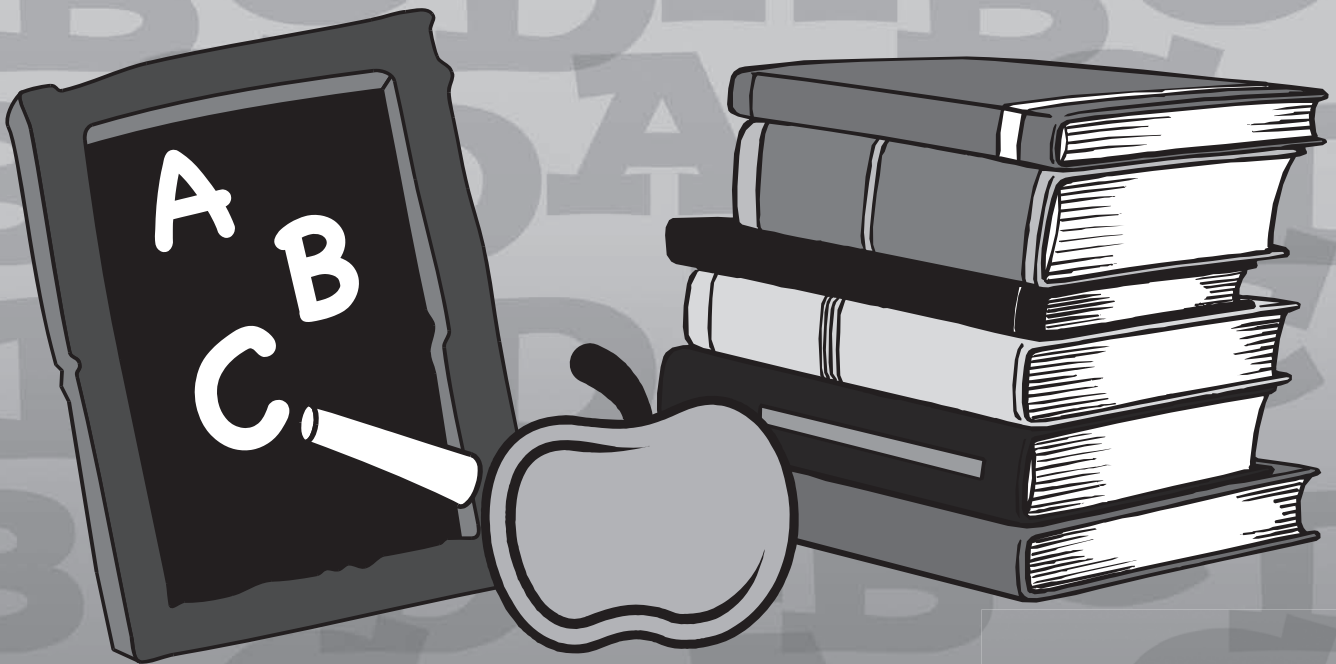




# PRACTICE EXERCISES

META-PR 2017



**English**

Grade  
**7**

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## Instrucciones

Antes de empezar los ejercicios, tu maestro o maestra te ayudará a contestar unos ejemplos. Los ejemplos son para que entiendas lo que tienes que hacer una vez comiences los ejercicios. También te indicará cómo ennegrecer los círculos de la hoja de contestaciones para que tu contestación sea válida. Sigue todas las sugerencias y lee con mucha atención.

A continuación verás un ejemplo de la hoja de contestaciones y lo que debes hacer para contestar.

### Instrucciones para ennegrecer las respuestas de preguntas de selección múltiple

- Usa lápiz núm. 2 solamente.
- No uses lápiz mecánico, tinta ni bolígrafo.
- Llena el círculo por completo.
- Borra por completo cualquier respuesta que desees cambiar.
- No hagas marcas o líneas en esta hoja.

**Incorrecto**

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**Correcto**

### Instrucciones para contestar las preguntas de respuesta extendida

- Usa lápiz solamente.
- No uses lápiz mecánico, tinta ni bolígrafo.
- Asegúrate de contestar todas las partes de la pregunta.
- Escribe solamente dentro del recuadro.

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# English

## Samples

These are the Practice Questions of the META-PR for Grade 7. With these questions, you will show how well you can understand and use English.

The practice questions include the following sections: Listening, Reading, and Writing/Language. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet. Now look at Sample A.

**A** Choose the word that belongs in the blank.

Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ my backpack at school.

A leave

B leaves

C leaving

\*D left

The correct answer is **D, left**. On your answer sheet, you can see that **D** is filled in.

Now do the next sample on your own. Read the question and choose the correct answer. Then, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

**B** The baseball game was very exciting. My brother and I lost our voices from yelling. The game was decided in the final inning. Our team won by a score of 5-4!

Which sentence from this paragraph is an **OPINION**?

A “The baseball game was very exciting.”

B “My brother and I lost our voices from yelling.”

C “The game was decided in the final inning.”

D “Our team won by a score of 5-4!”

The correct answer is **A, The baseball game was very exciting**. The circle for **A** should be filled in on your answer sheet.



**STOP**

**Directions:** With these practice questions, you will show how well you can understand spoken English. Listen carefully. Then, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

**1** What change needs to be made so this sentence is correct?

- A Change “**Quicker**” to **Quickly**.
- B Change “**put**” to **putting**.
- C Change “**away**” to **above**.
- D Change “**play**” to **playing**.

**2** What change needs to be made to make the sentence correct?

- A Change “**fiercing**” to **fiercely**.
- B Change “**into**” to **onto**.
- C Change “**too**” to **that**.
- D Change “**close**” to **closer**.

**3** What does Nicolás compare the sight of clouds to?

- A a movie
- B a busy city
- C a blanket
- D a magical land

**4** Where is the family going?

- A to pick up friends at the airport
- B to visit family in Queens
- C to watch the clouds pass by
- D to see a movie about New York City

**5** Why does Nicolás hope the clouds will eventually disappear?

- A He is eager to see the ocean again.
- B He is afraid of the way the clouds look.
- C He is scared of being so high up.
- D He is worried that it will start to rain.



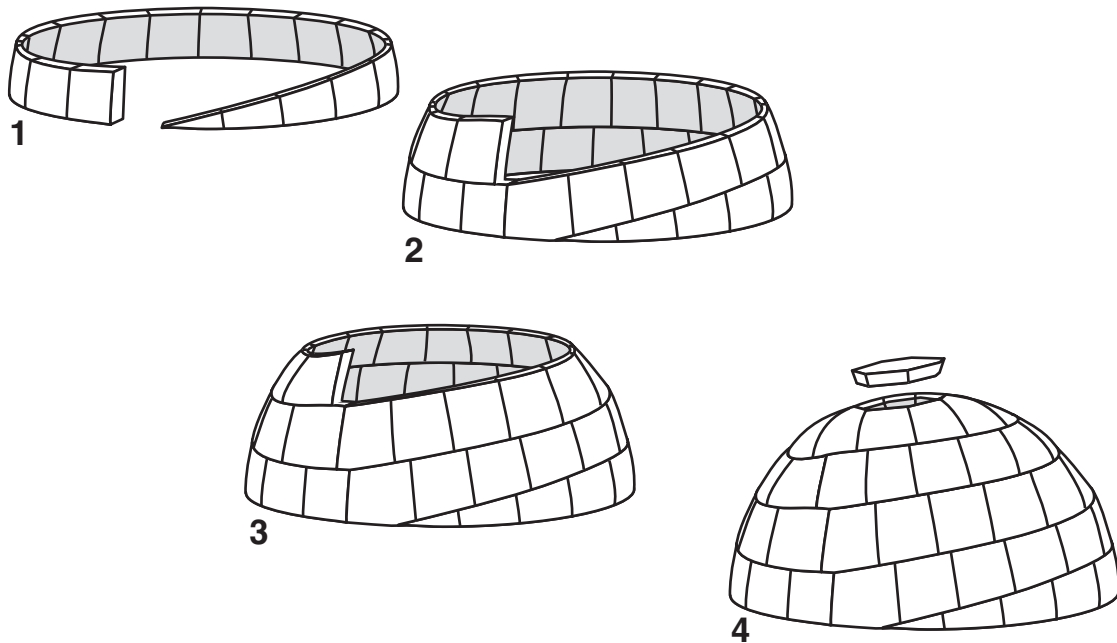
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## Building an Igloo



- 1 The Inuit, who are native people of Alaska, northern Canada, and Greenland, are known for living in cold, harsh climates. The Inuit people of northern Canada sometimes build igloos, which are winter shelters made of snow and ice. Today the Inuit live mostly in wooden houses, but when traveling far from home, they may still build igloos to live in temporarily.
- 2 Usually, two people work together to cut blocks of snow to make an igloo. They choose a firm, smooth place on the snow-covered ground to build on. They cut packed snow with a long knife and begin placing the blocks in a circle. The first blocks are cut at an angle to create a base that allows the igloos to be built with a spiral shape. The second row of snow blocks goes on top of the first row. The blocks are slightly tilted inward so that they lean toward the center. As the igloo builders continue, they place each row of blocks a little farther in. The blocks begin to arch, forming a dome-shaped structure. Skilled builders know how to keep the blocks from falling as they work. Finally, they put one last block of packed snow at the top, and the igloo is complete. They may cut a hole in this last block to let smoke out.





- 3 How can a home built of snow keep people warm? Snow and ice are good at keeping in heat. They trap body heat inside the igloo. If the people inside an igloo light a candle or use a small oil lamp, the heat from the candle or lamp is trapped inside as well. The heat may start to melt the inside of the igloo walls, but the snow closer to the outside causes the melting snow to freeze again. Refreezing makes the walls icy, and ice is stronger than snow. Thus, with a little use, the igloo becomes stronger. The igloo is an example of how creative the Inuit are. They know how to use available materials to protect themselves in cold weather.

- 6** When constructing an igloo, what is the MAIN reason the first blocks are cut at an angle?
- A so heat is trapped inside the igloo
  - B so a hole can be cut in them to let out smoke
  - C to keep heat from melting the walls of the igloo
  - D to create a certain shape that can be used as the base
- 7** Which word from the reading selection BEST describes the pattern of blocks on the igloo?
- A “firm”
  - B “spiral”
  - C “dome”
  - D “icy”
- 8** Which sentence from the reading selection helps explain the process of building an igloo?
- A “Today the Inuit live mostly in wooden houses, but when traveling far from home, they may still build igloos to live in temporarily.”
  - B “The second row of snow blocks goes on top of the first row.”
  - C “Refreezing makes the walls icy, and ice is stronger than snow.”
  - D “The igloo is an example of how creative the Inuit are.”
- 9** With which statement would the author MOST LIKELY agree?
- A Oil lamps are good at heating a house.
  - B The Inuit should not travel far from home.
  - C An igloo can be built on any type of ground.
  - D The climate in northern Canada is challenging.



- 10** Based on the reading selection, which statement **BEST** expresses the biggest difficulty the Inuit people have?
- A** keeping the blocks from falling as the skilled builders work
  - B** choosing a firm, smooth place on the snow-covered ground to build on
  - C** traveling far from home and having to build igloos to live in temporarily
  - D** cutting a hole in the last ice block to let smoke out

- 11** Read the sentence from the reading selection.

**“They know how to use available materials to protect themselves in cold weather.”**

**Based on this sentence, which statement BEST supports the author’s viewpoint about the Inuit people?**

- A** Living in cold climates means the Inuit had to learn building skills.
- B** Traveling causes the Inuit to need winter shelters of snow and ice.
- C** Showing cooperation and friendliness helps the Inuit build igloos.
- D** Living close to each other is important to the Inuit.

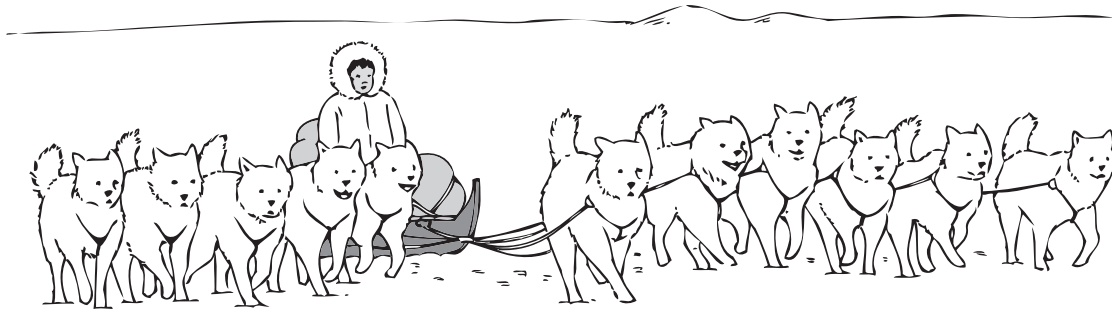


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## Sled Dogs in Greenland



- 1           The Thule people are ancestors of the modern-day Inuit people. Between AD 1200 and 1300, they settled in Greenland, an island near Canada between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. The Thule survived in this cold place due to their knowledge of the weather, landscape, and animal behavior. They knew how to adapt to a challenging environment with long, unforgiving winters and short, cool summers. Their dogs adapted as well. The Thule were probably the first to bring dogs and the practice of dogsledding to Greenland.
  
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- 3           Sled dogs remain a part of the culture of Greenland to this day. In fact, current laws forbid people from bringing any other breed of dogs to northern Greenland. That remote area has become a safe place for the Greenland dog. This working dog breed has become an important part of the adventure tourism industry on the island. People who want to experience firsthand the thrill of humans and dogs working together will enjoy visiting Greenland and its unique dogs.

**12** According to the reading selection, what caused the Thule to survive in Greenland?

- A knowledge of environment, vegetation, and animal abilities
- B understanding of laws, climate, and animal endurance
- C knowledge of weather, landscape, and animal behavior
- D understanding of snow, terrain, and animal habits

**13** Which sentence from the reading selection is an OPINION?

- A “They built sleds of driftwood and leather straps, or lines, and tied 10 to 14 dogs to one sled.”
- B “In fact, current laws forbid people from bringing any other breed of dogs to northern Greenland.”
- C “That remote area has become a safe place for the Greenland dog.”
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**14** Which sentence BEST summarizes the reading selection?

- A Greenland dogs pull sleds for the Thule.
- B Greenland dogs are very important to the people of Greenland.
- C Greenland dogs adapt well to difficult environments.
- D Greenland dogs work harder than any other sled dog.

**15** What is the BEST meaning for the phrase “thrill of humans and dogs working together”?

- A The dogs are mainly for entertaining tourists in Greenland.
- B People like to watch dogs working in Greenland.
- C Humans in Greenland are scared of dogs.
- D Watching the dogs help humans is exciting.

**16** A. How did the dogs in the reading selection help the early inhabitants of Greenland?

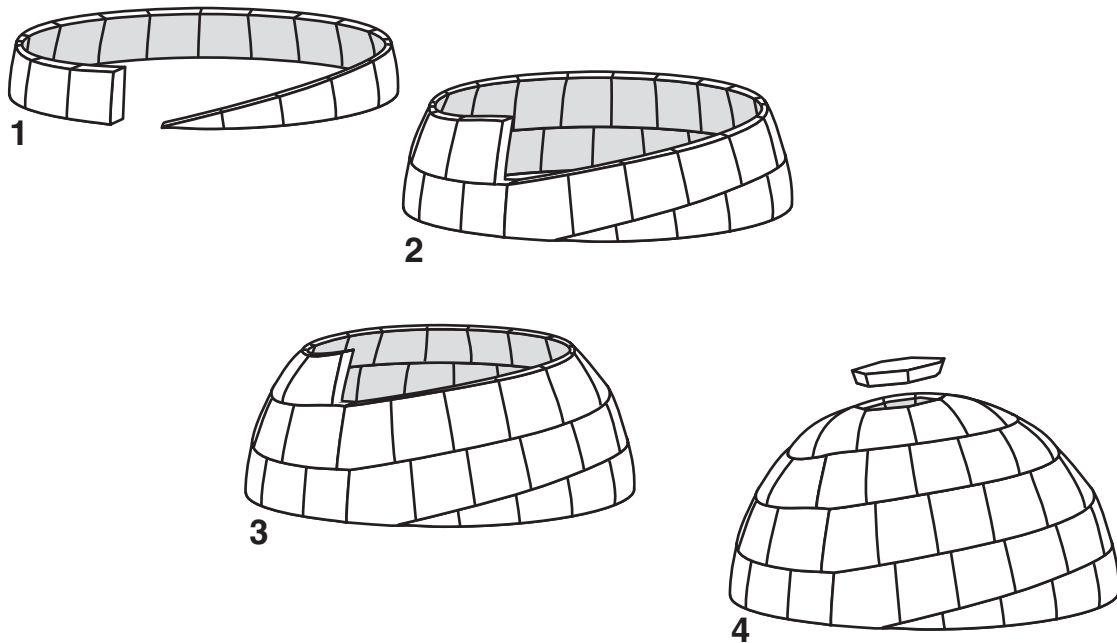
B. How do the dogs in the reading selection help the current inhabitants of Greenland?

Remember to answer all parts of the question in the space provided.



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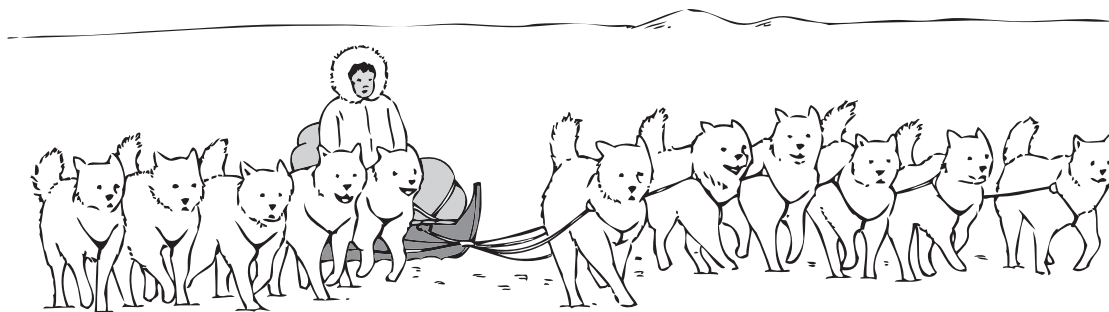


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- 17** What is the main idea in BOTH “Building an Igloo” and “Sled Dogs in Greenland”?
- A Humans are able to survive in harsh places.
  - B It is important to work with animals to survive.
  - C There are various methods of construction in snowy areas.
  - D Northern climates have an appeal for certain kinds of tourists.
- 18** Based on “Building an Igloo” and “Sled Dogs in Greenland,” which statement explains a similarity of the Inuit and the Thule people?
- A Both live in Greenland.
  - B Both are skilled builders.
  - C Both build igloos for their protection.
  - D Both use sled dogs for transportation.



**Directions:** With these practice questions, you will show how well you understand how to write in English. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

- 19** Rob wanted to watch television. He fell asleep.

Which is the **BEST** way to combine these sentences?

- A Rob wanted to watch television so he fell asleep.
- B Rob wanted to watch television, but he fell asleep.
- C Rob wanted to watch television after he fell asleep.
- D Rob wanted to watch television, he fell asleep.

- 20** Kim needs to write a paragraph about her favorite African animals. She made a list.

1. zebras
2. elephants
3. lions

What should she do next?

- A create a final draft
- B brainstorm for ideas
- C start writing sentences
- D check that the words are spelled correctly

- 21** Which phrase correctly completes this sentence?

I asked my \_\_\_\_\_ to help me design a costume for the play.

- A best friend and my Mother
- B best Friend and my mother
- C Best friend and My mother
- D best friend and my mother

- 22** Choose the sentence that would be **MOST** appropriate in a report about different types of gardens.

- A Potatoes grow easily underground in a sunny garden with good soil.
- B Herbs such as mint and lemon balm grow quickly and easily in garden pots.
- C Some people prefer to plant flower gardens, while others prefer to plant vegetable gardens.
- D Garden tools may be stored for long periods in a container of sand mixed with some vegetable oil.



- 23** Look at the picture of people spending time at the beach. Describe what is happening in the picture. Write at least **FIVE** sentences about the characters, the actions, **AND** the setting.

Use this checklist to help you think about and organize your response.

- Remember to write about what you see in the picture.
- Use details and complete sentences in your writing.
- Use appropriate capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Write your response in the space provided.



Read the following selection and answer questions 24 and 25.

(1) Patricia and Bruni had planned on making a special breakfast for their mother. (2) Patricia had found some good recipes. (3) Early one morning, the sisters quietly went into the kitchen and began cooking. (4) When they brought the breakfast to their mother, she was certainly surprised—and hungry, too!

**24** Which opinion **BEST** supports the information in the selection?

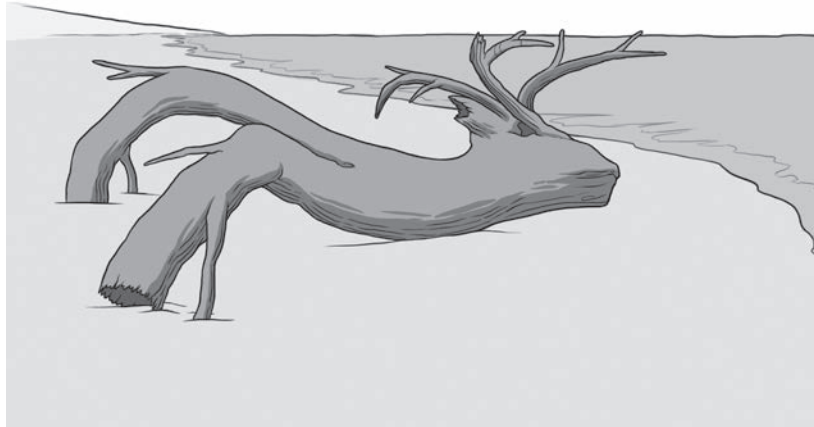
- A Patricia was a better cook than her sister, Bruni.
- B The sisters were good at surprising other people.
- C Patricia and Bruni’s mother gave them a great idea for breakfast.
- D The girls worked well together to plan a surprise for their mother.

**25** Which sentence would be **BEST** to add after sentence 2?

- A She couldn’t wait to try them out.
- B First they needed to find some recipes.
- C The sisters were glad she liked her meal.
- D They made delicious pancakes and a fruit salad.

Read the following selection and answer questions 26 and 27.

### Discovery at the Beach



(1) Going to the beach is one of my favorite things to do because I always discover something fascinating. (2) Yesterday, I found a large piece of smooth, gray wood on the sand that had an interesting shape. (3) One end of the wood looked like a deer's head with antlers. (4) I wondered if I should take the wood home. (5) I decided to leave the wood at the beach so another person could discover it, too.

**26** What is the underlined word in sentence 4?

- A a verb
- B a subject
- C a direct object
- D an indirect object

**27** Where in the dictionary can you find the word antler?

- A between “anoint” and “anvil”
- B between “ancestor” and “ankle”
- C between “annual” and “antelope”
- D between “anxious” and “anybody”



