TABE 13 & 14

LANGUAGE PRACTICE TEST ITEMS LEVEL A

1. Read the sentences.

One reason no one recognized her was because she had cut her hair.

Since she was wearing dark glasses, people did not realize it was she.

She did not speak, so no one realized it was she.

Which of these effectively combines the sentences into one sentence using appropriate parallel structure?

A. No one recognized her because of short hair, her dark glasses hid her eyes, and not talking.
B. No one recognized her because her hair was shorter, her dark glasses, and she did not say a word.
C. No one recognized her because she had cut her hair, was wearing dark glasses, and said not a word.
D. No one recognized her because her hair was cut, people did not realize it was she because of her dark glasses, and her silence.

2. Read the sentences.

Because I wanted to adopt a healthier lifestyle, I decided to abstain from fast foods and sugary soft drinks.

I looked and felt better after eliminating those harmful foods from my diet.

What does the word *abstain* mean as used in the first sentence?

A. limit availability
B. follow guidelines
C. give up voluntarily
D. develop a new habit

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3. Which sentence correctly uses a colon to introduce quoted words?

A. "A house full of love has elastic walls": A saying Hank keeps in mind when his five children seem underfoot.

B. A saying that Hank keeps in mind when his five children seem underfoot is: "A house full of love has elastic walls."

C. Hank keeps in mind certain sayings when his five children seem underfoot, such as: "A house full of love has elastic walls."

D. Hank keeps this saying in mind when his five children seem underfoot: "A house full of love has elastic walls."

4. Read the sentence.

Radical opinions often come from all kinds of people about geothermal energy that are unsupported by facts.

Which revision of the sentence is most appropriate and clear?

A. Radical opinions are what people often have without facts about geothermal energy.

B. Geothermal energy that people often have radical opinions about is unsupported by facts.

C. Unsupported facts about geothermal energy often come from people with radical opinions.

D. People often have radical opinions about geothermal energy that are unsupported by facts.

5. Which sentence has parallel structure?

A. As soon as we get home, we will make dinner, clean the kitchen, and be putting away our laundry.

B. Liam enjoys participating in rugby tournaments, raising money for charities, and playing music with his friends.

C. The last time we went to the beach, my sister learned how to surf, made some new friends, and I got a bad sunburn.

D. I am looking forward to spending the weekend in the mountains, where I can fish, be paddling a canoe, and watch for falling stars at night.

LANGUAGE ANSWER KEY

LEVEL A

1. C
2. C
3. D
4. D
5. B