

ENGLISH TEST OVERVIEW

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TIMING

- FIVE TESTS
- 45 MINTUES
 - 9 MINUTES PER TEST



SKIMMING

- **SKIM THE WHOLE PARAGRAPH BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS!**
- **DON'T IMMEDIATELY JUMP TO THE QUESTIONS.**
- **YOU MAY NEED TO READ BEYOND THE PARAGRAPH TO GET THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

EXAMPLE

her dogs has sleek, brown hair.

14

F. no change

G. are

H. have

J. do not have

SEEMS PRETTY EASY, DOESN'T IT? "AH, A SIMPLE SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT PROBLEM," YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING. "THE ANSWER, OBVIOUSLY, IS H." BUT WHAT IF WE SHOW YOU THE WHOLE SENTENCE?

EXAMPLE (CONT.)

The girl walking her dogs has sleek, brown hair.

14

F. no change

G. are

H. have

J. do not

Reading the rest of the sentence reveals that the sleek, brown hair belongs to a girl rather than a pack of dogs. The question was about subject-verb agreement, but the words directly next to the underlined phrase misled you into thinking that the subject was “her dogs” and not “the girl.” If you had read the passage first, you would have realized that the correct answer is F.

MTPT

- **M – MAIN IDEA – WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT**
- **T – TENSE – PAST/PRESENT → CHECK VERB ENDINGS**
- **P – POINT OF VIEW – AUTHOR/NARRATOR**
- **T – TONE – FORMAL/INFORMAL**

- **QUICKLY SKIM THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AND DETERMINE MTPT.**
- **IT WILL HELP YOU**

TIPS and TRICKS

- **TIME WASTERS – ANSWER AT THE END OF THE PASSAGE**
- **SHORT AND SWEET – ACT LOVES THE SHORTEST GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT ANSWER...AVOID REPETITION**
- **OPT TO OMIT (DELETE) – IF YOU ARE STUCK ON A QUESTION CHOOSE THIS OPTION.**

EXAMPLES

The horse walked and trotted along the gravel road.

A. No change

B. trotted, jogged and walked

C. walked

D. trotted and jogged

****** - Correct because it's the shortest correct answer.

The ancestor of our modern microscopes are nearly four hundred years old. The early microscopes were worked and operated by lenses that, by forcing light to bend, could focus and enlarge the image of whatever object reflecting the light. By improving lensmaking, microscopes could be made to enlarge an object as much as one thousand times its original size. The word “telescope” derives from the Greek meaning “to view” and “far off”; “microscope” comes from the Greek meaning “to view” and “small.”

8. F. NO CHANGE

G. are near
lensmaking,

H. is near
improved,

J. is nearly
lensmaking,

9. A. NO CHANGE

B. were worked and were

C. worked and operated by

D. worked by

10. F. NO CHANGE

G. was reflecting

H. reflected

J. will reflect

11. A. NO CHANGE

B. By having improved

C. Lensmaking having

D. With the improvement of

ANSWERS

8. J

9. D

10. H

11. D