

45 minutes – 75 questions

Directions: In the passages that follow, certain words and phrases are underlined and numbered. In the right-hand column you will find alternatives for each underlined part. You are to choose the one that best expresses the idea, makes the statement appropriate for standard written English, or is worded most consistently with the style and tone of the passage as a whole. If you think the original version is best, choose “No Change.” You will also find questions about a section of the passage, or about the passage as a whole. Those questions do not refer to an underlined portion of the passage, but rather are identified by a number or numbers in a box. Sometimes paragraphs may or may not be in the most logical order. Numbers in brackets refer to questions concerning a whole paragraph or for you to choose the sequence of paragraphs that will make an essay most logical. For each question, choose the alternative you consider best. Read each passage through once before you begin to answer the questions that accompany it. You cannot determine many answers without reading several sentences beyond the question. Be sure that you have read far enough ahead each time before making your selection.

Passage I

[1]

Many people think of the desert as barren

and desolate, but a visit to Death Valley

dispenses such an opinion. A group of pioneers

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1. A. NO CHANGE
 B. disposes
 C. dispels
 D. impels

was naming the valley for its desolate desert

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environment after they crossed it in 1849.

Situated in Southern California, the

drought and the heat have turned the valley into

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a dangerous but picturesque desert. Known

today as Death Valley National Monument, it

offers as many attractions for the tourist than

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any scenic area.

2. F. NO CHANGE
 G. were naming
 H. having named
 J. named
3. A. NO CHANGE
 B. valley has been turned by drought and heat
 C. valley's lack of water is turning
 D. drying of the valley has turned
4. F. NO CHANGE
 G. from
 H. as
 J. over

[2]

The valley center consists of a salt lake