



## Upper Level Sample Questions

(answer key at bottom)

### Writing Sample: (Choose between one creative and one essay prompt)

Directions: Schools would like to get to know you better through an essay or story using one of the two topics below. Please select the topic you find most interesting and fill in the circle next to the topic you choose.

#### Sample Topics:

If you could do something over again, what would it be and why?

He couldn't believe they wanted his help.

### Quantitative

Directions: Following each problem in this section, there are five suggested answers. Work each problem, then look at the five suggested answers and decide which one is best.

1. 18 is what percent of 60?

- (A) 0.30%
- (B) 10.8%
- (C) 18%
- (D) 30.0%
- (E) 33.3%

2. Which number represents one thousand four hundred and thirteen thousandths?

- (A) 1,400.13
- (B) 1,400.013
- (C) 1,400.0013
- (D) 10,400.13
- (E) 100,400.13

3. Find the missing number in the sequence:

\_\_\_\_, 29, 35, 41, 47

- (A) 22
- (B) 23
- (C) 24
- (D) 25
- (E) 26

## Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions about it. For each question, decide on the basis of the passage which one of the choices best answers the question.

We had a consuming desire to see a pony rider, but somehow or other all that passed us streaked by in the night, and so we heard only a whiz and a hail, and the swift phantom was gone. But now the driver exclaims: "Here he comes!" Every neck is stretched and every eye strained.

Away across the endless dead level of the prairie a black speck appears. Soon it becomes a horse and rider, rising and falling, sweeping nearer and nearer, and the flutter of hoofs comes faintly to the ear. Another instant a whoop and hurrah from our upper deck, a wave of the rider's hand, but no reply, and man and horse burst past our excited faces and go winging away like a belated fragment of a storm!

4. At the driver's call, the people became more

- (A) eager
- (B) puzzled
- (C) hysterical

- (D) frightened
- (E) disappointed

5. This passage can best be described as

- (A) an account of an event
- (B) a news article
- (C) a research study
- (D) an epic poem
- (E) an advertisement

## Verbal

**Synonyms:** Each of the following questions consists of one word followed by five words or phrases. You are to select the one word or phrase whose meaning is closest to the word in capital letters.

6. INCOGNITO:

- (A) lost
- (B) replaced
- (C) concealed
- (D) uncovered
- (E) distinguished

7. LACKLUSTER:

- (A) harsh
- (B) smug
- (C) soggy
- (D) parched
- (E) dull

**Analogies:** The following questions ask you to find relationships between words. For each question, select the answer choice that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

8. Stream is to river as brook is to

- (A) land
- (B) water
- (C) creek
- (D) forest
- (E) puddle

9. Epidemic is to disease as

- (A) famine is to hunger
- (B) creative is to creation
- (C) persuasion is to composition
- (D) mountainous is to climb
- (E) ache is to gluttony

## Answer Key

- 1. (D) 30.0%
- 2. (B) 1,400.013
- 3. (B) 23
- 4. (A) eager
- 5. (A) an account of an event
- 6. (C) concealed
- 7. (E) dull
- 8. (C) creek
- 9. (A) famine is to hunger