English Diagnostic Test Sample Questions

Below are examples of the types of questions you can expect on the English Diagnostic Test.

I. Complete/Incomplete Sentences: Label each.
A. Complete          B. Incomplete
1. Working hard throughout your first two years of college.
2. Knowledge of grammar and word use is important to your success in the mass communications industry.

II. Word Use: Choose the word that best completes each sentence.
3. The _____ mistakes you make on the EDT, the higher your score will be.
   A. less     B. fewer
4. Some assignments might require you to push yourself ____ than ever before.
   A. further     B. farther

III. Punctuation: Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.
5. A. “Have you registered for your fall classes?” the adviser asked.
    B. “Have you registered for your fall classes”? the adviser asked.
    C. “Have you registered for your fall classes,” the adviser asked?

6. A. Juan spends at least three hours a day on news and social media sites, his friends call him a news junkie.
    B. Juan spends at least three hours a day on news and social media sites his friends call him a news junkie.
    C. Juan spends at least three hours a day on news and social media sites. His friends call him a news junkie.

IV. Verbs: Choose the verb or verb phrase that best completes each sentence.
7. The books _____ on the library table all day before anyone put them away.
   A. lay     B. laid
8. The media _____ accountable to the public.
   A. is     B. are
   A. his     B. their
V. Pronouns: Choose the word that best completes each sentence.
10. Every student _____ wishes to enroll in MMC 2100 must score at least 60 percent on the EDT.
   A. that  B. who

11. I enjoy grammar, but let’s keep that between you and _____.
   A. I  B. me

12. MMC 2100 _____ is an introduction to writing for public relations, advertising and news.
   A. , that is required,
   B. , which is required,
   C. that is required

VI. Awkward Constructions: Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.
13. Most students enjoy _____.
   A. music, sports and to party
   B. music, to play sports and partying
   C. music, sports and partying

14. Cruising through the parking lot, _____.
   A. Ahn discovered that all the spaces were filled
   B. all the spaces were filled
   C. the spaces rarely opened

15. Sabrina _____ classes in her major this semester.
   A. only is taking
   B. is only taking
   C. is taking only

Answers: