

RELATIONSHIPS I: Mastery Test 1

- A.** Fill in each blank with an appropriate transition from the box. Use each transition once. Then, in the spaces provided, write the letter of the transition you have chosen.

A. after	B. also	C. another
D. moreover	E. then	

Hint: Make sure that each word or phrase that you choose fits smoothly into the flow of the sentence. Test your choices by reading each sentence to yourself.

- _____ 1. ¹If you're used to e-mail, sending an actual letter can seem like a long, drawn-out process. ²First you have to get a pen and paper, an envelope, and stamps. ³_____ you write the letter, you have to fold it, place it in the envelope, and attach a stamp. ⁴Finally you need to find a place to mail the letter. ⁵No wonder people mail so few real letters these days!
- _____ 2. ¹I have a limited interest in people whose main topic of conversation is themselves and who never show any interest in what is happening to me. ²_____ group I avoid is people who never allow facts to interfere with their opinions.
- _____ 3. ¹The world of business is one area in which technology has isolated us. ²Many people now work alone at a display terminal that connects to a large central computer. ³Personal banking has _____ become a detached process. ⁴To deposit or withdraw money from their accounts, customers often interact with machines rather than people.
- _____ 4. ¹By today's standards, early automobiles were difficult to operate and uncomfortable to drive. ²A driver had to start the car's engine by cranking it by hand, and the crank sometimes sprang back and broke the driver's thumb. ³_____, early cars were open on top, so driving on unpaved roads left riders choking on dust and dirt.
- _____ 5. ¹Many television ads proceed in three stages: the problem, the advice, and the resolution. ²For example, a mouthwash commercial will first establish the problem—that someone has bad breath. ³_____ it will suggest that the person try the advertised mouthwash. ⁴This is followed by an obvious resolution of the problem: the person's being chased by attractive members of the opposite sex.

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- B. (6–9.) Fill in each blank with an appropriate transition word from the box. Use each transition once.

A. after
D. then

B. last

C. next

¹Two Minnesota brothers, Ed and Norman, are engaged in a war. ²It all started (6)_____ Ed's wife gave him a pair of pants that didn't fit. ³Ed wrapped up the pants and put them under Norman's Christmas tree. ⁴As soon as Norman opened the box, he recognized the unwanted pants. ⁵The (7)_____ year, he gave them back to Ed, sealed in a heavy carton tied with knotted ropes. ⁶The War of the Pants was on. ⁷Each year, on one of the brothers' birthdays, or on Christmas, the dreaded pants reappear. ⁸Two years ago, Norman bought an old safe, put the pants in it, welded it shut, and delivered it to Ed's house. ⁹Somehow, Ed retrieved the pants. ¹⁰(One of the rules of the war is that the pants must not be damaged.) ¹¹(8)_____ year Ed took the pants to an auto junkyard. ¹²The pants were placed in an ancient Ford's backseat, and the car (9)_____ went through the auto crusher. ¹³On his birthday, Norman found a four-foot square of smashed metal on his doorstep. ¹⁴He knew it could only be Ed's doing, and the pants must be inside. ¹⁵Norman is still trying to get at the pants and prepare next year's "topper."

- ____ 10. The pattern of organization of the above selection is
A. list of items.
B. time order.

B. Read the passage and answer the question that follows.

¹Probably every child remembers digging a hole in his or her backyard and being told, "If you dig deep enough, you'll go to China." ²What would really happen if a man dug a hole through the center of the Earth and then jumped into it? ³The traveler entering the tunnel would first fall rapidly under the force of gravity. ⁴Eventually, as he approached the Earth's center, the jumper's weight would decrease. ⁵By the time he reached the center of the Earth, he would be weightless. ⁶An equal amount of the Earth's mass on all sides of him would cancel out the forces of gravity. ⁷Still, the traveler's original momentum would carry him past the center toward the opening on the far side of the world. ⁸After almost reaching that point, he would fall back up the hole toward his starting point. ⁹Back and forth he would then go, like a yo-yo, gradually slowing down until coming to a stop at the very center of the Earth.

_____ 6. The main pattern of organization of the passage is

- A. list of items.
- B. time order.

C. (7–9.) Fill in each blank with an appropriate transition word from the box. Use each transition once. Then answer the question that follows.**A. also****B. finally****C. first**

¹The microbes that cause infection are transmitted to people in several ways. ²(7)_____, there is direct transmission, which involves bodily contact with an infected person. ³Examples are passing along a cold through handshaking or herpes through sexual relations. ⁴There is (8)_____ indirect transmission, which occurs when microbes are passed from an infected person to an individual via airborne particles, water, food, or anything else the infected person touches. ⁵For example, someone might catch the flu by drinking from a glass that has been used by a person with the flu. ⁶(9)_____, animals and insects can transmit microbes. ⁷Flies, for instance, carry harmful microbes on their feet, and can transmit them to people by landing on their food.

_____ 10. The pattern of organization of the above selection is

- A. list of items.
- B. time order.

RELATIONSHIPS I: Mastery Test 3

- A.** (1–4.) Arrange the scrambled sentences below into a logical paragraph by numbering them 1, 2, 3, and 4 in an order that makes sense. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the pattern of organization used.

Note that transitions will help you by clarifying the relationships between sentences.

- ____ In addition, check the puppy's personality by watching how it plays with other puppies.
- ____ There are some important points to keep in mind when choosing a puppy.
- ____ Last, since curiosity is a sign of intelligence, clap your hands to see if the puppy is curious and interested.
- ____ For one thing, look for signs of good health, including clear, bright eyes and firm, pink gums.

- ____ 5. The pattern of organization of the above selection is
 - A. list of items.
 - B. time order.

- B.** Read the passage and answer the question that follows. You may find it helpful to underline transitions as you read.

¹In January of 1954, Ernest and Mary Hemingway left Nairobi on a vacation trip on which they flew over grazing elephants, hippos bathing in the lakes, and huge flocks of feeding flamingos. ²As they were circling a spectacular waterfall, a flock of ibises flew in front of the plane. ³When the pilot dived to avoid the birds, he struck an abandoned telegraph wire that crossed the gorge. ⁴In the crash that followed, Ernest sprained his shoulder; Mary was only slightly injured. ⁵Luckily, a boat came down the river the next morning, and its crew rescued them. ⁶By that evening, they were on board a small plane bound for Entebbe. ⁷The plane lifted from the plowed field that served as a runway, then crashed and burst into flames. ⁸Ernest escaped by breaking through a window with his head and injured shoulder, and Mary got out through another window. ⁹Twice in two days they had crashed and come out alive, but Ernest had injured his head, his backbone, and a kidney. ¹⁰After this, even writing a letter was difficult for him.

- ____ 6. The pattern of organization of the above selection is
 - A. list of items.
 - B. time order.

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RELATIONSHIPS I: Mastery Test 6

Read each textbook passage, and then answer the questions or follow the directions provided.

- A.** ¹According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, thirty million Americans—one out of eight people—suffer from a drug or alcohol dependency. ²The development of an addiction typically unfolds in four stages. ³First, some stimulus—drugs, alcohol, sex, chocolate—holds out the promise of short-lived pleasure or excitement. ⁴Next, a person discovers that indulging in one of these activities temporarily satisfies some psychological need, making him or her feel good, if only for a short time. ⁵Third, certain recurring situations start to trigger the addictive behavior, and the pattern repeats itself. ⁶Finally, the habit takes control, and the individual loses self-control. ⁷Often, by this stage, a physical dependency will have been added to a psychological one, thereby making the addictive behavior pattern even more difficult to break.

- _____ 1. The pattern of organization of the above selection is
 A. list of items.
 B. time order.

2–3. Two of the transitions that introduce the major details of the paragraph are _____

- B.** ¹After World War II began, women's roles changed. ²The most visible change was the sudden appearance of large numbers of women in uniform. ³The military organized them into auxiliary units with special uniforms, their own officers, and, amazingly, equal pay. ⁴Most either filled traditional women's roles, such as nursing, or replaced men in noncombat situations.

⁵Women also substituted for men on the home front. ⁶During the war, three million women entered the labor force, and for the first time in history, married working women outnumbered single working women. ⁷The war challenged the public's image of proper female behavior, as "Rosie the Riveter" became the popular symbol of women who abandoned traditional jobs as domestic servants and store clerks to work in construction and heavy industry.

- _____ 4. The pattern of organization of the above selection is
 A. list of items.
 B. time order.
5. The second major detail is signaled with the transition _____.
- _____ 6. The total number of major details is
 A. two.
 B. three.
 C. four.

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