

**Select Readings, Second Edition**  
**Upper-intermediate, GEPT-Style Midterm**

**INCOMPLETE SENTENCES**

Beneath each sentence, you will see four words or phrases, marked A, B, C and D. You are to choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Hurley and Chen wanted to create a sustainable business, but also one that meant something to \_\_\_\_\_ users.
  - A. its
  - B. it's
  - C. their
  - D. they're
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ it might be convenient to have a word to refer to any child of a king or queen, "prince" can only mean a king or queen's son.
  - A. At the same time
  - B. Even though
  - C. Rather than
  - D. Considering
  
3. One reason interviews cause job seekers so much anxiety is \_\_\_\_\_ to make a favorable first impression.
  - A. necessary
  - B. it needs
  - C. to need
  - D. the need
  
4. Information from each of the senses is first \_\_\_\_\_ in its own special region.
  - A. processing
  - B. processed
  - C. been processed
  - D. to be processed
  
5. Creative thinking requires an attitude that \_\_\_\_\_ you to search for ideas and manipulate your knowledge and experience.
  - A. allows
  - B. forces
  - C. regulates
  - D. channels
  
6. Listening can be divided into three levels, which are characterized \_\_\_\_\_ certain behaviors that affect listening efficiency.
  - A. in
  - B. through
  - C. within
  - D. by

## TEXT COMPLETION

The following passage contains four missing words or phrases. You are to choose the best answer for each missing word or phrase.

To: Suzanne Lauren  
From: David Morena  
Date: August 18  
Subject: Membership Renewal

Dear Ms. Lauren,

I am writing in (7) to a letter I received regarding my fitness club membership.

The letter states that my membership is up for renewal on August 31st of this year. However, I (8) remember sending in my renewal form and payment at least six weeks ago.

I assume that this is just an oversight, but I (9) it if you could confirm that my membership has been renewed and let me know.

I appreciate your (10) to this matter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,  
David Morena

7. A. respond  
B. responded  
C. responding  
D. response
8. A. clearly  
B. closely  
C. calmly  
D. cleverly
9. A. appreciated  
B. will appreciate  
C. would appreciate  
D. had appreciated
10. A. attend  
B. attending  
C. attended  
D. attention

## READING COMPREHENSION

The following passage is followed by five questions, each with four choices: A, B, C and D. You are to choose the best answer to each question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage.

### **It's a Dog!**

by C. M. Hanzie

How many times have you heard an enthusiastic dog owner exclaim, "He thinks he's a person"? I don't know how that statement makes you feel, but personally, I feel like bursting out in laughter every time someone says it.

Dogs, no matter what breed they are or how they have been raised, simply do not think they are human. In fact, dogs don't even *think* they are dogs. Dogs and other animals do NOT think about such things, ever, at all, period.

Even the great apes, which seem to be *almost* human, do not sit around and ponder their existence or philosophize about their 'ape-ness'. Animals, including your beloved pet poodle, are guided by instincts. The way certain dogs act or react in specific situations may be determined to some extent by what particular breed it is, or the environment it was raised in, but the underlying factor is still instinct.

For example, it is natural for any dog to bark when a stranger comes to the door. It is signaling a warning, both to the stranger and to the 'family'— the pack. That doesn't mean it is speaking like a human. It's just instinct.

So the next time you are tempted to make such statements about your pampered pet, remember there is nothing wrong with letting your dog be just a dog.

11. What is the main idea of the reading?
  - A. Some dogs think they are people.
  - B. Dogs are smarter than other animals.
  - C. Dogs' behavior is based on their instinct.
  - D. All dogs bark at strangers.
  
12. You can infer from the reading that the author thinks \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. dogs are very smart
  - B. dogs are smarter than apes
  - C. dogs are too pampered by their owners
  - D. dogs are not really like humans
  
13. Which sentence is true, based on the reading?
  - A. Only apes are able to philosophize.
  - B. Breed and environment can affect how certain dogs act.
  - C. Only dogs are guided by their instincts.
  - D. Every breed of dog has different instincts.
  
14. In paragraph 4, the word "pack" is probably closest to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. home
  - B. family group

- C. other pets
- D. other strangers

15. When a dog barks at a stranger, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. not following its instinct
  - B. telling its owner that something is wrong
  - C. communicating with other dogs
  - D. speaking like a human