

## 국가영어능력평가시험 예시문항 - 읽기 2급

### 1. 제목 찾기

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What is the best title for the passage?

On the western frontier, there was more of a tendency for people to treat each other as social equals than there was in the more settled eastern regions of the country. On the frontier, the highest importance was placed on what people could do in their own lifetime. They didn't care much about their ancestors. Frontier people were fond of saying, "What's above the ground is more important than what's beneath the ground." Because so little attention was paid to a person's family background, the frontier offered a new beginning for many Americans who were seeking opportunities to advance themselves. The frontier offered millions of Americans a source of hope for a fresh start in the competitive race for success and for a better life.

- ① Obstacles to Overcome on the Frontier
- ② The Importance of Family Background
- ③ The Frontier as a Place of New Hope
- ④ Violence Rules on the American Frontier

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## 2. 세부 정보 파악

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According to the passage, which person is NOT following the directions?

BONIMA is a prescription medicine, which is most widely used to treat patients characterized by weakening of the bone. This medicine has been clinically proven to help build and maintain bone density. You must follow the given directions properly.

How should you take BONIMA?

- Take first thing in the morning, on the same day each month.
- Swallow whole (do not chew or suck) with a full glass (6 to 8 oz) of plain water (not sparkling). Do not take with tea, coffee, or milk.
- After you take BONIMA, remain standing or sitting for at least 60 minutes before you eat, drink, lie down, or take any other oral medications. Some medicines can stop BONIMA from getting to your bones.
- If you take too much BONIMA, drink a full glass of milk and call your local poison control center or emergency room right away. Do not make yourself vomit. Do not lie down.

\*See your health care provider for more information!

- ① Someone who takes BONIMA first thing in the morning
- ② Someone who takes BONIMA with a full glass of plain water
- ③ Someone who stands or sits for over an hour after taking BONIMA
- ④ Someone who makes oneself vomit after taking too much BONIMA

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### 3. 빈칸 채우기

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Which one best fits in the blank?

Integrity means doing the right thing, especially when no one is watching. It is easy to act honorably when others are present to give you credit for your actions. It might be convenient, however, to take the easy road or behave dishonorably when no one else is present. The true test of integrity is how you behave when your actions are witnessed by you alone. Doing the right thing takes courage. It requires tuning in to your conscience, listening to what it says, and honoring the values you know to be correct. Many times, as you travel along on your journey through life, you will be faced with situations that force you to choose between \_\_\_\_\_. That's just the nature of the game.

- ① dreams and reality
- ② adventures and security
- ③ conscience and compromise
- ④ inner beauty and appearance

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#### 4. 문장 끼워 넣기

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Which is the best place for the sentence in the box?

As such, that first 'right' idea may turn out to be dangerous if it prevents you from generating a series of ideas.

Imagine that you are hiring someone to be your secretary. You've posted ads, gone to job websites, and contracted a hiring agency. Over the several weeks of your search you collect about a hundred resumes. ( ① ) As you look through them, you see that resume number 6 looks pretty good: right qualifications, relevant experience, and impressive references. ( ② ) Just because you've found what looks like a good candidate, would you stop at number 6, and throw away the 94 unread resumes without checking them out? ( ③ ) Of course not, since there could be ten other resumes just as good or better included in that pile. ( ④ ) There seems to be a remarkable degree of arrogance in assuming that there's no better idea than the one that first pops into your head.

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## 5. 글의 순서 파악

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What is the best order of (A), (B), and (C) after the sentence in the box?

Groups in organizational settings can be classified in terms of whether they are open or closed.

- (A) Open groups, on the other hand, tend to change on dimensions of individual power and status. They are also more subject to disruption because of their changing membership and are less able to focus on long-term issues because of their relative instability.
- (B) Open groups frequently change their membership, with people constantly moving in and out of the group. In contrast, closed groups have a relatively stable membership. In addition, most closed groups have well-established status relationships among their members.
- (C) Nevertheless, open groups have certain advantages. For example, their high rate of turnover permits the filling of 'new blood,' and therefore new ideas and talents. They are more adaptable to changes in their surrounding circumstances.

- ① (B) - (A) - (C)                      ② (B) - (C) - (A)  
③ (C) - (A) - (B)                      ④ (C) - (B) - (A)

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## 6~7. 빈칸 채우기/글의 목적 찾기

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Read the passage and answer the questions.

Before the discovery of Australia, people in the Old World were convinced that all swans are white, an unattackable belief as it seemed completely confirmed by empirical evidence. The sighting of the first black swan might have been an interesting surprise for a few zoologists, but that is not where the significance of the story lies. It illustrates a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to our learning from observations or experience, and the weakness of our knowledge. A black swan is an outlier. Since nothing in the past can convincingly point to its possibility, it lies outside the realm of regular expectations. One single observation can invalidate a general statement derived from millennia of confirmatory sightings of millions of white swans. All you need is one single black bird.

I push one step beyond this philosophical, logical question into an empirical reality, and one that has obsessed me since childhood. A small number of black swans explain almost everything in our world, from the success of ideas, to the dynamics of historical events, to elements of our personal lives. Since some ten millennia ago, the effect of these black swans has been increasing. It started accelerating during the industrial revolution as the world started getting complicated. Just reflect on how little your understanding of the world would, at the present moment, have helped you understand unexpected new events and phenomena. Epidemics, fashion, ideas, art genres, and schools all follow these black swan dynamics.



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1. Which one best fits in the blank?

- ① limitation
- ② indifference
- ③ contribution
- ④ introduction

2. Which one is the purpose of the passage?

- ① To reject new ideas that are irrational and groundless
- ② To connect abstract knowledge with empirical evidence
- ③ To break narrow beliefs based only on empirical evidence
- ④ To persuade people to conserve ancient wisdom and beliefs



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## 8~10. 사실 정보 파악/어구 의미 추론/문단 요지 파악

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Read the passage and answer the questions.

**1** One day Gordon takes his friends fishing in the brand-new boat he has just bought. After heading west about a mile out to sea, he and his friends start fishing. They fish for hours, but with no luck. His friends beg Gordon to change course and head south, where they've heard the fishing is better.

**2** Gordon is anxious for his friends to have a great time, so he heads to the front of the boat, grabs the wheel, and turns it ninety degrees to the left, now headed south, and then he goes back to rejoin his friends. After an hour goes by without a catch, one of Gordon's friends glances up at the sky and says, "Gordon! We're still headed west!"

**3** Embarrassed, Gordon realizes it's true. He goes back up to the helm and this time, just to make sure, he steers the boat way past 90 degrees to 135 degrees, heading southeast, before returning to his friends. After another hour of no results, they realize that, once again, they are still headed west! Frustrated, Gordon now rushes to the helm and pulls the vessel clear around, 180 degrees, setting it on a course east, headed back for home. Yet fifteen minutes later, they are mysteriously headed west again! Gordon is ready to tear his hair out, when one of his friends says, "Hey, Gordon... you know about the automatic pilot, right?" Gordon doesn't know what to say. The automatic what? He didn't know the boat had one of those.

**4** Does **Gordon's dilemma** sound at all familiar? Most of us have had experiences like this in our lives. After the third failed relationship, or the fourth failed business effort, the seventh time losing our temper when we swore we weren't going to, we say, "Why does this keep happening to me?" It could simply be that, like Gordon, you've never given your autopilot a thought because you didn't even know it existed. Just like machines, we have such autopilots, too.





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1. Gordon and his friends try to change the boat's course because \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① the tide is too high for fishing
- ② the automatic pilot is out of order
- ③ they want to find a better fishing site
- ④ they want to look for other fishing boats

2. What does the underlined part, Gordon's dilemma, mean?

- ① Gordon cannot catch any fish.
- ② Gordon's boat is stuck heading west.
- ③ Gordon's friends have bad feelings toward him.
- ④ Gordon's friends ask him to do too many things.

3. According to Paragraph 4, we tend to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① change our goals in life too often
- ② think too much when making a decision
- ③ lose our temper when others make mistakes
- ④ make the same mistakes without realizing it



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