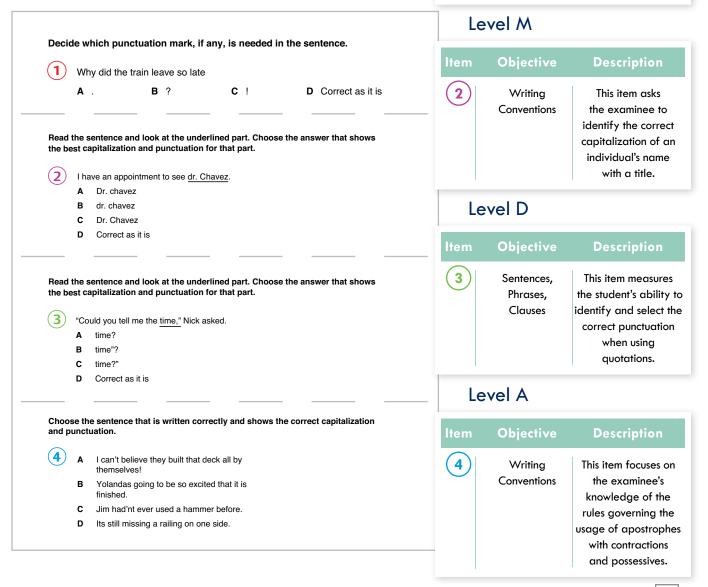
## **Optional Tests**

### Language Mechanics

The first of the three Optional Tests focuses on the mechanics of written language. The content covers identifying the appropriate use of capitalization and punctuation in sentences, phrases, and clauses. This includes correct usage with quotations, dialogue, proper nouns, titles, contractions, possessive nouns, and pronouns. The Language Mechanics test reinforces editing, proofreading, and other key writing processes. This information can be applied to writing a variety of documents, including business and personal letters.

### Level E

Item	Objective	Description
1	Sentences, Phrases, Clauses	This item measures the examinee's ability to determine which end mark, if any, suits the given context.





### Level E

# Multiple Meaning Words This item measures the ability to understand multiple meanings of words by inferring missing words from sentences.

# **Optional Tests**

### Vocabulary

This Optional Test measures basic vocabulary skills. The content focuses on understanding word meanings and relationships. One of the skills measured is the use of context to identify the meaning of words, including multi-meaning words. The Vocabulary test supports the goal of in-depth mastery of word meanings and the acquisition of transferable skills or strategies for the ongoing process of word mastery.

# Level M Item Objective Description 2 Multiple Meaning Words This item measures the ability to understand the multiple definitions of words used in examples of everyday contexts. Level D Item Objective Description 3 Word Meaning Demonstrating

Level A

Word Meaning

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an understanding of word meaning and relationships is an

integral part of assessing

vocabulary skills.

This item measures

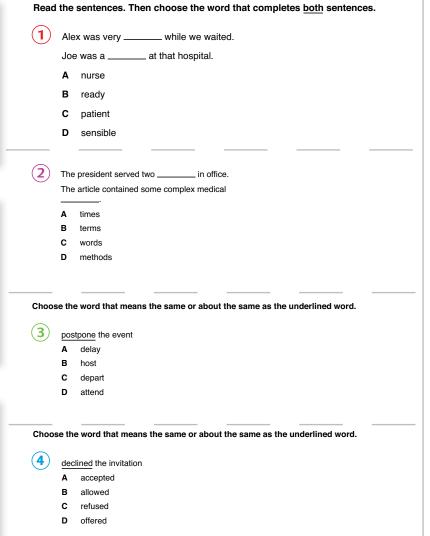
the ability to select

the synonym that

completes the phrase

without changing

its' meaning.



# **Optional Tests**

### Spelling

Spelling is often difficult because it involves a wide range of interrelated language traits, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Therefore, the optional Spelling test provides a more direct focus on this challenging subject area. The item format de-emphasizes reading and vocabulary skills and concentrates more directly on spelling skills.

### Level M

Item	Objective	Description
1	Vowel	This item measures the ability to choose the correctly spelled word from a group of words with spelling errors related to vowel sounds.

