

READING COMPREHENSION: SECTION TWO

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS!: Pembahasan Latihan Soal Section One (Minggu Lalu)

Review Text 1-3 (Page 3-4):

1. Jawaban (C), terlihat dari kalimat "..., *recently invented a gadget called the Square*".
2. Jawaban (A), terlihat dari kalimat "*The Square works in a simple way; it uses a small scanner...*".
3. Jawaban (B), terlihat dari kalimat pertama: "*Algae is a primitive form of life, a single-celled or simple multiple-celled organism...*"; dan, kalimat terakhir sebagai *bridging* untuk paragraf-paragraf setelahnya: "*The various types of algae are classified according to pigment*"
4. Jawaban (D), terlihat dari kalimat "..., *he achieved fame and success in two widely differing areas*".
5. Jawaban (D), terlihat dari kalimat "*In addition to his artistic accomplishments, Morse is also well known for his work developing the telegraph and what is known as Morse Code*".

Review Latihan Soal (Page 7-9):

1. Jawaban (C), terlihat dari beberapa kata kunci: "*he began publishing*", "*he was arrested for writing a story...*"
2. Jawaban (A), terlihat dari kalimat "*bravely telling the truth about the corrupt government officials sent by the king to govern the colonies*".
3. Jawaban (C), "*1791-1735= 56 years*".
4. Jawaban (C), semua pernyataan benar (kecuali), sumber kalimat: "*Persuaded by Hamilton, the jury bravely returned a not-guilty verdict, defying the judge's order for conviction*".
5. Jawaban (C), terlihat dari kalimat: "*The following year, he was arrested for writing a story about the crown-appointed governor of New York.*"
6. Jawaban (A), terlihat dari inferensi di paragraf 3.
7. Jawaban (B), terlihat dari benang merah di masing-masing kalimat pertama setiap paragraf.
8. Jawaban (A), yang bisa mengakomodasi ide utama dari ke 2 paragraf.
9. Jawaban (B), terlihat dari beberapa kata kunci: "*feathers, wing, goose*"
10. Jawaban (C), terlihat dari kalimat "...*where they absorbed enough ink to write a few words*".
11. Jawaban (A), semua pernyataan benar (kecuali), sumber kalimat: "*These quill pens were one of the earliest products "designed" specifically for left-and right-handed people*".
12. Jawaban (D), inferensi terlihat dari kalimat pembuka: "*Before ballpoint pens or fountain pens, pens were made from goose feathers*"

Section Two: Vocabulary Questions

Dalam tes Toefl pertanyaan seputar kosa kata sering dipertanyakan, baik mencari sinonim atau antonim dari kata yang dipertanyakan.

Bagaimana mengidentifikasi <i>vocabulary question</i>	1. "What is the meaning ...?" 2. "Which of the following is closest meaning to....?"
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Tips dan trik

- Cari kata yang ditanyakan dalam teks dan terdapat di baris yang mana.
- Cari apakah ada *structural clues*, *word parts clues*, atau *context clues*.
- Baca bagian yang terdapat petunjuk (*clues*) dengan seksama.
- Eliminasi jawaban yang pasti salah dan pilih jawaban yang paling tepat diantara jawaban yang tersisa.

a. Structural Clues

Vocabulary (kata) yang ditanyakan terkadang juga dijelaskan dalam teksnya yang terlihat dari petunjuk yang ada di struktur kalimatnya (dapat diindikasikan dari strukturnya).

Structural Clue		
Tipe-tipe petunjuk yang digunakan	<i>Punctuation</i> (tanda baca)	<i>Comma, parentheses, dashes</i>
	<i>Restatement</i> (pengulangan)	<i>Or, that is, in other words, i.e.</i>
	<i>Example</i> (contoh)	<i>Such as, for example, e.g</i>

Contoh Soal:

- 1 The teddy bear is a child's toy, a nice soft stuffed animal suitable for cuddling. It is, however, a toy with an interesting history behind it.
- Theodore Roosevelt, or Teddy as he was commonly called, was president of the United States from 1901 to 1909. He was unusually active man with varied **pastimes**, one of which was hunting. One day the president was invited to take part in a bear hunt; and inasmuch a
- 5 Teddy was president, his hosts wanted to ensure that he caught a bear. A bear was captured, clanked over the head to knock it out, and tied to a tree; however, Teddy, who really wanted to hunt a bear, refused to shoot the bear and, in fact, demanded that the bear be **extricated** from the ropes, that is, he demanded that the bear be set free.
- 10 The incident attracted a lot of attention among journalists. First a **cartoon**-drawn by Clifford K. Berryman to make fun of this situation-appeared in the Washington Post, and the cartoon was widely distributed and reprinted throughout the country. Then toy manufacturers began producing a toy bear which they called a "teddy bear." The teddy bear became the most widely recognized symbol of Roosevelt's presidency.

1. According to line 1 of the passage, what is a “teddy bear”
 (A) A ferocious animal (C) The president of the US
 (B) A famous hunter (D) A plaything
2. Look at the word “pastimes” in line 3. This word could be best replaced by
 (A) Past occurrence (C) Hunting trip
 (B) Previous job (D) Leisure activity
3. Look at the word “extricated” in line 8. This word could be best replaced by
 (A) Set free (C) Bear
 (B) Captured (D) Demand
4. In line 10, “a cartoon” could best be described as
 (A) A newspaper (C) A drawing with a message
 (B) A type of teddy bear (D) A newspaper article.

Review:

1. Jawaban (D) terlihat di kalimat pertama *teddy bear is a child's toy*.
2. Jawaban (D), terlihat dari contoh yang diberikan di kalimat kedua *one of which was hunting*.
3. Jawaban (A), terlihat dari adanya pengulangan “... *be extricated* ... *that is* ... *be set free*.”
4. Jawaban (C), terlihat dari bentuk tanda baca *dashes* (-) dan kata kunci setelahnya *drawn*.

b. Word part Clues

Petunjuk untuk mengenali maksud dari kata yang dipertanyakan bisa juga terdapat dalam kata tersebut sendiri (word parts). List di bawah ini memperlihatkan beberapa bagian kata yang dapat menjadi acuan untuk menebak arti kata yang ditanyakan.

A short list of word part						
Part	Meaning	Example		Part	Meaning	Example
Contra	Against	contrast		Dic	Say	Dictate
Mal	Bad	malcontent		Domin	master	Dominant
Mis	Error	mistake		jud	Judge	Judgement
Sub	Under	subway		mor	death	Mortal
Dec	Ten	decade		spec	See	Spectator
Multi	Many	multiple		terr	earth	Territory
Sol	One	solo		ver	turn	Divert
Tri	Three	triple		viv	live	Revive

Contoh Soal:

- 1 Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo was a Portuguese-born explorer who is credited with the exploration of the coast of what is today the state of California. Sketchy military records from the period show that early in his career he served with the Spanish army from 1520 to 1524 in Spain's quest for **subjugation** of the people in what are today Cuba, Mexico, and Guatemala.
- 5 Little is known on his activities over the next **decades**, but apparently he succeeded in rising up through the ranks of the military; in 1541, he was ordered by Antonio de Mendoza, the Spanish ruler of Mexico, to explore the western coast of North America.

Cabrillo set out in June of 1542 in command of two ships, the *San Salvador* and the *Victoria*; he reached San Diego Bay on September 28, 1542, and claimed the **terrain** for

10 Spain. The peninsula where he landed is today named Cabrillo Point in his honor; the area has been established as national monument and park, and local residents each year hold a celebration and reenactment of Cabrillo's landing.

5. The word "subjugation" in line 4 is closest in meaning to
(A) Religion (C) Control
(B) Flag (D) Agreement
6. Look at the word "decades" in line 5. This word is closest in meaning to
(A) Months (C) Long epoch
(B) Centuries (D) Ten-years periods
7. The word "terrain" in line 9 is closest in meaning to
(A) Land (C) Minerals
(B) Population (D) prosperity

Review:

1. Jawaban (C) terlihat dari word part *sub* yang artinya *under*
2. Jawaban (D), terlihat dari word part *dec* yang artinya *ten*
3. Jawaban (A), terlihat dari word part *terr* yang artinya *earth*

c. context clues

Selain petunjuk yang terdapat dalam struktur atau dalam bagian kata, petunjuk dapat terlihat dari konteks. Perhatikan kalimat sebelum dan sesudah kata yang dipertanyakan yang mungkin memberikan petunjuk arti kata. Contoh:

Mozart gave his first public recital at the age of six. By age thirteen he had written symphonies and an operetta. He is justly called a child **prodigy**.

kata *prodigy* dapat diperkirakan sebagai orang yang luar biasa berdasarkan petunjuk dari kalimat sebelumnya. "*gave his first public recital at the age of six*" dan "*By age thirteen he had written symphonies and an operetta.*"

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Contoh Soal:

Faced with serious threat to its future, the company is taking **steps** to improve its outlook. The company has brought in a new crop of trainees to staff some of its empty positions. In addition, the company has created a new committee to research various proposals and has appointed a key member of its management team to chair the committee.

8. The word "steps" in line 1 could be best replaced by
- (A) stairs (C) actions
(B) walks (D) footprint

Review:

Jawaban (C). Kata *steps* bisa berarti ke empat pilihan di atas, namun, menilik dari kalimat "*company is taking steps to improve...*" maka tidaklah mungkin jawabannya *stairs*, *walk*, atau *footprint*. Kata yang tepat adalah "*is company is taking actions*"

Latihan Soal

Number 1-3

- 1 Ring Lardner himself was born into wealthy, educated, and cultured family. For the bulk of his career, he worked as a reporter for newspapers in South Bend, Boston St. Louis, and Chicago. However, it is for his short stories of lower-middle class Americans that Ring Lardner is perhaps best known. In these stories, Lardner **vividly** creates the Language and
- 5 the, ambience of this lower class, often using the **misspelled** words grammatical errors, and incorrect **diction** that typified the language of the lower middle class.

- The word "vividly" in line 4 is closest in meaning to
(A) in a cultured way (C) in a lifelike way
(B) in a correct way (D) in a brief way
- The word "misspelled" in line 5 is closest in meaning to
(A) highly improper (C) incorrect written
(B) quite vulgar (D) extremely long
- The word "diction" in line 6 is closest in meaning to
(A) writing (C) form
(B) sentence structure (D) speech

Number 4-8

1 Checks and balances are an important concept in the formation of the U.S. system of
government as presented in the Constitution of the United States. Under this conception of
government, each branch of government has built-in checks and limitations placed on it by
one or more different branches of government in order to ensure that any one branch is not
5 able to usurp total **dominance over** the government. Under the Constitution, the United
States has a **tripartite** government with power divided equally among the branches: the
presidency, the legislature, and the **judiciary**. Each branch is given some authority over
the other two branches to balance the power among three branches. An example of these
checks and balances is seen in the steps needed to pass a law. Congress can pass a law with
10 a simple majority, but the president can veto such a law. Congress can then **counteract** the
veto with two-thirds majority. However, even if Congress passes a law with simple majority
or overrides a presidential veto, the Supreme Court can still declare the law
unconstitutional if it finds that the law is **contradictory to** the guidelines presented in the
Constitution.

4. The expression “dominance over” in line 5 is closest in meaning to
(A) understanding of (C) authority over
(B) dispute over (D) rejection of
5. The word “tripartite” suggest that something is
(A) divided into three (C) powerfully constructed
(B) totally democratic (D) evenly matched
6. The “judiciary” in line 7 is
(A) the electorate (C) the legal system
(B) the authority (D) the government
7. The word “counteract” in the passage is closest in meaning to
(A) vote for (C) surpass
(B) debate (D) work against
8. “Contradictory to” in line 14 is closest in meaning to which of the following expressions?
(A) in agreement with (C) supported by
(B) opposite to (D) similar to

1 A supernova occurs when all of the hydrogen in the core of a huge star is transformed
to iron and explodes. All stars die after their nuclear fuel has been **exhausted**. Stars with
little mass die gradually, but those with relatively large mass die in a sudden explosion, a
supernova. The sudden flash of light can then be followed by several weeks of extremely
5 bright light, perhaps as much light as twenty million stars.

Supernovae are very common; they occur about once every hundred years in any galaxy, and in 1987 a supernova that could be seen by the naked eye occurred in the Magellan Cloud, a galaxy close to the Milky Way (the galaxy that includes Earth) since 1604. One very impressive supernova occurred in the Milky Way on July 4, 1054. There was a great explosion followed by the three months of lighted skies, and historical chronicles of the time were full of accounts and unusual explanations for the misunderstood phenomenon-many people believed that it meant that the world was coming to an end.

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Number 11-14

1 When babies are born, they always have blue eyes. This is because the melanin, the **pigment** that colors eyes, is not on the surface of the iris. Instead, it is within the creases of the iris. Because there is little melanin on the **surface** of the iris, the eyes appear blue.

5 After a few months, the melanin moves to the surface of the iris. It is the amount of melanin on the surface that determines a person's **permanent** eye color, so it is at this **point** that a baby's eyes develop the color they will have for a lifetime.

11. The word "pigment" in line 2 is closest in meaning to

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| (A) skin | (C) tissue |
| (B) muscle | (D) color |

12. The word "surface" in line 3 is closest in meaning to

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| (A) top | (C) back |
| (B) inside | (D) bottom |

13. the word "permanent" inline 5 could be best replaced by

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| (A) changeable | (C) dark |
| (B) lasting | (D) possible |

14. The word "point" in line 6 could be best replaced by which of the following?

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| (A) dot | (C) time |
| (B) era | (D) place |