Sample Questions
in preparation for

MATURE STUDENT TESTING
AT
NIAGARA COLLEGE
INFORMATIONAL AND LITERARY READING

Directions:
This is a test in reading. You will read the following passages and do multiple-choice items. Read the passage of text then find the answer for item 1 and 2 below the passage.

The official formation of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (ANAC) was in 1975. However, its origins precede this historic date by one year. In 1974 the groundwork was started for the actual formation of the association by several nurses who shared a common vision founded in their unique perspective as Aboriginal care givers to Aboriginal people.

1. According to the passage, the nurses who started the groundwork for the ANAC had a unique perspective because of their:
   A. youth
   B. friendship
   C. medical training
   D. Aboriginal origin

Through his giant office window, John observed the street below. Tiny suited people scurried through the corridors of the city core, rewarded intermittently with a cup of coffee or the daily paper and then deposited by revolving doors into glassy skyscrapers.

“Mr. Caldwell is here to see you.” The familiar voice paused for a response.
“Thank you,” John answered. “Let him in.” His morning appointment had arrived.

2. The imagery in the first paragraph is one of...
   A. rats in a maze
   B. horses in a race
   C. people in a race
   D. people in a building

Here is an announcement that was posted on a public library bulletin board. Read the announcement, then answer questions 3 and 4.

Do you like to read out loud? Would you enjoy using your reading skills to brighten someone else’s world? If so, this is your opportunity to join the library’s Read-Aloud Program. We read books to people with vision problems in our community’s nursing homes. If you have four hours a month to donate to a worthy service, please call 555-1234 and join our Read-Aloud team. Our vision is your vision! Volunteer and see!

3. This announcement is most like:
   A. an editorial
   B. a news report
   C. a science article
   D. an advertisement
4. Why was this announcement written?
   A to find readers for people with vision problems
   B to tell people in nursing homes about a program
   C to tell people to read more carefully
   D to inform people about library services

5. Crocodiles don’t have toothbrushes, but they do have birds to help keep their teeth clean. The crocodiles open their jaws and let the birds come inside. The birds then pick out the pieces of food that are stuck between the crocodiles’ teeth. The hungry birds must trust the crocodiles to keep their jaws open.

   According to the passage, crocodiles open their mouths because they want the birds to:
   A fly away
   B build a nest
   C bring them food
   D clean their teeth

6. Jan drove her car to the service station. She filled the tank with gas and checked the oil, then she cleaned the windows and paid the bill.

   What did Jan do last?
   A paid the bill
   B filled the tank
   C checked the oil
   D cleaned the windows
WRITING CONVENTIONS

Directions:

Read the following sentence and look at the underlined parts. For items A and B, choose the answer that shows correct capitalization and punctuation for each part.

1. Mila has three cats. Their names are ___(A)_____. Pushkin is ___(B)_____.

   (A)  A Pushkin, Mikhail and Petya.
        B Pushkin, Mikhail. And Petya.
        C Pushkin. Mikhail. And Petya.
        D Pushkin Mikhail and Petya.

   (B)  F Mikhail’ brother
        G Mikhail’s brother
        H Mikhails’ brother
        J Mikhails brother

2. Choose the sentence that is complete and is written correctly.

   A There is only a few panda bears in this country.
   B People should not feeding the bears in the zoo.
   C Some new animals were brought to the zoo last year.
   D There will always be a long line when we went to see the panda bear.

Choose the correct punctuation for the underlined words.

3. Local agricultural yields were exceptionally high last fall.

   A Local, agricultural yields were
   B Local agricultural, yields were
   C Local, agricultural, yields were
   D correct as it is

4. Choose the sentence that is written with correct capitalization and punctuation.

   A The picnic will be held at Green Hill Park.
   B Emma will come tomorrow but, she will be late.
   C Please remind tea to bring the paper plates.
   D Are you going to the picnic tomorrow afternoon.
For the following 2 questions, choose the answer that is written correctly and shows the correct capitalization and punctuation.

5.  A  Are you sure that scarf is Lauren’s.
    B  Toms jacket is too large for Robert.
    C  Is that Elizabeth’s favourite jacket?
    D  Those mufflers are definitely their’s.

6.  A  Although gorillas look fierce they are generally quite shy, friendly animals that like companionship.
    B  Only gorillas in zoos eat meat regularly; in the wild, gorillas eat mostly leaves buds bark and fruit.
    C  A gorilla has huge shoulders, a broad chest, long arms, and short legs.
    D  Gorillas have few real enemies except human beings who kill them, capture them, or cut down the rain forests in which they live.
VOCABULARY

Directions:

Read the following paragraph then answer question A and B. For each blank, there is a list of words. Choose the word from each list that best completes the meaning of the paragraph.

1. Some students are nervous about playing team sports, so they hesitate to join a team. They really should not worry. An enthusiastic coach will soon help young ___(A)___ to feel confident. On a good sports team, people encourage each other to learn and to have fun. It doesn’t matter if the team never wins a ___(B)___ . The important thing is to make an effort to play as well as possible.

   A    A friends  
   B    B athletes 
   C    C leaders 
   D    D partners 

   B    F team 
   G    G trophy 
   H    H second 
   J    J referee 

For item 2 and 3, read the incomplete sentences then choose the one word that correctly completes both sentences. For Item 4 select the word that best complete the sentence.

2. Susan forgot to __________ her friend. What do you __________ your kittens?
   A    call 
   B    write 
   C    thank 
   D    remind

3. Carl stacked the dishes near the kitchen __________. We watched the sun __________ slowly behind the clouds.
   A    sink 
   B    float 
   C    slide 
   D    counter

4. The diver watched the __________ sway lazily with the ocean current.
   A    dancer 
   B    seaweed 
   C    freighter 
   D    aquarium
SPELLING

Directions:

Choose the word that is spelled correctly and completes the sentence.

1. Their feelings for each other were __________.
   A mutial
   B mutule
   C mutual
   D mutuile

2. The road is very __________.
   A narow
   B nairow
   C nareow
   D narrow

3. Choose the word that is spelled correctly and completes the sentence.
   Grade 2 arithmetic seems __________.
   A simple
   B simpel
   C simpull
   D simpple

4. The theatre audience was ____________.
   A apreciative
   B apareciateve
   C appreciative
   D appreciateve

5. Three of the underlined words are spelled correctly. Find the phrase containing an underlined word that is not spelled correctly.
   A thirteith reunion
   B synthetic material
   C miscellaneous files
   D accelerate suddenly
COMPUTATION AND ESTIMATION

1. \(31.4 - 8.6 = \)
   A  22.2
   B  22.8
   C  23.8
   D  24.2

2. \(21 \div (-7) = \)
   A  -14
   B  -3
   C  14
   D  28
   E  None of the above

3. \(212 + 122 = \)
   A  334
   B  333
   C  343
   D  344
   E  None of the above

4. \(5 \frac{1}{4} + 3 \frac{2}{5} = \)
   A  8 3/20
   B  8 13/40
   C  8 1/3
   D  8 13/20
   E  None of the above

5. \(1/6 \div 2/3 = \)
   A  1/9
   B  9
   C  ¼
   D  4
   E  None of the above
Answer Key:

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1 – D
2 – A
3 – D
4 – A
5 – D
6 – A

Writing Conventions

1a. – A
1b. – G
2 – A
3 – D
4 – A
5 – C
6 – C

Vocabulary

1a. – B
1b. – G
2 – A
3 – A
4 – B

Spelling

1 – C
2 – D
3 – A
4 – C
5 – A

Computation and Estimation

1 – B
2 – B
3 – A
4 – D
5 – C