SAMPLE CELSA PLACEMENT TEST

For English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The following questions are similar to the questions you will be asked to answer when you take the ESL placement test. There are 75 questions. You will have 45 minutes to complete the test.

Your score on the test—along with some information about your background—is used to inform you and the college about the level of English classes you should take first. There is no passing score on the test, so there is no way for you to fail it. When you have taken the test, you will get a card telling you what English class(es) you should take.

If your score on this test is very high, you will be advised to take the test for native speakers of English.

Directions: Read the following. You will see four choices in each box. Choose the best word to complete the story or conversation, and fill in the letter that corresponds with the correct response. Read each sentence completely before you choose an answer. Do the easy questions first; then go back to the others. Only one answer is correct.

Sample Question:  

1. Yesterday, Mary’s brother let her ______ his car.
   A. to drive
   B. drive
   C. driving
   D. drove

Sample Answer:  

1. (A) (B) (C) (D)

Practice Questions:

1. Mary goes to school. C. He studies English. She ______ class every day.
   A. attend
   B. goes
   C. like
   D. going

2. (A) (B) (C) (D)

3. Her classmates are very ______ Jane and Mary work at the same place.
   A. study
   B. kindness
   C. work
   D. kind

4. (A) (B) (C) (D)

5. They see each other every day and meet for lunch.

Jane: Hello! How are you today?

Mary: I am fine. What do you have for lunch?

Jane: I have a turkey sandwich, an apple, and a cookie.

Mary: __________

Jane: That’s OK. I will go with you.

Mary: Great! I’ll see you in the cafeteria later.