

Part I: Directions: Choose the alternative that is closest in meaning to the underlined word.

1. A BT engineer sacked after taking more than 1,100 sick days dropped his claim for unfair dismissal.

1. **fired** 3. wounded
2. accuse 4. criticized

2. Despite the fact that the economy is showing signs of having moved onto a track of recuperation, the unemployment rate in Japan remains at its worst.

1. catastrophe 3. insecurity
2. **recovery** 4. harmony

3. The 50-year-old US footwear-maker Hush Puppies, best known for its casual shoes, will refresh its brand among Asia Pacific consumers including those in Thailand.

1. advertise 3. rename
2. introduce 4. **activate**

4. As the restaurant on the 5th Avenue offers a wide _____ of gourmet desserts from several regions of the world, it then _____ many customers from all over.

1. range-lure **2. selection-attract**
3. assortment-distract 4. dish-rouse

5. Some of Japanese traders, administrators and _____ who generally made up the middle class, trend to send their children _____ for study and own more than one house in abroad.

1. sailors-home 2. executives-school
3. officials-university **4. entrepreneurs-overseas**

Part II: Semi-speaking Test :

Read the dialogues given and then choose the words or phrase that best suits each blank for each item. Blacken a, b, c or d on your answer-sheet according to your answer.

6. Situation: A secretary is talking to a caller.

Caller : This is Jim Smith. Can I speak to Mr. Johnson, please?

Secretary : _____ A _____

Caller: _____ B _____

Secretary: I'll tell him as soon as I see him.

- A. 1. Pardon me. I don't know him.
2. Can you talk to him now?

3. I'm afraid he's just gone out.

4. Sorry. He doesn't want to speak to you.

B. 1. Could I hold on?

2. Can you call me later?

3. Can you ask him to return my call?

4. Could I return his call later?

7. Situation : Ploy is a tour guide from TT Tour waiting to meet a customer at the airport.

Ploy : You are Mr. Richards, aren't you? I'm Ploy from TT Tour. ____ A ____

Mr. Richards: ____ B ____ Have you been waiting long?

A. 1. Here is my friend.

2. Have a nice trip.

3. Welcome to Bangkok.

4. Please follow the way.

B. 1. Thank you.

2. With pleasure.

3. Sure, I will.

4. That's fine.

8. Situation : Paul is telling Weena about his problem.

Paul : ____ A ____ Someone must have entered my office.

Weena: ____ B ____ But have you checked with your secretary?

A. 1. I wish you could find all my papers in time.

2. These reports haven't been completed.

3. My belongings are well kept in the cabinet.

4. All the important documents are missing from my folder.

B. 1. That's it.

2. How boring!

3. Don't mention it.

4. I'm sorry to hear that.

Part III: Directions: Read the following passages and choose the correct answer for each question.

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April 14 20—

Mr. Bradley Chang
Director of Human Resources
Utmost.com
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Dear Mr. Chang,

I am writing to thank you for the time you took to discuss the technical support manager position at Utmost.com with me. I really enjoyed learning more about the position and the company's operations.

I also enjoyed the opportunity to meet and observe your employees; I was impressed by the excitement and enthusiasm they had for their jobs, and for the company as a whole. It is no wonder that Utmost.com has been so successful.

I would like to confirm my strong interest in the position. I feel I would be a good fit. I have a strong work ethic, I enjoy working in teams, and I am a creative problem-solver.

I look forward to hearing from you about the position. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call me.

10. For what job is Jared O'Connor being considered?

- a) Technical support manager
- b) Director of human resources
- c) Customer service team member
- d) Digital information specialist

11. **According to the letter**, what probably happened during Jared O'Connor's interview?

- a) He attended a meeting with a client.
- b) He was asked to give a presentation.
- c) He observed employees doing their jobs.
- d) He took a test to demonstrate his technical skills

12. What does Jared O'Connor **imply about** the Utmost.com employees?

- a) They are highly skilled.
- b) They do not require much supervision.
- c) They do not all work in the same office.
- d) They contribute to the company's success.

13. Which of the following is **NOT** a characteristic that Jared O'Connor claims to have?

- a) A strong work ethic
- b) Problem-solving skills
- c) Ability to work on teams
- d) Excellent communication skills

The Simon Group is Recruiting

The Simon Group still has a limited number of unfilled intern positions available. Should you be interested in getting work experience at the country's number one investment company, you are invited to submit a detailed resume and three references to the attention of Rachel Wethers in our H. R. department. Please apply in person.

Candidates should have the following minimum qualifications:

- 1) A degree in business or a related field
- 2) Excellent communication skills
- 3) At least one year's investment banking experience

If you think you fit this description and are serious about applying for a position at The Simon Group, please visit our offices at 21 Penny Lane, Walldorf, Washington to discuss your application with our recruitment team.

Please note that this is an internship scheme and, as such, successful candidates will not be salaried. They will receive a one-time-only gratuity at the end of the initial contract period of 6 months. The size of this gratuity is determined by your individual performance. There is no guarantee of a job offer on successful completion of the internship, though 75% of our interns are invited to continue working for us in a salaried position.

14. Which of the following is **not** one of the minimum qualifications for the job?

- a) A degree in a business-related field.
- b) Excellent interpersonal skills.
- c) One years' investment banking experience.
- d) Excellent personnel skills.

15. How should applicants apply?

- a) They should send their resume and references to 21 Penny Lane, Walldorf, Washington.
- b) They should post their resume and references to the attention of Rachel Wethers.
- c) They should bring their application in person to 21 Penny Lane, Walldorf, Washington.
- d) They should discuss their application with a member of the recruitment team over the phone.

The Grandmas Ball

The residents' committee of Durham is organizing an entertainment night exclusively for the elder citizens of our town. If you haven't got a free bus pass and a hip replacement, you will be turned away at the door! Humor aside, we believe it is high time that the grandmothers and grandfathers of this town were given something to celebrate, so we are holding a party in their honor.

ENTRANCE IS FREE

Entrance is free of charge for those aged 60 or over and each guest will receive bar coupons entitling them to two free pints of beer. There will also be a complimentary buffet dinner and snacks, and finger foods will be available throughout the night. (Anyone under the age of 60 wishing to attend is required to pay an entrance fee of \$50)

ENTERTAINMENT GALORE!

Entertainment on the night will include:

Bingo - a \$1,000 grand prize

The Grandmas Ball Dance! Put on your dancing shoes because here we go!

Trophy and bragging rights for the winner.

Live band!

The Ultimate Poker Championship!

Starting at : 25th July 8pm till late

16. What is The Grandmas Ball?

- a) A night of entertainment organized for the elderly.
- b) A dance night for older people.
- c) A pay-as-you-enter party for the elderly.
- d) A bingo and card games event open to everyone.

17. Apart from the entertainment program, what else is available to people aged 60 and over at no cost?

- a) A buffet dinner.
- b) Two pints of beer and free entrance.
- c) Snacks and finger foods.
- d) All of the above.

18. Can people below the age of sixty attend?

- a) Absolutely not, this is an exclusive event.
- b) Yes, but they must pay an entrance fee.
- c) Only to accompany someone aged sixty or over.
- d) Only at the invitation of the organizing committee.

Design Magazine

October 9th

Dear Design Magazine subscriber,

We are delighted to invite you to our fifteenth annual Design Magazine Exhibition and Conference, to be held at the Belmont Plaza Center in Richmond, VA, February 10-13. This year's event will focus on digital innovations and the future of design, with a number of high-tech manufacturers exhibiting in the main hall.

Speakers at the conference will include leading figures from the world of digital and print media, as well as leading designers and academics. The following are already confirmed:

Anne Jefferies, Head of Design Operations, News Inc.

Rudy Salazar, CTO, Big Box Media

Professor Augustin Bravo, University of Delaware, Institute of Design

Nancy Jones, Lead Designer, X-TC Digital

Exhibition and Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a training session. As usual, the training session aims to deliver practical guidance on how to improve working practices. This year, Ikon Software Corp. will be leading the session on how to better integrate the design, editorial and authoring processes through use of the latest software. The session will be designed to benefit both people new to this kind of software and more experienced users.

Above all, the Exhibition and Conference is a chance to network with your colleagues across the industry, to share ideas and best practice, and to make valuable new contacts. We hope that this year's event will build on the great successes of previous years, and we very much look forward to seeing you there.

Further information and registration materials are enclosed for your convenience.

Best wishes,

Marsha McDermott

Marsha McDermott, Sales and Marketing Director

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19. What is stated about the event?

- a) It will begin on February 15.
- b) It will be held at a university.
- c) It will be broadcast digitally.
- d) It is held every year.

20. Who most likely is Augustin Bravo?

- a) An event organizer
- b) A company representative
- c) An experienced printer
- d) A leading academic

21. **According to the letter**, what will Ikon Software Corp. do?

- a) Design a publication
- b) Show people how to use a product
- c) Produce a new software package
- d) Sell some items to authors

22. What is **NOT stated** in the letter?

- a) Attendees can meet new people.
 - b) Training will be provided.
 - c) The event will be rescheduled.
 - d) Documents are enclosed.
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