**Directions:** In each question, you will find a word or phrase missing. Four answer choices are given below each sentence. You must choose the best answer to complete the sentence. Then mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_\_ my sister’s 10th birthday.
2. visiting
3. making
4. inviting
5. celebrating\*\*
6. The money should be just \_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay for everything on the list.
7. meet
8. like
9. enough\*\*
10. lacking
11. The Junior Red Cross \_\_\_\_\_\_ to help poor people.
12. raises money\*\*
13. makes money
14. fills money
15. builds money
16. I can do tricks for the school show. I would \_\_\_\_\_\_ what number they are thinking.
17. see
18. guess\*\*
19. make
20. give out
21. Are there any \_\_\_\_\_\_ things on Mars?
22. live
23. alive
24. living\*\*
25. loving
26. The “Chunnel” is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ under the English Channel.
27. passage
28. road
29. highway
30. tunnel\*\*
31. My mom \_\_\_\_\_\_ like us to be finished before noon.
32. would\*\*
33. will
34. should
35. shall
36. Now I have \_\_\_\_\_\_ your brother’s teacher at 3:30.
37. been meeting
38. meet
39. to meet\*\*
40. to meeting
41. They build houses for poor people and give \_\_\_\_\_\_ food.
42. their
43. him
44. his
45. them\*\*
46. I can do three different tricks. My teacher said I \_\_\_\_\_\_ do one of them for the show.
47. ought to
48. were to
49. could\*\*
50. would
51. The highest mountain on Mars is three times \_\_\_\_\_\_ than Mt. Everest.
52. tall
53. taller\*\*
54. high
55. highest
56. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is it called the Chunnel?
57. What
58. Who
59. Why\*\*
60. Where

**Directions:** Read the texts on the page. You will find a word or phrase missing in some of the sentences. Below each of the sentences, four answer choices are given. Select the most appropriate answer to complete the text. Then mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

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| **Brian’s Morning Schedule**  Brian’s alarm clock rings at 7 o’clock. He rarely wakes up \_\_\_\_\_\_ than that on Saturdays. After he washes his  13. (A) early  (B) earlier\*\*  (C) fast  (D) faster  face, he sits down to eat breakfast. After breakfast, he brushes his teeth. Then he gets dressed. Next, he makes his bed. He usually has to do some chores. He sometimes washes the dishes.  Brian looks at his morning \_\_\_\_\_\_. Today, he needs to clean his room. It is his turn to wash the dog, too.  14. (A) news  (B) paper  (C) schedule\*\*  (D) times  When he finishes, he \_\_\_\_\_\_. He rarely watches TV, though. But today he watches his favorite show.  15. (A) goes jogging  (B) runs around the school  (C) goes a break  (D) takes a break\*\*  Then he walks the dog to the park. Finally, it is time for soccer practice. Brian never \_\_\_\_\_\_ things to do!  16. (A) runs out of\*\*  (B) run into  (C) takes time into  (D) takes out of |

**Directions:** In this part of the test, you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, letter, and advertisements. Each text is followed by several questions. Choose the correct answer to each question and mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

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| **Lunar New Year**  **The biggest holiday celebrated by Chinese**  By Best Readerson  **L**unar New Year is popular holiday in China. It can last for fifteen days. Luck is very important during this time. Red is used everywhere. People think it is a lucky color. It is said that a monster comes around during this time. He doesn’t like red or loud noises. People use fireworks. These hurt his ears. They scare him away.  There are rules to follow at this time, too. On the first day, people cannot take bath. Also, it is bad to take out the trash. It is said to take away luck. On the next day, people hang out with their families. They can hang out with their friends, too. On the third day, they cannot visit others. Some people do not agree about these rules. They think it is better to just have fun.  www.readingstarter.com/pages/magazine |

1. What does this passage explain?
2. The customs Chinese people have during the Lunar New Year’s time\*\*
3. How some Chinese people follow strange rules
4. The Lunar New Year and strange Chinese food
5. The strange things that happen during the Chinese Lunar New Year
6. Why do Chinese people use red color and loud noises?
7. They bring in luck.
8. They scare monsters away.\*\*
9. They are simply fun.
10. They keep the monsters safe from bad luck.
11. Why is it bad to take out the trash during the Lunar New Year?
12. There are no garbage collectors during the holiday season.
13. It gives you an extra chore.
14. It is said to take away luck.\*\*
15. It invites the monster and bad luck.
16. What seems most important to Chinese people during this time?
17. Rules to follow
18. Luck\*\*
19. Monsters to drive out
20. Fireworks