

## HSPT Practice Questions

Day six: Veterans' Day or Armistice Day. God bless our women and men in uniform!



### Sample questions – DAY SIX

#### \*\*\*\*\* PUNCTUATION AND USAGE \*\*\*\*\*

Running a marathon can be a lifelong achievement without appropriate training, though, it can be life-threatening.

- A. can be a lifelong achievement
- B. can be a lifelong achievement;
- C. can be a life-long achievement;
- D. could be a life-long achievement:
- E. should be a life-long achievement,

**Answer B.**

The word *lifelong* does not need the hyphen. It is one of the words that seems to follow its own special rules. The only need is the semi-colon to join the two independent clauses.

The first part of the class was on the native species, the second on the french imports, and the third on the Mathematics of genetics.

- A. species, the second on the french imports, and the third on the Mathematics of genetics.
- B. species; the second on the french imports; and the third on the Mathematics of genetics.
- C. species; the second on the French imports; and the third on the Mathematics of genetics.
- D. species, the second on the French imports, and the third on the mathematics of genetics.
- E. species, the second on the French imports, and the third on the mathematics of Genetics.

**Answer D.**

Countries are capitalized; academic subjects alone are not. Commas work to join this list.

Although Jim is taller than most in his class, he is younger than everyone else.

- A. he is younger than everyone else
- B. he is more younger
- C. he has been youngest
- D. he is the youngest of everyone else
- E. he is more young

**Answer A.**

The question is worded to test the superlative (-est) and comparative (-er). Though not the most elegant wording, the -er goes with the singular "everyone."

The mighty sycamore tree rises in a majestic way above the school grounds.

- A. rises in a majestic way above
- B. rises in a majestic way, way above
- C. rises majestically above
- D. rises majestically way above
- E. is raised in a majestic way above

**Answer C.**

This answer is more direct and so is the best choice.



Happy Veterans' Day!

*May God Bless all those  
who have served!*