



Semifinals Practice Test

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Welcome to the EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Semifinals Practice Test.

This practice test is a written test that includes the same multiple choice parts that will be on the actual Semifinals Test.

This test booklet is divided into five parts (Parts E). You may complete the test in any order. The parts are titled

Please read the following instructions carefully before beginning.

1) Part A Term identification (25 questions)

2) Part B Word-function identification (50 questions)

3) Part C Phrase and Clause identification (50 questions)

4) Part D Sentence Type identification (20 questions)

5) Part E Writing Tasks (5 questions)

6) Part F Writing Tasks (5 questions)

Part E is multiple choice, and three choices are listed beneath each question.

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EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Part A: Term Identification

INSTRUCTIONS — Match the 25 definitions in this section with 25 of the 50 terms in Part A of your Answer Card. Write the corresponding number from Part A of the Answer Card in the box next to the definition.

Sample: 1. A noun such as honesty, decision, or concept that names a quality, an idea, a characteristic, or an emotion.

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2. A verb that usually precedes a main verb and must be used with certain forms of a main verb.
3. A dependent clause that usually begins with a relative pronoun, modifies a noun or a pronoun, and usually answers the question Which one? What kind of? or Whose?
4. One of four word pairs (either/or, neither/nor, both/and, not only/but also) used to connect words, phrases, or clauses of equal status.
5. The pronoun you, I, or we implied rather than written as the subject.
6. A sentence that has one independent clause.
7. An adjective subject complement that follows a linking verb and describes the subject.
8. A preposition plus its object and any modifiers.
9. A main verb that expresses a state of being or a condition and is always followed by a predicate nominative or a predicate adjective.
10. A group of related words that includes a subject and a verb and expresses either a complete thought or an incomplete thought.
11. The part of the sentence about which something is being said and best answers the question Whom or what are we talking about? or Who or what is doing something?

EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Part A:

Term Identification

12. A main verb that usually expresses an action and always has a direct object.
13. A noun such as boy, town, or book that names an object that can be perceived by the senses.
14. A main verb that never has a complement.
15. A sentence that has two or more independent clauses.
16. A verbal that functions as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb and is usually introduced by the word to.
17. A group of related words that includes a subject and a verb but does not express a complete thought.
18. A word that modifies or describes a verb, an adjective, or another adverb and answers the question When? Where? How? or To what extent?
19. An infinitive plus its complement(s) and/or modifier(s)
20. A dependent clause that begins with a relative pronoun or a subordinating conjunction and functions as a noun.
21. A sentence that has one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.
22. A dependent clause that begins with a subordinating conjunction, modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb, and usually answers the question When? Where? Why? How? To what extent? or Under what condition?
23. A word that modifies or describes a noun or a pronoun and answers the question Which one? What kind of? How many? or Whose?
24. A noun such as team, choir, or flock that names a group.
25. A main verb and all of its helping verbs.

EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Part B: Word Function-Identification

INSTRUCTIONS — Each of the 50 sentences in this section includes a boldfaced word(s). Find the corresponding number from Part B of the Answer Card that identifies how the word(s) is functioning in the sentence, and write that number in the box next to the sentence.

Sample: 1. Admittance is not permitted after the performance begins.

1. Randall purchased his motorcycle on eBay.
2. They submitted a beneficial report.
3. Here is your packet of information.
4. Coaching the team required much stamina.
5. There were my eyeglasses on the nightstand.
6. We plan on leaving for London tomorrow.
7. Alex often exercises at the gymnasium.
8. Mr. Williams has been our accountant for years.
9. Juanita read several novels while she was on vacation.
10. James Buchanan was born near Mercersburg, a small town in Pennsylvania.
11. Clutching the football, the player raced toward the end zone.

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Word-Function Identification

- 12. Taylor is so excited about his proposed trip to Europe.
- 13. John, our mechanic, received special training in diesel motor repairs.
- 14. Kevin made a huge mistake, but he quickly corrected it.
- 15. Our company believes in providing superb service.
- 16. The dessert tasted so good.
- 17. Sabrina felt lonely on the train to New York.
- 18. We were embarrassed by the disconcerting news.
- 19. Carla called her parents to share the good news about her engagement.
- 20. Robert gave his mother the credit for his success.
- 21. Our community was aware of the approaching storm.
- 22. Before us was the majestic mountain range.
- 23. Our company is making excellent progress.
- 24. Alexis is the one who requested that information.
- 25. The meteorologist gave us ample warning regarding the approaching tornado.

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- 26. Erin is our main receptionist.
- 27. Brad did not know that his car drifted into the ditch.
- 28. Aleah enjoys shopping for antiques.
- 29. Brent is the employee who repaired the engine.
- 30. We tried to complete the report on time.
- 31. According to the officer's report, the traffic light was not working properly.
- 32. Katrina thought that she found a genuine diamond.
- 33. Jazmine thinks that she will go to San Diego in April.
- 34. To win was the team's main objective.
- 35. Jessica knew that she had made the proper decision.
- 36. The anatomy of the human body is complex.
- 37. Your financial contribution was most beneficial.
- 38. Our football team broke all previous records.
- 39. Mr. Warner is the person to see regarding a transfer.

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- 40. Solving that mystery was not easy.
- 41. The mountain lion crept slowly towards its prey.
- 42. We do not plan on going there.
- 43. Aaron's reputation was seriously ruined by his lack of good judgment.
- 44. Melody constantly thought about her son in the army.
- 45. Our trip to the Bahamas was most enjoyable.
- 46. It was a problem that required serious concentration.
- 47. The Cunninghams want to start their own business.
- 48. Amber is a student who enjoys reading novels.
- 49. The students studied diligently because they were expecting a difficult final exam.
- 50. Please give your completed job application to the receptionist.

EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Part C: Phrase and Clause Identification

INSTRUCTIONS — Each of the 50 sentences in this section includes a boldfaced group of related words. Find the corresponding number from Part C of the Answer Card that identifies how the boldfaced group of words is functioning in the sentence, and write that number in the box next to the sentence.

Sample: 1. Admittance is not permitted **after the performance begins**.

1. Whistling a tune, the letter carrier gave us our mail.
2. In the kitchen was Maria, baking chocolate chip cookies.
3. After receiving a flu shot, Cameron went to school.
4. We heard that Lori purchased a large set of deluxe stainless steel silverware.
5. Give the packet of information to whoever is in the office.
6. Since there were no classes, many students spent the day at the theme park.
7. Solving math problems is not my favorite activity at school.
8. The lodge was on a high plateau, overlooking the valley below.
9. Alicia entered college immediately after graduating from high school.
10. While they were in London, the Hoovers visited numerous tourist attractions.
11. Meagan chose the academic course to prepare for college.

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12. For our vacation we flew to Paris, the capital of France.
13. Janelle's uncle suffers from amnesia, a loss of memory.
14. Pythons, which are among the world's largest snakes, squeeze their prey to death.
15. The Rogers will return to Atlanta on Monday.
16. The Barkers went to Costa Rica to visit its lush rain forests and gorgeous beaches.
17. The prairie is one of the treeless plateaus east of the Rocky Mountains.
18. That our team had a chance to win was quite obvious.
19. My parents were born in Wisconsin, which is famous for its dairy products.
20. To become an electrical engineer was Zach's life ambition.
21. We will be looking for your resume in the mail.
22. Chris is pursuing a career in pharmacology.
23. Ms. Markham, the head librarian, was born in England.
24. Anthony, our youngest son, is a quarterback on his football team.
25. According to my most recent physical examination, I appear to be in excellent health.

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26. My friend Juan loves playing jai alai, which is a court game somewhat like handball.
27. Most students went to the library after they completed the final exam.
28. Matthew received a special award for rescuing a child from the lake.
29. Mr. Franklin has been serving as our mayor for ten years.
30. Kibo, which is part of Kilimanjaro, is the highest point on the African continent.
31. The information was conveyed to us by way of a facsimile, an exact copy of printed material.
32. Many stalactites were hanging from the roof of the cavern.
33. Tending our cat Tabby is my responsibility.
34. We hope that you will have a successful career.
35. You will need to see Ms. Williams, who is our human resources director.
36. Costa Rica, which is the second-smallest country in Central America, contains rain forests, dense jungles, and rugged mountain landscapes.
37. Mia pursued a degree in elementary education since she had a keen interest in children.
38. Ginger, a popular spice, comes from the roots of the ginger plant.
39. The news reporter indicated that the tornado touched down in a heavily populated section of our county.

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- 40. That common colds are prevalent in the winter is a well-known fact.
- 41. To choose a hobby usually requires some thought and effort.
- 42. Because of the late winter storm, we were forced to cancel classes.
- 43. Janine and her sisters went directly to the beach after they arrived in Fort Lauderdale.
- 44. We knew that you disliked trigonometry.
- 45. The Northern Lights have been seen in Canada and the United States.
- 46. Expecting a treat, our dog Rex stared at us for several minutes.
- 47. On the park bench sat Adrian, feeling exhausted from jogging around the lake.
- 48. We will go with whoever can accommodate us.
- 49. Scott and I took a walk during the warm summer night.
- 50. Max joined the Boy Scouts to develop practical skills.

EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Part D: Sentence Type Identification

INSTRUCTIONS — Each of the 20 sentences in this section is either a simple sentence, a compound sentence, a complex sentence, or a compound-complex sentence. Find the corresponding number from Part D of the Answer Card that identifies the type of sentence, and write that number in the box next to the sentence.

Sample: 1. Admittance is not permitted after the performance begins.

1. When you receive your driver's permit, you may begin driving an automobile.
2. A nice reward will be given to whoever finds the diamond ring.
3. Technological advancements have continued to improve American lives, and America has remained a land of opportunity.
4. Diet and exercise are important factors in maintaining good health.
5. A mixture of snow and ice blanketed our entire area last night.
6. My mother said that I should enter the contest, so I did.
7. What Conrad wrote in the deposition is still there, and the deposition has been preserved in a safe place.
8. Dan received an award for his essay on the subject of democracy.
9. The wallaby is a small kangaroo; but the wallaroo is a large, powerful kangaroo.
10. The man who operates the pizza store called; he is donating pizzas for our party.
11. Bryan has been working for a pharmaceutical company in New York.
12. The president of the company left this morning for Chicago; he plans to attend a business show there.

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13. The Weatherfords raise llamas on their ranch in Colorado.
14. The Porters loaded their moving van and headed for Tennessee.
15. Lydia plays on the basketball team; her sister Denise plays on the softball team.
16. The macadamia nuts, pecans, and walnuts were used for making cookies.
17. The Mississippi River empties into the Gulf of Mexico, and the Saint Lawrence River empties into the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.
18. Employees who volunteered for community service were recognized at the company banquet.
19. Sara, Kaitlyn, and Melody are registered nurses at the local hospital.
20. Jillian has excelled in language skills; James has excelled in mathematics.

EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Part E: Sentence Structure

INSTRUCTIONS — This section contains 20 questions. Each question has three possible answers. Circle the letter that correctly answers each question.

1. Which sentence has a noun clause functioning as an object of a preposition?
 - a. We will send whomever you suggest.
 - b. Give the information to whoever calls our office.
 - c. Whatever you say will influence people around you.
2. Which sentence has an adjective clause modifying the direct object?
 - a. Mrs. Bradley, who is an interior decorator, prefers bright colors.
 - b. We donated a desktop PC, which we were no longer using.
 - c. A homerun was delivered by the baseball player who serves as the first baseman.
3. Which sentence has a participial phrase modifying the subject of the sentence?
 - a. No language called Swiss is spoken in Switzerland.
 - b. Today's application ratings are similar to those adopted for video games.
 - c. Volunteers were sent to build homes ravaged by disasters.
4. Which sentence has an infinitive phrase functioning as an adjective?
 - a. Would you like to serve on the special committee?
 - b. We need the tools to be used on the construction job.
 - c. Logan returned to college to earn his masters degree.
5. Which sentence has a gerund phrase functioning as the object of a preposition?
 - a. Monitoring children's weight is a family's responsibility.
 - b. You can prevent identity theft by securing your credit cards.
 - c. Most people enjoy eating homemade ice cream.

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6. Which sentence has a prepositional phrase functioning as an adjective?
 - a. Cyber deals have been extended for a limited time.
 - b. The cool air will be locked into place for a few days.
 - c. Our office has recently received your application for membership.
7. Which sentence has an adjective clause modifying an object of preposition?
 - a. With the money that I saved, I bought a new bicycle.
 - b. That was someone whose favorite movie of the year was named best picture.
 - c. Our secretary, who is an expert on such matters, will take the minutes of the meeting.
8. Which sentence has a gerund phrase and an adverb clause?
 - a. Visiting the museums was a highlight of the trip that we took to London.
 - b. When we went to Arizona, we visited the Grand Canyon.
 - c. Pursuing a degree in nursing was a challenge for Lindsay because she worked a part-time job.
9. Which sentence has a prepositional phrase within a participial phrase?
 - a. Opening the box of jewelry, Karen was quite ecstatic.
 - b. Driving the trolley, the tour guide offered explicit information about the historic homes.
 - c. Baking fresh cookies, my mother created a tantalizing aroma in our home.
10. Which sentence has a gerund phrase functioning as an object of preposition?
 - a. Painting the huge barn required hours of labor.
 - b. Thank you for submitting a beautiful painting.
 - c. Harold's main job is writing financial reports.
11. Which sentence has an adjective dependent clause?
 - a. Most employees said that they were treated fairly.
 - b. After you called, I took my dog for a walk.
 - c. We have not received the order that we placed two weeks ago.

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12. Which sentence has a participial phrase modifying the subject of the sentence?
 - a. Mr. Brooks is the president of the bank located on Elm Avenue.
 - b. We purchased the smartphone recommended by the salesperson.
 - c. Reading my files, I discovered an unpaid invoice.
13. Which sentence has a gerund phrase functioning as the object of a preposition?
 - a. Living in Atlanta is a great experience.
 - b. Jason's favorite hobby, repairing bicycles, consumes most of his leisure time.
 - c. Most people derive pleasure from helping others.
14. Which sentence has a prepositional phrase functioning as an adjective?
 - a. The supervisor needs your report by Friday.
 - b. I will use the office across the hallway.
 - c. We are proceeding with your instructions.
15. Which sentence has an adjective clause modifying an object of preposition?
 - a. The person who accepts that job will encounter many challenges.
 - b. We will take you to the house that we intend to purchase.
 - c. Enclosed is the information that you requested.
16. Which sentence has a participial phrase modifying the subject of the sentence?
 - a. The person handling your account is Miss Rogers.
 - b. We stayed at the resort located at Key West.
 - c. We gazed at the stars, sparkling like jewels in the sky.
17. Which sentence has an infinitive phrase functioning as an adverb?
 - a. Linda has offered to take us to the airport.
 - b. To donate hours at the hospital was admirable.
 - c. James was eager to complete his studies at college.

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18. Which sentence has an infinitive phrase functioning as a noun?
- The supervisor wants to meet us today.
 - That is the television to be given as a prize.
 - It is easy to lose one's way in an unfamiliar area.
19. Which sentence is a compound-complex sentence that includes a noun clause and an adverb clause?
- You may not be able to leave your job at the moment, but plan to stay with us when you are in our area.
 - I know that the CEO is eager to discuss a joint venture with my boss after he returns from vacation, but I do not see the possibility of a meeting until next month.
 - Before you look for venture capital, you should prepare an analysis of the financial market; then proceed with your plans.
20. Which sentence is a complex sentence that includes three dependent clauses?
- According to a recent news report, our mayor expects to run for another term in office, hoping that he will be able to complete unfinished projects.
 - As I work with kindergarten children, I find that many of them love words that sound alike and take special joy in hearing them over and over.
 - Because of the recession, we were forced to close our confectionery business, which was located in Dothan, where there was only a small amount of industry.

EGUMPP Grammar Bowl Part F

Writing Tasks

INSTRUCTIONS — Write one sentence according to the prescribed structure in each of the five boxes.

1. Write a complex sentence that includes an adverb clause and at least two prepositional phrases. Underline the adverb clause, and circle the prepositional phrases.

2. Write a complex sentence with the main verb in the independent clause being an intransitive verb and the main verb in the dependent clause being a transitive verb. Identify the transitive verb by underlining it, and identify the intransitive verb by placing two lines under it.

3. Write a compound sentence that includes an infinitive phrase functioning as the subject of the first independent clause and a prepositional phrase in the second independent clause. Underline the infinitive phrase, and circle the prepositional phrase.

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4. Write a simple sentence that includes a gerund phrase, a linking verb, and a subject complement. Underline the gerund phrase, circle the linking verb, and place a box around subject complement.

5. Write a compound-complex sentence with an adverb clause and an appositive phrase. Underline the adverb clause, and circle the appositive phrase.