

## Reading Comprehension (II): Final Test

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Read the questions and write or select the best possible answer. Each question is assigned a point value, which is shown beside the question in parentheses ( ). Please note that you have only until the end of the class period (2:15) to finish the test. Use your time carefully!

### Part 1: Abbreviations and Word Meanings (8 points)

Give the correct abbreviation for the following words (0.5 points each):

1. Vocabulary: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Department: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Pages: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Building: \_\_\_\_\_

Give the correct word or phrase that each of the following acronyms stands for (0.5 points each):

5. TBA: \_\_\_\_\_
6. RIP: \_\_\_\_\_
7. PIN: \_\_\_\_\_
8. ATM: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your knowledge of prefixes, roots, and suffixes, guess what each of the following words might mean (0.5 points each):

9. Chronograph:
  - a. A person who studies bones
  - b. A machine that records time
  - c. Color photographs
  - d. A written document against something
10. Malediction:
  - a. A man who studies words
  - b. A male animal who dominates his group
  - c. An incorrect entry in a dictionary
  - d. A curse or insult against someone

11. Pyrophobia:

- a. A strong fear of fire
- b. A love for horror movies or books
- c. A fear of many or all things
- d. A sound that comes from far away

12. Deicide:

- a. Believing in something, even though it is very far away
- b. A government run by the common people
- c. Having two sides
- d. The act of killing a god

Based on the context of the sentence, write a definition for each of the following words or idioms on the line below (0.5 points each):

13. Even though James looked very young for his age, he was getting quite long in the tooth.

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14. The empire was extremely strong at the acme of its power.

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15. Kerry vacillated about lunch. At first she wanted pizza, but then later, she thought maybe just a soup a salad would be better.

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16. A natural raconteur, Tony told us all the wonderful story as we listened in amazement.

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## Part 2: The 5 W's and Paraphrasing (5 points)

Read the following passage (taken from [www.koreaherald.co.kr](http://www.koreaherald.co.kr)) and answer the questions that follow:

Former President Roh Moo-hyun plunged to his death off a mountainside near his home on Saturday, sending shockwaves throughout the nation. (1)

Roh, 62, has been under investigation over allegations that his family received more than \$6 million from a businessman. Roh was president from 2003-2008. (2)

Roh suffered severe head injuries after falling from a cliff near his home in Gimhae, some 400 kilometers south of Seoul, hospital officials and his aides said. (3)

Former top secretary Moon Jae-in said Roh left a brief note to his family, indicating that the fatal fall may have been intentional. (4)

He left home with a security guard at 5:45 a.m. and the fatal fall took place around 6:40 a.m., Moon said. (5)

He was rushed to the hospital but pronounced dead at 9:30 a.m., according to Pusan National University Hospital. (6)

The former leader, who was hailed for his anti-corruption efforts, apologized last month after admitting that his wife received money from his financial backer Park Yeon-cha while he was in office. (7)

The news shocked the nation, with citizens mourning Roh's death and expressing anger toward the prosecution for an excessive investigation that humiliated him. (8)

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17. What are the "Five W's and One H" in this article (0.3 points each):

- a. Who: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. When: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Where: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Why: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. How: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Paraphrase paragraph (1) using entirely your own words (1.5 points):

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19. Paraphrase paragraph (7) using entirely your own words (1.5 points):

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Part 3: Comprehension Questions (4 points)

Read the following passage (taken from Kaplan GRE Premier Program 2009 Edition) and answer the questions that follow:

It is very hard to prove or disprove the existence of the Loch Ness monster because of the characteristics of the very loch which it supposedly inhabits. Loch Ness has cold, murky waters that yield almost zero visibility, a surface area of almost 22 square miles, and depths approaching 1,000 feet. Though the oldest reference to the monster can be traced back as far as A.D. 565, the present incarnation of “Nessie” first caught the modern public’s eye in April of 1933, shortly after local hotel owners Mr. and Mrs. John Mackay reportedly spotted, in their own words, “an enormous animal rolling and plunging.” They detailed their incident to the *Inverness Courier*, and suddenly the Loch Ness monster was plucked from historical obscurity to be reborn in the pages of the world news. Since then there have been innumerable hoaxes, unexplained sightings, and serious scientific investigations which have turned up some interesting, yet inconclusive evidence. Recently, after the most technologically advanced search to date, a group of researchers working for the BBC concluded that the creature simply does not exist. But the daunting evidence of the researchers has seemingly not deterred the legions of tourists and part-time Nessie hunters. Apparently, as long as there exists the slightest possibility of Nessie being real, the hotels around the Loch, as they have been since 1933, will be full of intrigued souls hoping to catch just a glimpse of a real-life monster.

20. In line 4, what kind of connection does the sentence beginning with “Though the oldest reference...” have? (0.5 points)

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21. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the article? (0.5 points)
- a. Tourists have come to Loch Ness since A.D. 565
  - b. The water in Loch Ness is hard to see in.
  - c. Some people still hope to see the monster.
  - d. Scientists have searched the lake for the monster.

22. Based on the article, you can infer that Mr. and Mrs. John Mackay (0.5 points):
- Were experts on the Loch Ness monster.
  - May have lied about seeing the monster.
  - Were shocked to see the monster.
  - Used to swim with the monster when they were children.
23. Which of the following is NOT a problem with finding the monster? (0.5 points):
- The size of the lake.
  - The speed of the monster.
  - The clarity of the water.
  - The depth of the lake.
24. Based on this reading, what do you think a “loch” is? (0.5 points)
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25. What is the BBC? (0.5 points)
- A TV broadcasting company
  - A group of scientists
  - A university
  - A travel agency
26. What is the author’s opinion about the Loch Ness monster? (0.5 points)
- It is real, because all of these people have seen it.
  - It is not real, because scientists have proven that it’s not.
  - It doesn’t matter if it’s real or not, because tourists will come anyway.
  - It doesn’t matter if it’s real or not, because it’s not an important discovery.
27. It can be inferred from the article that the author thinks that \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important thing that the Loch Ness monster offers. (0.5 points)
- Tourism
  - Scientific discovery
  - Cultural significance
  - Historical evidence

#### Part 4: Synonyms and Summary (8 points)

You may open your book to pages 101-102 only. Looking at other pages will result in failure of the test. Read the article carefully and complete the following questions.

Find at least one synonym for each of the following words or phrases (0.5 points each):

28. Beautiful: \_\_\_\_\_

29. To break into pieces: \_\_\_\_\_

