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LANGUAGE TEST 1

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In exercises 1-5 you are given a noun phrase followed by a group of words including the noun phrase. One of the groups of words is not a sentence. Mark which one is not in the appropriate space on the answer sheet.

1. The red car
  - (1) The red car next door
  - (2) The red car ran out of gas
  - (3) The red car rolled over
  - (4) The red car upset
  
2. Old dogs
  - (1) Poor old dogs cannot see well
  - (2) Old dogs chase cars
  - (3) Some old dogs from all over the neighborhood
  - (4) My old dog ran away
  
3. Yellow fenders
  - (1) Yellow fenders can be seen easily
  - (2) Yellow fenders all around us
  - (3) Yellow fenders go with green cars
  - (4) Yellow fenders are on taxis
  
4. The long black sedan
  - (1) The long black sedan went very fast.
  - (2) The long black sedan carried the gangsters to their hideout
  - (3) The long black sedan reflected the pale moon
  - (4) The long black sedan with a plush interior
  
5. Every student in Oregon
  - (1) Every student in Oregon accommodates the rain
  - (2) Every good student in Oregon can catch fish by the bushel
  - (3) Is every good student in Oregon a member of the football team
  - (4) Every good student in Oregon about sixteen years old

In exercises 6-10 select the form of the verb which is called for by the symbol.

Example: past + buy

1. is buying
2. was buying
3. bought
4. buy

The correct answer is 3 so response 3 would be marked on the answer sheet

6. pres + have + en + crank
  - (1) have cranked
  - (2) had cranked
  - (3) has been cranked
  - (4) have been cranking



14. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ rope for a long time.  
past + have + en + be + ing + jump  
(1) had jumped  
(2) have been jumping  
(3) were jumping  
(4) had been jumping
15. The sleek looking jet \_\_\_\_\_ very high.  
pres + be + ing + fly  
(1) is flying  
(2) was flying  
(3) is being flown  
(4) has been flying
16. Holly trees \_\_\_\_\_ next to the highway.  
pres + grow  
(1) grow  
(2) are growing  
(3) grew  
(4) were growing
17. If Jack had been five years younger, he \_\_\_\_\_  
past + can + have + en + stay  
home.  
(1) may have stayed  
(2) could have stayed  
(3) should have stayed  
(4) would have stayed
18. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ the camping trip.  
past + be + ing + plan  
(1) were planning  
(2) had been planned  
(3) have been planning  
(4) had been planning
19. The speaker \_\_\_\_\_ the obvious question.  
past + shall + have + en + anticipate  
(1) shall have anticipated  
(2) shall anticipate  
(3) should have been anticipating  
(4) should have anticipated
20. The divining rod \_\_\_\_\_ the spot where water  
past + may + have + en + locate  
could be obtained.  
(1) may locate  
(2) might locate  
(3) might have located  
(4) may have located

21. Which group of symbols means: "An English sentence is made up of two parts, a noun phrase and a verb phrase."  
(1) Sentence → NP - VP  
(2) Sentence → Noun + Verb  
(3) Sentence → NP + V  
(4) Sentence → NP + VP  
(5) none of these
22. What auxiliary is found in every verb phrase?  
(1) have  
(2) be  
(3) tense  
(4) modal
23. Which of the following is the correct string for the sentence:  
"The boy has kept the promise."  
(1) NP + past + have + en + keep + the promise  
(2) NP + pres + have + en + keep + ...the promise  
(3) NP + pres + kept + the promise  
(4) NP + past + have + kept + the promise
24. All sentences have auxiliary 1, but not all have auxiliary 2. Select the sentence that does have auxiliary 2.  
(1) He has been sick.  
(2) Joan is wrong.  
(3) Jill was here for six days.  
(4) Joe is a nuisance.
25. Which sentence contains a "be + ing" auxiliary?  
(1) The singing bird had built a nest.  
(2) The pond has been frozen since January.  
(3) The bird was drinking water.  
(4) George has grown string beans.
26. Which sentence has both the "be + ing" and "have + en" auxiliaries?  
(1) George was sipping water.  
(2) The store has been robbed.  
(3) The pond has been overflowing lately.  
(4) The outlaw was being chased.
27. Which of the following is a NP?  
(1) the brightly colored bottles  
(2) ate all of the candy  
(3) swerved into the ditch  
(4) weighing fifty pounds
28. Which of the following could you do without language?  
(1) direct traffic  
(2) eat in a restaurant  
(3) train your dog  
(4) wake up

29. Which word or words in the following sentence keeps the statement from being a kernel sentence? "The little girl should have been doing the work."
- (1) little
  - (2) should
  - (3) have
  - (4) been
  - (5) should have been

In exercises 30 and 31, select the word that is the main verb.

30. The men sitting on the bench clock the runners.
- (1) sitting
  - (2) bench
  - (3) clock
  - (4) runners
31. The girl standing in the shade bought the clock yesterday.
- (1) standing
  - (2) shade
  - (3) bought
  - (4) clock

In exercises 32-40 select one of the five strings below which represents the verb form of the given sentence.

- (1) past + be + ing + verb
  - (2) past + M + have + en + verb
  - (3) past + M + have + en + be + ing + verb
  - (4) pres + M + have + en + verb
  - (5) pres + have + en + be + ing + verb
32. Tom should have cut the lawn yesterday.
33. The train was running late.
34. Every citizen has been saving trading stamps.
35. The flowers might have been growing here for several years.
36. The sawdust was blowing all over the patio.
37. The boys will have picked the apples before the snow falls.
38. The slick spot on the highway might have caused the accident.
39. The sun has been shining all week.
40. The child could have found her way home.



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FSR: 7-12

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1. What makes Be different from all other verbs?

- (1) It may be either an auxiliary or a verb.
- (2) It always takes a Pr.
- (3) It always takes NP<sup>2</sup>.
- (4) It can transform into a yes or-no question without adding an auxiliary.

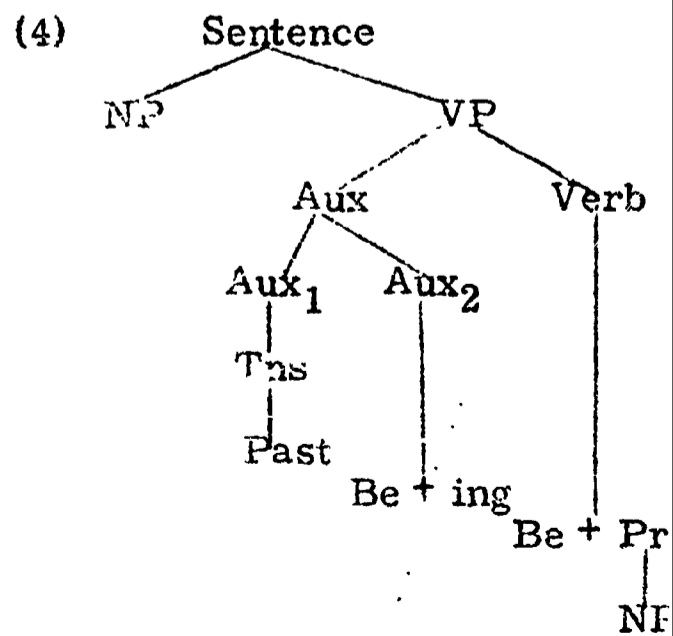
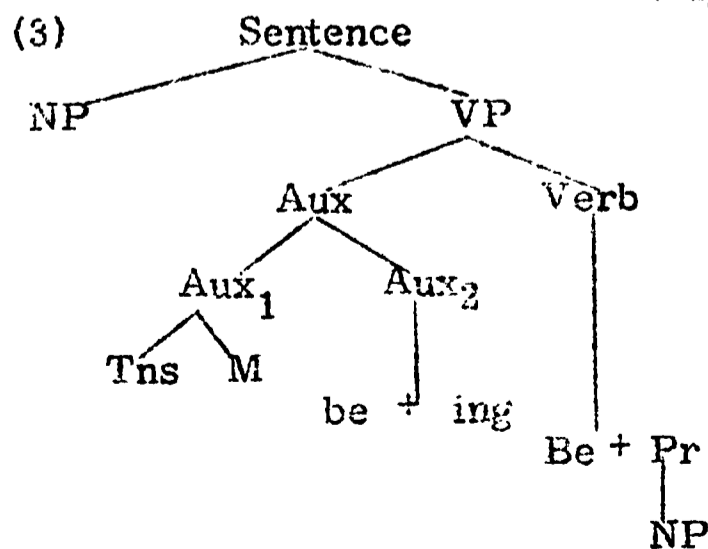
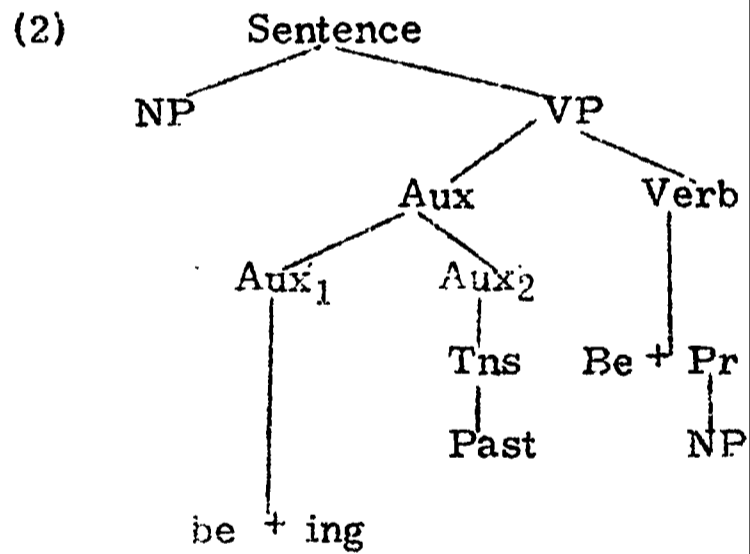
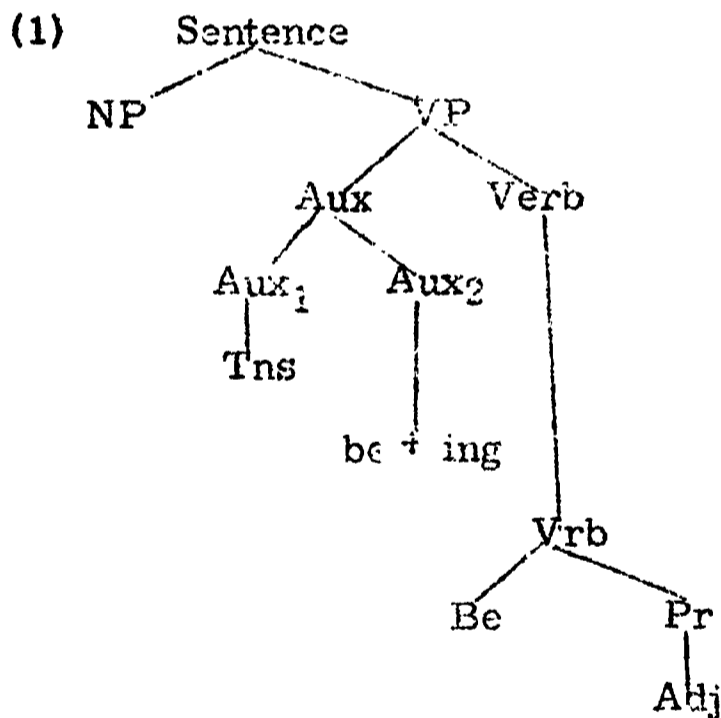
2. Which Be forms are never used without an auxiliary?

- (1) Being and been
- (2) Is, am, and are
- (3) Was and were
- (4) Been and am

3. Which sentence contains Pr ---> Adj.

- (1) The child is crying.
- (2) November has been rainy.
- (3) Joe is the captain.
- (4) Eloise was at the game.

4. Which of the following diagrams would produce an accurate linguistic string for this sentence: "The child was being a nuisance."



5. What must follow the verb Be if a NP or Adj doesn't?

- (1) Manner adverb
- (2) Adverb of location
- (3) ing
- (4) NP<sup>2</sup>

In exercises 6-8 select the VP which satisfies the condition asked for by the symbols beneath the blank.

6. The answer \_\_\_\_\_  
pres + M + have + en + be + Adj

- (1) could have been correct
- (2) must have been correct
- (3) has been given out
- (4) might have been these
- (5) none of these

7. Santa Claus \_\_\_\_\_  
past + be + Loc

- (1) was my brother
- (2) had been sick
- (3) was working in the store
- (4) was on the roof

8. George Washington \_\_\_\_\_  
past + M + have + en + be + NP

- (1) could have been king
- (2) might have become king
- (3) should have been chosen king
- (4) none of these

9. Which other verb does Be resemble?

- (1) Vlnk
- (2) Vmid
- (3) Vtr
- (4) Vin

In each of the following groups of sentences choose the sentence which contains a Pr.

10. (1) The monkey was eating the banana.  
(2) The banana tasted good.  
(3) The banana skin fell down.  
(4) The monkey climbed higher.

11. (1) The Ducks might have won the game.  
(2) The team was playing hard.  
(3) The Tigers called timeout.  
(4) The game was a tie.

12. (1) Crater Lake is in Oregon.  
(2) We will be visiting Crater Lake.  
(3) The lake has had many trout.  
(4) You can rent a boat there.

In each of the following groups choose the sentence which can form a yes-or-no question by simple inversion.

13. (1) It rained all day yesterday.  
(2) Oregon is famous for its rain.  
(3) Oregonians like the rain.  
(4) The rain accounts for the beautiful flowers.

14. (1) Our teacher seemed tired.  
(2) She gave back the papers.  
(3) They were excellent.  
(4) Franklin had the highest score.

15. (1) Ham and eggs make a good breakfast.  
(2) Ham and eggs contain protein.  
(3) Protein builds muscles.  
(4) His muscles are strong.

16. With reference to the verbs Be and Vlnk, which of the following statements is true only of sentences containing Vlnk?

- (1) The verb must be followed by Pr.  
(2) The verbs connect words of equal value.  
(3) The verb is followed by an NP, Adj, or Loc.  
(4) The sentence cannot invert into a question without adding an auxiliary.  
(5) None of the preceding answers is true.

17. Rule 8 states that  $Vrb \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Vlnk + Pr \\ Vb \end{array} \right\}$

Which of the following sentences explains clearly the symbol Vb?

- (1) The symbol Vb is the symbol for all verbs other than verbs be and Vlnk.  
(2) The Vb is the symbol for all verbs without auxiliaries.  
(3) The Vb is the symbol for be.  
(4) The Vb is the symbol for all verbs other than Vlnk + Pr.  
(5) Vb is an unknown symbol.

18. Which of the following sentences contains a Vlnk?

- (1) The reply was true.  
(2) The skies turned grey.  
(3) The boy turned.  
(4) The boy turned into the lane.  
(5) The girl tasted the pie.



24. Someone stole the bicycle.

- (1) Vmid
- (2) Vtr
- (3) Vin
- (4) Ee

25. That man is a critic.

- (1) Be
- (2) Vlnk
- (3) Vmid
- (4) Vtr

26. The wind whistled eerily.

- (1) Vtr
- (2) Vmid
- (3) Be
- (4) Vin

27. The children appeared healthy.

- (1) Vin
- (2) Vtr
- (3) Vmid
- (4) Vlnk

28. The teacher will correct the tests.

- (1) Vmid
- (2) Vlnk
- (3) Vin
- (4) Vtr

29. The mailman has been here.

- (1) Vlnk
- (2) Vmid
- (3) Be
- (4) Vtr

30. The class is working cheerfully.

- (1) Vlnk
- (2) Vtr
- (3) Vin
- (4) Vmid

31. Egbert weighed eighty pounds.

- (1) Ee
- (2) Vmid
- (3) Vtr
- (4) Vlnk

32. Gordon has weighed the package.

- (1) Vin
- (2) Vlnk
- (3) Vtr
- (4) Be

33. Sally had a headache

- (1) Vin
- (2) Vlnk
- (3) Be
- (4) Vmid

34. Arthur skinned the mouse skillfully.

- (1) Vtr
- (2) Vlnk
- (3) Vmid
- (4) Be

35. The tooth throbbed painfully.

- (1) Vmid
- (2) Vtr
- (3) Vin
- (4) Vlnk

36. Paul has been collecting coins diligently.

- (1) Vtr
- (2) Vlnk
- (3) Be
- (4) Vmid

37. Mother must be frantic.

- (1) Vlnk
- (2) Vtr
- (3) Be
- (4) Vmid

In items 38-44 under each sentence there are four different strings of symbols. Choose the one which is the string for the given sentence.

Example:

The grasshopper ate the nasturtiums.

- (1) NP + pres + Vin + Man
- (2) NP + pres + Vmid + NP
- (3) NP + past + Vtr + NP
- (4) NP + past + have + en + Vtr + NP

The correct answer is #3.



38. The time has come.

- (1) NP + past + Vmid + NP
- (2) NP + pres + Vtr + Man
- (3) NP + pres + have + en + Vin
- (4) NP + past + Vlnk + Pr

39. John will win the election easily.

- (1) NP + pres + M + Vtr + NP + Man
- (2) NP + pres + be + ing + Vtr + NP
- (3) NP + past + have + en + Vin
- (4) NP + pres + Vlnk + Pr

40. The city is becoming crowded.

- (1) NP + past + M + Vmid + NP
- (2) NP + pres + be + ing + Vlnk + Pr
- (3) NP + pres + have + en + be + ing + Vtr + NP
- (4) NP + pres + be + ing + Vin + Man

41. George has had an earache.

- (1) NP + pres + have + en + Vmid + NP
- (2) NP + pres + have + en + Vtr + NP
- (3) NP + pres + have + en + be + ing + Vin
- (4) NP + past + have + en + Be + Pr

42. The cafeteria will be cold.

- (1) NP + past + have + en + Vtr
- (2) NP + pres + Vlnk + Pr
- (3) NP + past + be + ing + Vin + Man
- (4) NP + pres + M + Be + Pr

43. The teachers should remain at home.

- (1) NP + past + have + en + Vtr + NP
- (2) NP + pres + M + Vtr + NP
- (3) NP + pres + M + Vin + Man
- (4) NP + past + M + Vlnk + Pr

44. Jerry has been sailing the boat.

- (1) NP + pres + have + been + Vmid + NP
- (2) NP + pres + be + ing + Vtr + NP
- (3) NP + past + have + en + Vtr + NP
- (4) NP + pres + have + en + be + ing + Vtr + NP



45. The freighter has sailed.

- (1) NP + past + Vlnk + Pr
- (2) NP + pres + Vmid + NP
- (3) NP + past + have + en + Vin
- (4) NP + pres + have + en + Vin

In items 46-50, the symbol strings are followed by four sentences. Choose the one which matches the given string.

Example:

NP + past + have + en + Vtr + NP

- (1) The cat had eaten the rat.
- (2) The cat looks pleased.
- (3) We have two cats.
- (4) The rats fear the cats.

The correct answer is #1.

46. NP + past + M + have + en + Vtr + NP

- (1) Tom should have been spanked severely.
- (2) Huck should have hid the raft.
- (3) Injun Joe had escaped.
- (4) Mark Twain was a great writer.

47. NP + pres + M + be + ing + Vlnk + Pr

- (1) The mills would have polluted the air.
- (2) The pizza will be good.
- (3) The pizza will be tasting good.
- (4) The pizza will cost a dollar.

48. NP + pres + Vin + Man

- (1) The sirens whistle shrilly.
- (2) A pedestrian whistled a song.
- (3) The pedestrian is jaywalking.
- (4) A policeman has blown his whistle.

49. NP + pres + M + Vmid + NP

- (1) The queen is in the garden.
- (2) The king will weigh his gold.
- (3) The gold will weigh a hundred pounds.
- (4) The queen has been eating honey.

50. NP + past + M + be + ing + Vmid + NP

- (1) Cindy will give a good report.
- (2) The teacher is reading the stories.
- (3) The team will be having a game.
- (4) The coach should be having a workout.

In items 51 through 60, decide in each case whether the underlined word is either:

- (1) NP
- (2) Adj
- (3) Loc
- (4) Man

Example:

The mother is kind.

In this exercise you would choose response #2 since kind is a predicate that describes mother and is called an adjective.

- 51. The dog looked fat.
- 52. George Washington became president.
- 53. The girls will be in the cafeteria.
- 54. Bruno Boin was an athlete.
- 55. The baby smiled happily.
- 56. The class works hard.
- 57. Joe has been in Seattle.
- 58. Her smile is pretty.
- 59. That woman is a grandmother.
- 60. The boys ate fast.