

LANGUAGE

25 Minutes

In questions 239-268 look for errors in capitalization, punctuation, or usage. If you find no mistake, mark choice "d" on your answer sheet.

239.

- a) If they weren't suspended, they could have gone to the dance.
- b) The frail, old man had trouble walking.
- c) The professor said, "Don't forget about your test tomorrow.
- d) No mistake.

240.

- a) The wedding is being held this Saturday in Detroit Michigan.
- b) Different people often have different perspectives on life.
- c) Last night I had dreamt I had wings.
- d) No mistake.

241.

- a) The dog sprinted quickly and caught the ball.
- b) I haven't ever seen a sunset so stunning.
- c) Who was the last person to open the refrigerator?
- d) No mistake.

242.

- a) The dance team performed very well at the competition.
- b) Nancy asked her classmate if she could borrow a pencil.
- c) I jog every morning; and it helps me clear my head.
- d) No mistake.

243.

- a) Lily felt drowsy until the medicine had wore off.
- b) My address is 14 South Baylor Road, Fremont, California.
- c) Uncle Henry came to visit last Thanksgiving, but my aunt didn't.
- d) No mistake.

244.

- a) I'm running for class president, and my sister is running for treasurer.
- b) My least favorite season is Spring.
- c) My green shirt is softer than my blue shirt.
- d) No mistake.

245.

- a) If I didn't have my flashlight, I would have gotten lost.
- b) Did you hear that Ronnie and Sam broke up last week.
- c) Honey, would you please bring me my favorite mug?
- d) No mistake.

246.

- a) Don't roll your eyes at your mother and me, Laura.
- b) My friend and I are seeing a play.
- c) Sleeping fewer than eight hours per night can effect your concentration.
- d) No mistake.

247.

- a) Margaret has less opinions than her brother.
- b) It's a very controversial issue.
- c) Kevin Hart, a famous comedian, is performing in Atlanta.
- d) No mistake.

248.

- a) The boys' screams could be heard throughout the town.
- b) Have you ever visited any of the Great Lakes?
- c) Everyone needs to bring his or her own lunch.
- d) No mistake.

249.

- a) Frolicking around the fields and smelling the flowers.
- b) This dressing tastes strange, don't you think?
- c) The family patiently waited to hear the court's decision.
- d) No mistake.

250.

- a) We weren't sure whom the shirt belonged to.
- b) The dog continued to lick its paw.
- c) Patricia asked, "Can you help me open this jar?"
- d) No mistake.

251.

- a) Have you ever heard the word "hoodwinked" used in a sentence?
- b) A new grocery store is opening on Church Street this winter.
- c) Important qualities in a friend are: kindness, loyalty, and humor.
- d) No mistake.

252.

- a) Sit down and be quiet!
- b) Maria's car wouldn't start this morning.
- c) My swimming coach told me something important – never give up on your dreams.
- d) No mistake.

253.

- a) Rhode Island is the smallest state in America.
- b) The woman shouted "That man stole my purse!"
- c) Her house has fewer paintings than Michael's.
- d) No mistake.

254.

- a) When Grandpa Joe was younger, he wanted to run for mayor.
- b) Sharon's test score was higher than Michaela's.
- c) The tree loses all of its leaves during the winter.
- d) No mistake.

255.

- a) They had gone to the store without me, and I was upset.
- b) Caroline hasn't been sleeping well, so she was very tired during work.
- c) Mr. Vercelli's cookies have more flavor than Mrs. Green.
- d) No mistake.

256.

- a) Vida decided to attend college in the northeast.
- b) That animal almost went extinct.
- c) Jessica had to postpone her appointment until Monday.
- d) No mistake.

257.

- a) Claire, however, had no idea what was in store.
- b) The shorter woman is my mother.
- c) The driver stopped quick when he saw a squirrel in the road.
- d) No mistake.

258.

- a) I think they're the only ones left.
- b) Carl enjoys hiking, rock climbing, and to scuba dive.
- c) My aunt politely asked, "Will you take the garbage out?"
- d) No mistake.

259.

- a) My family isn't supportive of my career.
- b) Please talk quietly; I am not feeling well today.
- c) Your going to need to study more.
- d) No mistake.

260.

- a) I can't believe it's the last day of summer vacation.
- b) My mom and me are planning a weekend getaway.
- c) I am the most athletic student in my gym class.
- d) No mistake.

261.

- a) If I walk any further, I think my legs will fall off.
- b) The senator is running for reelection this November.
- c) Rachel and she left early.
- d) No mistake.

262.

- a) We couldn't hardly wait for summer vacation.
- b) The recipe calls for seven different spices.
- c) The new principal is way meaner than the old one.
- d) No mistake.

263.

- a) You'll never convince me to sell the ring that my father gave me.
- b) Who's attending orientation this Friday?
- c) We're not going to stand for this any longer!
- d) No mistake.

264.

- a) My three favorite colors are yellow violet and turquoise.
- b) Let's adopt a dog from the pound.
- c) Unfortunately, Isabella's dad passed away last February.
- d) No mistake.

265.

- a) "When you have money," my mom said, "you can pay me back."
- b) I just found out that I have Professor Scott for English.
- c) Whoa, have you ever seen such a beautiful sunset?
- d) No mistake.

266.

- a) My family and I travelled to the Middle East last fall.
- b) On the plane I sat in the middle seat
- c) Neither my mom nor my dad mentioned anything.
- d) No mistake.

267.

- a) After working for twelve hours straight Carol was exhausted.
- b) Have you ever been bitten by a spider?
- c) Between you and me, I don't really like him.
- d) No mistake.

- 268.
- a) The bag of apples were heavier than I had expected.
 - b) The quaint cottage is nestled among the trees.
 - c) Is your house farther away than mine?
 - d) No mistake.

In questions 269-278 look for errors in spelling only. If you find no mistake, mark choice "d" on your answer sheet.

- 269.
- a) Do you consider her an acquaintance?
 - b) My favorite season is autumn.
 - c) We are eating at this restuarant tonight.
 - d) No mistake.
- 270.
- a) Do you have a recommendation for a dentist?
 - b) If you believe it you can acheive it.
 - c) The tension in the room was palpable.
 - d) No mistake.
- 271.
- a) Do you think that is a sufficient amount of juice?
 - b) My coach always encourages me.
 - c) I'm an amatuer poker player.
 - d) No mistake.
- 272.
- a) Do you find this place bizzarre?
 - b) He interviewed for a position as an accountant.
 - c) Salmon is delicious but expensive.
 - d) No mistake.

- 273.
- a) This is quite possibly the tastiest cookie I've ever eaten.
 - b) Please vaccuum your room before you leave.
 - c) We were forced to forfeit the tournament.
 - d) No mistake.

- 274.
- a) He felt apprehensive about attending the wedding.
 - b) We immediately turned around once it started to hail.
 - c) They were very accomodating.
 - d) No mistake.

- 275.
- a) I'm frustrated that we missed the beginning of the play.
 - b) Randy has a pleasant and agreeable personality.
 - c) According to my calculations, you are incorrect.
 - d) No mistake.

- 276.
- a) How are we going to maneuver around this box?
 - b) I wasn't expecting it to be a disaster.
 - c) Are tomatoes fruits or vegatables?
 - d) No mistake.

- 277.
- a) The pain in my throat was excruciating.
 - b) We drove very cautiously.
 - c) Our building is handicap accessible.
 - d) No mistake.

278.

- a) May I have an extension on my assignment?
- b) Our company is getting acquired.
- c) Perpendicular lines form a right angle.
- d) No mistake.

In questions 279-298 follow the directions for each question.

279. Choose the correct word or words to join the thoughts together.

Kinsey spent hours studying for her math test; _____ she ended up receiving a low grade on the test.

- a) therefore,
- b) for instance,
- c) moreover,
- d) none of these

280. Choose the group of words that best completes the sentence.

It was raining this morning, so _____

- a) rain boots to school are what I wore.
- b) I wore my rain boots to school.
- c) wearing my rain boots to school.
- d) I wear my rain boots to school.

281. Which of these best fits under the topic "The Origin of Valentine's Day"?

- a) In 1850, Valentine's Day cards became the norm in the U.S.
- b) Many people believe Valentine's Day has become too commercial.
- c) Chocolate has become a popular Valentine's Day gift over the years.
- d) None of these.

282. Choose the correct word or words to join the thoughts together.

You need to clean your room and finish your homework; _____ you will not be able to hang out with your friends this weekend.

- a) consequently,
- b) otherwise,
- c) likewise,
- d) none of these

283. Which of these expresses the idea most clearly?

- a) I enjoyed the apple pie topped with pecans that my sister made.
- b) I enjoyed the apple pie that my sister made topped with pecans.
- c) The apple pie topped with pecans that my sister made I enjoyed.
- d) Topped with pecans, I enjoyed the apple pie my sister made.

284. Which of these expresses the idea most clearly?

- a) My favorite things to do in the summer are swimming, to read, and play.
- b) Swim, read, and play are my favorite things to do in the summer.
- c) In the summer, my favorite things to do are swim, read, and play.
- d) Swimming, reading, and playing being my favorite things to do in the summer.

285. Which topic is best for a one-paragraph article?

- a) Rosa Park's Role in the Civil Rights Movement
- b) Immigration Laws in the United States
- c) Installing Photoshop on Your Computer
- d) None of these

286. Choose the best topic sentence for the following paragraph.

Over time, digitized text has become more and more popular and accessible. Many people find browsing through shelves of physical books or even entering a physical building archaic and pointless. As more and more people purchase tablets for reading, fewer people are taking the time to go to libraries and check out physical books.

- a) Libraries are becoming more obsolete.
 - b) Libraries are still popular despite the increase in digital books.
 - c) Print books are less popular than digital books.
 - d) People should appreciate the value of libraries.
287. Choose the correct word or words to join the thoughts together.

Pablo Picasso made many contributions to modern art; _____ he created Cubism and played an important role in the invention of collage art.

- a) however,
 - b) consequently,
 - c) for example,
 - d) none of these
288. Choose the group of words that best completes the sentence.

While I was at the gym, _____

- a) running on the treadmill I hurt my leg.
- b) I was running on the treadmill and hurt my leg.
- c) hurting my leg while running on the treadmill.
- d) I was running on the treadmill and my leg I hurt.

289. Which of these expresses the idea most clearly?

- a) While jumping on the trampoline, a flock of birds flew over my head.
- b) A flock of birds, while jumping on the trampoline, flew over my head.
- c) Jumping on the trampoline and a flock of birds flew over my head.
- d) A flock of birds flew over my head while I was jumping on the trampoline.

290. Which of these best fits under the topic "Tips for Teaching a Child to Ride a Bike"?

- a) Being patient and supportive will increase your child's confidence.
- b) Many children forget to wear their helmets while riding their bikes.
- c) Biking is a great way for children and adults to get exercise.
- d) None of these.

291. Choose the best topic sentence for the following paragraph.

In many California counties, rental prices continue to increase and residents are forced out of their homes. New construction is not keeping pace with demand, making it difficult for newcomers to find housing. On top of that, gentrification is pushing lower income residents out of the homes they have lived in for decades.

- a) People who cannot afford to live in California should move to cheaper states.
- b) Living in California is worth the expensive price.
- c) The California housing crisis is not as serious as many people think.
- d) California's housing crisis continues to escalate.

292. Which of these expresses the idea most clearly?
- a) In order to become a great athlete, you need to work hard.
 - b) Working hard is what is needed of you to become a great athlete.
 - c) To become a great athlete, hard work is needed by you.
 - d) Working hard is needed of you to become a great athlete.
293. Which of these best fits under the topic "Choosing the Right College"?
- a) Be sure to think about your interests when choosing a college major.
 - b) Take time to research the core values of each school.
 - c) Strong teacher recommendations can increase your chances of being accepted to a college.
 - d) None of these.
294. Which sentences does *not* belong in the paragraph?
- (1) Alexander the Great accomplished countless extraordinary military feats. (2) He repeatedly destroyed the Persian King Darius III's armies in battle, despite being outnumbered nearly every time. (3) He also conquered Persia, Egypt, and Northern India. (4) Unfortunately, he died at the young age of 32.
- a) sentence 1
 - b) sentence 2
 - c) sentence 3
 - d) sentence 4

295. Where should the sentence, "Others may prefer dogs because of their fun and lighthearted spirit," be placed in the selection below?

(1) When deciding to buy or adopt a pet, most people limit their decision to the two most popular choices—cats or dogs. (2) Some may advocate for cats because of their calm and quiet demeanor. (3) However, people should be open to considering other types of animals such as fish, rabbits, and even lizards when choosing which pet to adopt.

- a) between sentences 1 and 2
- b) between sentences 2 and 3
- c) after sentence 3
- d) the sentence does not fit in this paragraph

296. Which sentence does *not* belong in the paragraph?

(1) The last time I visited California was for my sister's college graduation in 2005. (2) California is the third largest state in the country. (3) My family and I flew from our home in New York to San Francisco to watch my sister graduate from Stanford University. (4) Although the trip was short, California is still one of the greatest places I've ever visited.

- a) sentence 1
- b) sentence 2
- c) sentence 3
- d) sentence 4

297. Where should the sentence, “The Constitution is the basic framework for government in the United States,” be placed in the selection below?

(1) One important part of the Constitution is that the government is divided into three branches: Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and Judicial Branch. (2) Each branch has its own powers and responsibilities, including working with the other branches. (3) The purpose of having three branches is to prevent one group of people from becoming too powerful.

- a) before sentence 1
- b) between sentences 1 and 2
- c) between sentences 2 and 3
- d) the sentence does not fit in this paragraph

298. Which sentence does *not* belong in the paragraph?

(1) Did you know that reindeer are real animals? (2) Some people believe that reindeer are made up creatures known for pulling Santa’s sleigh. (3) Rudolph is a fictional reindeer who is known for having a shiny red nose. (4) However, reindeer are in fact real animals that live in the arctic tundra.

- a) sentence 1
- b) sentence 2
- c) sentence 3
- d) sentence 4

HSPT Test 1 Answer Key

Verbal Skills

1. d
2. c
3. c
4. b
5. c
6. a
7. d
8. a
9. c
10. b
11. a
12. d
13. c
14. d
15. a
16. d
17. b
18. d
19. a
20. d
21. b
22. d
23. a
24. b
25. c
26. d
27. a
28. b
29. d
30. c
31. d
32. a
33. b
34. b
35. b
36. a
37. d
38. c
39. c
40. d
41. a
42. c
43. b
44. c
45. a
46. c
47. d

48. b
49. b
50. c
51. a
52. c
53. b
54. a
55. a
56. b
57. d
58. c
59. d
60. a

Quantitative Skills

61. a
62. b
63. c
64. a
65. b
66. c
67. d
68. d
69. a
70. c
71. c
72. d
73. b
74. c
75. d
76. b
77. c
78. a
79. b
80. b
81. c
82. d
83. b
84. a
85. a
86. a
87. d
88. a
89. a
90. d
91. c
92. d
93. c

94. d
95. c
96. c
97. b
98. b
99. d
100. a
101. b
102. c
103. b
104. b
105. a
106. c
107. b
108. a
109. d
110. b
111. a
112. d

Reading

113. b
114. c
115. c
116. a
117. a
118. d
119. a
120. d
121. b
122. c
123. b
124. d
125. d
126. a
127. d
128. a
129. c
130. a
131. b
132. b
133. a
134. b
135. b
136. d
137. b
138. c
139. c

140. a
141. c
142. d
143. a
144. b
145. a
146. d
147. c
148. b
149. d
150. c
151. a
152. b
153. b
154. a
155. a
156. d
157. c
158. b
159. c
160. d
161. c
162. a
163. b
164. d
165. d
166. c
167. b
168. a
169. a
170. a
171. d
172. d
173. b
174. c

Mathematics

175. c
176. c
177. d
178. b
179. a
180. b
181. b
182. a
183. d
184. b
185. b

186. c
187. d
188. b
189. a
190. a
191. b
192. a
193. c
194. d
195. a
196. c
197. d
198. a
199. d
200. a
201. b
202. d
203. c
204. c
205. d
206. c
207. d
208. b
209. a
210. a
211. c
212. d
213. b
214. a
215. d

216. c
217. a
218. b
219. a
220. a
221. b
222. d
223. b
224. d
225. c
226. a
227. d
228. b
229. c
230. d
231. a
232. b
233. c
234. b
235. d
236. d
237. c
238. a

Language

239. c
240. a
241. d
242. c
243. a

244. b
245. b
246. c
247. a
248. d
249. a
250. d
251. c
252. b
253. b
254. c
255. c
256. a
257. c
258. b
259. c
260. b
261. a
262. a
263. d
264. a
265. d
266. b
267. a
268. a
269. c
270. b
271. c
272. a
273. b

274. c
275. d
276. c
277. d
278. b
279. d
280. b
281. d
282. b
283. a
284. c
285. c
286. a
287. c
288. b
289. d
290. a
291. d
292. a
293. b
294. d
295. b
296. b
297. a
298. c