- more understanding than his dad
 - a better listener than his dad
 - stricter than his dad
 - more humorous than his dad
87. George and Brianna _____.
- may end up not going to the party
 - will go out to dinner on Saturday night
 - may not listen to their parents
 - will try one more time to convince George's dad
88. The word **compromise** (line 31) most closely means _____.
- result
 - contest
 - agreement
 - disagreement

A friend of yours is interested in visiting the state of Michigan in the U.S. and has sent you the information below. Read it and answer the questions that follow.

When you visit Michigan, don't forget Traverse City

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The first thing that comes to most people's minds when they think about Michigan may be Detroit and automobile manufacturing. Or, maybe it's the Great Lakes. However, there are also notable tourist attractions in Michigan that are not as well known. For example, there are inland lakes for boating and fishing, and orchards and wineries for great fruit and award-winning wines. In particular, Michigan's "west coast" along the shores of Lake Michigan offers many recreation sites. One of the most popular is Traverse City.

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Traverse City is located on Lake Michigan, or, more precisely, on Traverse Bay. While that means cold winters, it also means late evening sun in the summer when sundown comes just after 9:30 pm. The best known view of the stunning summer sunsets in the city is on top of the tenth story of The Park Place Hotel. The city itself offers a pedestrian-friendly downtown with over 150 shops, galleries and restaurants. Visitors can try a downtown restaurant, and then go to the Williamsburg Showcase Dinner Theater to listen to live music or to watch a theater performance.

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The Traverse Bay area offers 180 miles of beautiful sandy beaches and picturesque lakeside villages along a coastline dotted with lighthouses. Hikers can enjoy spectacular views of lakes, forests and wildlife. Grand Traverse Bay is 32 miles long, and is divided into two "arms" by a narrow peninsula extending north from Traverse City. The bay is great for fishing, water skiing, boating, sailing, and swimming. For the fisherman, there are also nearby inland lakes, the beautiful Torch Lake and Elk Lake, which lie due east of the bay. Torch Lake is narrow, but 22 miles long. This is a water lover's paradise. And, of course, one can join a charter fishing trip onto Lake Michigan. In the summer months, golfing in the Traverse City area is also very popular. The state of Michigan has over 800 golf courses, and more than a dozen of them are located within 20 miles of downtown Traverse City, and another dozen within 30 miles.

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During the winter, people in Michigan can enjoy both cross-country and downhill skiing in the Traverse area. In fact, the beautiful winters in Traverse City are a major reason why people say that the state of Michigan is a "Winter Wonderland!" In sum, Traverse City offers many outdoor recreation opportunities, fabulous hotels and clubs, and an environment where you can just enjoy time away from home in a scenic location. In any season you choose, you can have a wonderful time in Traverse City, Michigan!

89. Which of the following best keeps the meaning of the word **notable** in line 5?
- remarkable
 - historic
 - rare
 - expensive
90. Which of the following was **NOT** mentioned in the first paragraph as something for which Michigan is either famous or notable?
- fishing
 - automobile manufacturing
 - copper mining
 - orchards and wineries
91. What body of water is associated with Michigan's "west coast?"
- Lake Michigan
 - the Pacific Ocean
 - the Atlantic Ocean
 - all of the Great Lakes
92. When does the sun set as late as 9:30 pm in Traverse City?
- during the summer
 - during the winter
 - all year round
 - never
93. According to the article, where is the best place to view the sunset in the Traverse City area?
- from the top of a nearby mountain
 - from the beach
 - from the top of a downtown hotel
 - from an inland lake
94. Which of the following best keeps the meaning of **The city itself offers a pedestrian-friendly downtown** in line 12?
- The local people are friendly to tourists.
 - There are many things to do within walking distance.
 - The downtown area is close to the water.
 - It is possible to walk a lot inside the downtown hotels.
95. How long is the coast line of Grand Traverse Bay?
- 32 miles
 - 150 miles
 - 180 miles
 - 800 miles
96. The passage stated that there are more than two dozen ____ within 30 miles of Traverse City.
- inland lakes
 - golf courses
 - clubs and resorts
 - fishing tour companies
97. What does the author imply about Traverse City in winter?
- There are no places for skiing nearby.
 - It is difficult to enjoy the cold winters there.
 - It is the most popular time to visit the Traverse City area.
 - It is beautiful and there are many fun things to do.

Email

Your classmate has recently written an essay about using email for one of his classes and wanted to share it with you.

2 The invention of the Internet has changed the world. One of the biggest changes it
brought to the world is that email has become one of the most favored means of communication.
4 A 2008 survey showed that there are about 1.6 billion email users worldwide—that’s more than
one out of every five people. The large number of email users is an indication of the innumerable
6 advantages it has. Despite its advantages, it has also brought some problems that bother the user
every day.

8 Indeed, there is a long list of benefits email has made available to people, and the list is
becoming longer as the brilliant IT people are developing new ways to use it everyday. The
10 advantage that tops the list is probably its convenience. With just one click, you can reach
anyone in the world at any time you want, and the recipient of your message can access it
12 whenever and wherever he/she needs to. So using email brings convenience to the sender as well
as the **recipient** of the message. Also, you can send the same message to as many people as
14 possible if it applies to all of them. The second advantage is that it is cost efficient. Sending an
email does not involve any cost, unlike other means of communication such as making a phone
16 call or sending a letter by post. The third advantage of email is its **versatility**; that is, it can serve
the user in many different ways. For instance, through some email services, not only can you
18 send messages, but you can also chat with people if they are on your contact list and appear as
logged in on the interface of your account. In addition, you can use it as a storage device given
20 the large capacity of some email services. It would cost a lot to purchase a storage device with
the same capacity such as a USB drive (alternatively called thumb/flash drive). Personally, I keep
22 an “email copy” of everything I consider important in addition to saving it on a disc as well as on
the hard drive of my computer.

24 Like everything else, email has its problems. To me, the biggest disadvantage is that
messages can be misunderstood or misinterpreted because of the lack of facial expressions and
26 gestures that are critical to successful communication. This is especially true when the message
is exchanged between people who are not familiar with each other. Another disadvantage of
email is related to its convenience: because it is convenient, people often don’t bother to
28 communicate in person even if they are next-door neighbors. As a result, people miss out on
opportunities to practice their social skills. Other disadvantages include receiving junk emails
30 and virus-spreading emails that **paralyze** your computer, the loss of handwriting skills, and the
feeling, whether real or false, that one is missing vital communication when access to the
32 Internet and/or a computer are unavailable.

34 While email has flaws, no one can deny its strengths. In my point of view, if something
has more advantages than disadvantages, it should be encouraged. Given this, I vote for the use
of email.

98. According to the first paragraph, what area of life has been one of the most affected by the Internet?
- entertainment
 - business
 - communication
 - politics
99. The large number of email users shows that ____.
- email has many advantages
 - email has many disadvantages
 - many people dislike email
 - email is popular among teenagers
100. The author thinks that the biggest advantage of email is its ____.
- low cost
 - large capacity
 - convenience
 - speed
101. The word **recipient** in line 12 means ____.
- the person who sends an email
 - the person who gets an email
 - the person who writes an email
 - the person who likes email
102. According to the essay, making a phone call ____.
- costs some money
 - costs no money
 - is cheaper than sending an email
 - takes more time than sending an email
103. The word **versatility** in line 15 refers to the fact that ____.
- the same message can be sent to many people
 - an email message can reach anyone in the world
 - email has a lot of functions
 - there are many things email cannot do
104. The “storage” function of email means that ____.
- one can save files or documents through email
 - one can send many emails at a time
 - people with a USB drive like email
 - many people use USB drives more than email

105. What does the author think is the biggest disadvantage of email?
- Many companies send out junk emails.
 - One has to remember to delete outdated messages.
 - Email sometimes causes misunderstanding.
 - Strangers might send the user dangerous messages.
106. One problem caused by the convenience of email is that_____.
- the relationship between neighbors becomes closer
 - people do not meet in person as often as before
 - people's social skills are more developed
 - people have to spend more time reading messages
107. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word **paralyze** in line 30?
- freeze
 - darken
 - break
 - melt
108. In general, the author _____ the use of email.
- dislikes
 - ignores
 - supports
 - discourages

Sun Safety

Just before the summer holidays, you receive this pamphlet on staying safe in the sun.

Sunny days are part of what make the summer months so pleasant, and many people like to spend hot days enjoying the seashore. Not only that, but sunlight is necessary to help your body produce Vitamin D, which is important for good health. But too much ultraviolet (UV) light can seriously damage your skin over the long-term.

These days, most people know that too much sun can be harmful, but many people still don't take proper precautions. In fact, many people don't even know how to protect themselves effectively! By following the advice below, you can enjoy your time in the sun while keeping your skin healthy for many years to come.

Cover Up

If you are going to be outside for a long time, it is a good idea to wear clothing that covers as much of your skin as possible. But that's not the whole story; if you can see sunlight through the material of your shirt, UV light can also pass through and harm your skin. Generally, a t-shirt gives less protection than medium-strength sunscreen lotion. Recently, some companies have started making laundry detergents that can actually increase the protective strength of clothing.

Wear Sunscreen

If you are going to be in the sun, it is important that you wear sunscreen. Make sure you read the label carefully before you choose a sunscreen. The level of protection is described using a sun-protection factor (SPF) number. Doctors recommend using a lotion with an SPF of 15 or higher. Nowadays, it is possible to buy lotion with an SPF of up to 100, but no matter how strong the lotion is, you should apply it every two hours.

Wear Sunglasses

Spending long hours in the sun without protection can cause long-term damage to your eyes. Sunglasses do not have to be expensive, but they should have a label that says they provide 100% UV protection. If there is no label, assume that the glasses do not offer any protection. It does not matter if the lenses are dark, because an invisible chemical provides the UV protection. In fact, dark lenses without protection can be even more dangerous because the eyes open wider to let in light, which lets in more harmful UV radiation.

Be Careful During Midday Hours

UV rays are the most intense between 10 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Try to limit the time you spend outside during these hours. Be especially careful if you are at the beach, because both sand and water can reflect sunlight, magnifying the effect of exposure to the sun.

If you follow these tips, you can enjoy the summer while preserving the health of your skin for years to come!

109. The article suggests that damage from UV rays occurs _____.
a. immediately
b. over a number of years
c. rarely
d. only for certain people
110. The phrase **take proper precautions** (line 7) is closest in meaning to _____.
a. remember the warnings
b. follow preventative steps
c. take care of details
d. ignore advice
111. What warning does the pamphlet give about clothing?
a. Clothing does not provide complete protection from the sun.
b. Clothing can cause overheating.
c. Clothing is covered in invisible chemicals.
d. Clothing should have an SPF of 15.
112. What is the purpose of the new laundry detergent?
a. It makes clothes protect more effectively.
b. It cleans sunscreen lotion.
c. It lets sunlight shine through the clothes.
d. It removes sand.
113. What is the minimum level of protection sunscreen should provide?
a. SPF 15
b. SPF 100
c. two hours
d. all day
114. What indicates that sunglasses provide UV protection?
a. the label
b. the darkness of the lenses
c. the SPF level
d. the price
115. What does the lack of a label imply about sunglasses?
a. They are useless in preventing harm from radiation.
b. They provide 100% protection.
c. They are not expensive.
d. They have invisible chemicals.

116. What does the pamphlet say about dark sunglass lenses?
- They are the most expensive.
 - They may be harmful.
 - They are the most effective.
 - They protect against the sun.
117. Why should one be especially careful of the sun while at the beach?
- UV rays can be stronger at the beach.
 - One is always at the beach at midday.
 - The water washes off the sunscreen.
 - The sun is closer to the earth at the beach.
118. The word **magnifying** (line 36), most closely means _____.
- increasing
 - focusing
 - rounding
 - examining
119. The main risk mentioned in the pamphlet is related to _____.
- damage to the skin
 - damage to clothing
 - unsafe products
 - unknown chemicals
120. The pamphlet is mainly _____.
- giving advice on avoiding danger
 - warning about an unknown danger
 - describing a long-term problem
 - advertising a new product



**THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.
PLEASE WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.**