

WORDINESS PRACTICE

DIRECTIONS: Choose the underlined and lettered portion that is unnecessary within the context of the passage.

1. Not all students studying in the field of psychology become practicing psychologists; many go into business.
- A B C D
E

- A. Not all
- B. studying
- C. in the field of
- D. become
- E. many

2. After being held up in heavy traffic, I decided to take an alternate route. Finding the nearest exit, I finally began to advance forward, and I did manage to arrive home on time.
- A B
C D E

- A. heavy
- B. to take
- C. Finding
- D. forward
- E. on time

3. I recently tried to ride a horse for the first time. The first problem was to catch him. Whenever I approached, he ran around the corral in a circle. Despite the problems, though, I did enjoy a pleasant afternoon.
- A B
C D E

- A. recently
- B. for the first time
- C. first
- D. in a circle
- E. pleasant

4. When I write a paper for my professor, I like to be as creative as possible. For my last assignment, I chose paper that was red in color, and I used green ink. Needless to say, the instructor was not complimentary in his evaluation.

- A. for my professor
- B. as possible
- C. in color
- D. green
- E. not

5. Last week, our seminar group went to the location of the museum, and we left at 7 o'clock in the morning. I was so sleepy I could hardly concentrate on the questions the seminar leader asked. In fact, when we went to lunch I slipped into the staff lounge and went to sleep.

- A. the location of
- B. in the morning
- C. could
- D. when we went to lunch
- E. staff

EXACTNESS (WORD CHOICE) PRACTICE

DIRECTIONS: Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

1. The two young lovers _____ down the tree-lined sidewalk.
 - A. trudged
 - B. strolled
 - C. roamed

2. I admire the professor because he is always very fair and _____ in his comments to his students.
 - A. discerning
 - B. shrewd
 - C. calculating

3. We should always try not to _____ our roadways and waterways.
 - A. defile
 - B. debauch
 - C. pollute

4. Because we recently had a series of break-ins in our neighborhood, we installed a burglar alarm, reinforced the window locks, and installed deadbolt locks on all doors. Our home is now a _____.
 - A. dungeon
 - B. prison
 - C. fortress

5. While in Tallahassee, we visited the _____ building.
 - A. capitol
 - B. White House
 - C. capital