

SAT PRACTICE TEST PART A

Critical Reading – Section 1

Time—25 Minutes (24 Questions)

For each question in this section, select the best answer among the choices and indicate your selection by darkening the appropriate letter.

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS

Directions: The blanks in each sentence below indicate omitted words. From the word or set of words select the choice (A through E) that best fits the meaning of the entire sentence and should be inserted in the blank.

Example:

On a small farm in an arid climate one should not grow crops that need considerable _____ or _____ to ripen.

- (A) fertilizer ... attention
- (B) tilling ... harvesting
- (C) sun ... air
- (D) space ... water
- (E) weeding ... insecticides

A B C D E

1. Careful breeding in captivity has saved a nearly _____ species of wolf.
(A) forgotten
(B) wild
(C) tame
(D) extinct
(E) indigenous
2. A successful politician is generally one who is most _____ to his or her _____.
(A) indifferent ... community
(B) anonymous ... citizenry
(C) devoted ... career
(D) obligated ... friends
(E) responsive ... constituency
3. The intricate _____ of a dictionary rests on the basic blueprint of its entries.
(A) organization
(B) etymology
(C) synonyms
(D) architecture
(E) spelling
4. _____, based on fairness, is truth in action.
(A) Retribution
(B) Obedience
(C) Absurdity
(D) Learning
(E) Justice
5. The fairness doctrine requires radio and television stations to broadcast _____ sides of important _____ issues.
(A) ethical ... sensitive
(B) opposing ... controversial
(C) obscure ... popular
(D) irrelevant ... crucial
(E) negative ... hypothetical
6. The swing of his moods took him from extreme _____ to intense _____.
(A) languor ... energy
(B) temperature ... cold
(C) sullenness ... reticence
(D) prudence ... caution
(E) amiability ... pleasantness