



TABE TEST LANGUAGE PRACTICE ITEMS

1. Read the sentences.

Luke was so proud of _____. He helped his team finish the project at work.

Which word best completes the sentence?

- A. itself
- B. himself
- C. ourselves
- D. themselves

2. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. For protection against the midday sun, I wore a faded, denim hat.
- B. Bright, colorful butterflies flitted about from one saltbush to another.
- C. A heavy, morning fog covered the low-lying areas of the wildlife refuge.
- D. The high-pitched, chirping sounds of the frogs were loud and continuous.

3. Which sentence contains a misspelled word?

- A. The jury delivered a verdict that acquitted the man of all charges.
- B. The editor omitted a few details that were unnecessary to the story.
- C. Susan was late to rehearsal because her car broke down on the interstate.
- D. Megan seeks inspiration for her art from the mythology of ancient cultures.



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Read the passage. Then answer questions 4 and 5.

Footwear

1. _____
 2. The origin of high-heeled footwear may surprise you. High-heeled shoes were first worn centuries ago by Persian men on horseback. Persian hunting and warfare greatly relied on horsemanship, and footwear with a heel made these activities easier.
 3. When a Persian diplomat brought the style to Europe in the seventeenth century, male aristocrats became enamored with the shoes and began wearing them as status symbols.
 4. History shows that the modern view of high-heeled shoes is false. The style was first worn by men. It was not until many years later that women would adopt the shoe style for a very particular reason. _____
4. The passage lacks an introductory paragraph. The writer has made a list of possible introductions. Which two sentences would best introduce the passage?
- A. Persian diplomats showed high-heeled shoes to many other cultures interested in new footwear.
 - B. Persian soldiers designed the high-heeled shoe because they needed better equipment for warfare.
 - C. Historical and political evidence show that the purpose of high-heeled shoes has changed over time.
 - D. High-heeled shoes are considered an invention of women's fashion. However, this view ignores hundreds of years of history.
 - E. High-heeled shoes were invented centuries ago for practical reasons. However, high-heeled shoes are more important as fashion accessories.
 - F. Fashion trends have evolved over the centuries, and the people who wear such things as high-heeled shoes can change within a few generations.



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5. The conclusion the writer developed is not an effective end to the information presented in the passage. Which two sentences would be best to add to the concluding paragraph?
- A. Today, high-heeled shoes are very fashionable and come in many different styles.
 - B. Today, high-heeled shoes remain an important piece of traditional Persian dress.
 - C. By the 18th century, the men in many cultures stopped wearing high-heeled shoes completely.
 - D. Once women began wearing high-heeled shoes more frequently, they decreased in popularity among men.
 - E. Surprisingly, some hunters still wear high-heeled shoes today for the same purpose that Persian men once did.
 - F. Some eighteenth century women began wearing high-heeled shoes to make their outfits seem more masculine.
6. Which sentence is written correctly?
- A. We arrived at the beach just in time, to watch the playful, dolphins swimming.
 - B. The sun came out after a brief but heavy, shower, so we went hiking during the afternoon.
 - C. Lightning flashes kept us from swimming, in the ocean, and playing with the old, beach volleyball.
 - D. Our picnic lunch was delayed when dark, menacing clouds gathered on the horizon.



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ANSWER KEY:

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. C, D
5. D, E
6. D