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 printout 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:  

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.  
A. She  
B. She’s  
C. He  
D. Her

2. She studies English. She _____ class every day.  
A. attends  
B. goes  
C. like  
D. going

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

4. They see each other every day and meet for lunch.  
5. Jane: Hello! How are you today?  
6. Mary: I am fine. What do you have for lunch?  
7. Jane: I have a turkey sandwich, an apple, and a cookie.  
8. Mary: I have a turkey sandwich, an apple, and a cookie.

4. A. How  
B. What  
C. Food  
D. This

5. Do you ______?  
A. have?  
Mary: I ______ to bring it.

A. forget  
B. forgot  
C. forgetting  
D. forgotten

6. I guess I _____ buy something in the cafeteria.  
A. must to  
B. having  
C. have to  
D. going

7. Jane: That’s OK. I will ______ with you.
A. going  
B. buy  
C. went  
D. go

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