

## Paragraph Development: Sequence

For numbers 1-5, read the paragraph. Then choose the sentence that best fills the blank in the paragraph.

1. Fingerprinting is a foolproof method of determining the identity of a person. The procedure is quite simple. The tip of each finger is rolled over an inky surface. \_\_\_\_\_ . The ridge pattern of the fingertips can be seen on the fingerprint card.
  - A. The inked part of each finger is lightly pressed onto a card.
  - B. The fingerprint patterns are studied by experts.
  - C. No two sets of fingerprints have ever proven to be identical.
  - D. Then the ten fingers are studied as a group.
2. To take a person's pulse, first make sure the patient's arm is in a comfortable position. Then place the tips of three fingers on the inside of the patient's wrist. \_\_\_\_\_. Having done this, you will have the patient's pulse rate per minute. Count the beats for thirty-seconds and multiply by two.
  - A. The person's feet should be flat on the floor.
  - B. Make sure the person hasn't exercised during the last 30 minutes.
  - C. Locate the pulse.
  - D. All tight-fitting clothes should be removed from the upper arm.
3. A doctor can order a prescription drug. Then, a pharmacist will fill the prescription. The pharmacist will also type the doctor's instructions on a label. \_\_\_\_\_. The law requires that labels contain this important information.
  - A. Each prescription has a special number.
  - B. These instructions provide information on how to take the medicine.
  - C. The pharmacist might not be able to fill the prescription immediately..
  - D. Some prescriptions can be refilled again.
4. There are several steps to follow with multiple-choice items on a test. First, read the question and anticipate the answer. Second, read and consider all the choices. Next, narrow down the choices. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Be prepared to make a guess.
  - B. Ignore negative words like "not".
  - C. Finally, select the best choice.
  - D. If you can't make a choice, skip the question.

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5. Banks provide checking accounts for customers. They also provide each customer with personal checks in a checkbook. The checks in the checkbook can be used to pay bills and buy things. \_\_\_\_\_. Then, the customer can write checks on the money remaining in the account.
- A. A check is the same as cash.
  - B. All banks handle checking accounts in the same manner.
  - C. Some stores do not accept checks.
  - D. To do this, the customer must keep depositing money in the account.

**For numbers 6-10, read the four sentences. Then select the sequence that shows the best order for the set of instructions or directions.**

6. 1- Take steps to treat a sprained ankle.  
2- Finally, elevate the bandaged ankle.  
3- First, apply a cold pack on the injured part.  
4- Then, apply an elastic bandage.
- A. 1-4-2-3
  - B. 1-3-4-2
  - C. 3-4-2-1
  - D. 2-1-4-3
7. 1- Go about 10 miles on Route 4.  
2- First, get off the Interstate at Exit 32.  
3- Then turn left off Route 4 onto Franklin Street.  
4- At the end of the exit ramp, turn right on Route 4.
- A. 2-4-1-3
  - B. 2-3-4-1
  - C. 3-2-1-4
  - D. 4-2-3-1

8. 1- Then, place the bag in the center of the microwave.  
2- Set the power on HIGH for 3 minutes.  
3- First, unfold the popcorn bag.  
4- When done, open the bag carefully, avoiding contact with escaping steam.
- A. 1-2-3-4
  - B. 2-1-3-4
  - C. 3-1-2-4
  - D. 3-2-4-1
9. 1- Add  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup milk to the eggs.  
2- Break three eggs into a bowl.  
3- Then, heat the mixture in a pan, stirring frequently.  
4- Stir the milk and eggs with a whisk.
- A. 4-1-2-3
  - B. 1-2-3-4
  - C. 3-1-2-4
  - D. 2-1-4-3

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10. 1- First, form your thoughts in your mind.  
2- Then, think about the points you want to make.  
3- When clear about your points, you are ready to speak.  
4- Think before you speak.
- A. 4-1-2-3
  - B. 4-3-2-1
  - C. 2-4-1-3
  - D. 1-2-3-4

**For numbers 11-15, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Bill Cosby is noted as an actor, writer, and comedian. He was born in Philadelphia in 1937. In the 1950's, he dropped out of high school and joined the military service. Years later, he went to college at Temple University where he earned a B.A. in radio/television/film.

After college, Cosby started performing standup comedy acts at nightclubs. His "Fat Albert" act was a big success. In 1964, He married Camille Hanks, and they eventually had four daughters and a son. Then he was offered the part of a detective in a television series called "I Spy" which played from 1965 to 1968.

During the 1970's, he returned to school at the University of Massachusetts and received another degree, in education. The 1980's began his highly successful television series "The Cosby Show." During this time, he also wrote several books, including the very funny Fatherhood. In the 1990's, he started another television series, "Cosby" which lasted a few years. He was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1992. Then, a sad time occurred in his life in 1997 when his son was shot and murdered in a bungled robbery.

Bill Cosby has received many awards. In 1998, he received The Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Now choose the best answer for each question.**

11. Which of the following happened first?
- A. Cosby started standup comedy acts at nightclubs.
  - B. He attended college at Temple University.
  - C. He began a television show.
  - D. He wrote his first book.
12. Which show started Cosby's career in television?
- A. "The Cosby Show"
  - B. "Cosby"
  - C. "Fat Albert"
  - D. "I Spy"

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13. Which of these events happened first?
- A.** Cosby's son was shot and murdered.
  - B.** He wrote the book Fatherhood.
  - C.** He married Camille Hanks.
  - D.** He earned his second college degree.
14. When did Cosby's television career first start?
- A.** 1960's
  - B.** 1970's
  - C.** 1980's
  - D.** 1990's
15. Which of these events happened last?
- A.** Cosby received The Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award.
  - B.** He was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame.
  - C.** He wrote the book Fatherhood.
  - D.** He starred in "The Cosby Show" television series.

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### Answer Key

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. A
11. B
12. D
13. C
14. A
15. A