CCSF ESL PLACEMENT TEST
Sample Questions

Listening Comprehension
This is a test of your ability to understand spoken English. On this tape recording, you will hear sentences that are not written down in the test booklet. You will hear each sentence two times. Read the three answers in your booklet and select the one answer that you believe is correct.

Example:
You will hear: “The camera on the desk is expensive.”
You will read:  
A. The camera is expensive.
B. The desk is expensive.
C. The camera and the desk are expensive.

The correct answer is A: The camera is expensive.

Reading
Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Example:
Before 1800, most people throughout the world lived in small villages in the countryside and worked on the land. But since then, more and more people have lived and worked in much larger communities. Today, more than half of the world’s population lives in towns and cities.

Answer the following sample questions:

Question 1:
Most people in the world today
A. live in small villages.
B. live in the countryside.
C. live in towns and cities.
D. work on the land.

The correct answer is C: “Most people in the world today live in towns or cities.”

Question 2:
In Line 1, “throughout the world” means
A. outside the world
B. in the middle of the world
C. during the world
D. around the world

The correct answer is D: “around the world”

Grammar

Part 1: Sentence Completion
Choose the word (or group of words) that best completes the sentence.

Example:
“What is the name of your new restaurant?” A. calls
“It ____________ Café Lidia.”
B. called
C. is calling
D. is called

The correct answer is D: is called.
Part 2: Error Identification
The items in this part of the test are complete statements. However, one of the underlined words or phrases in each statement is **not correct**. Find the **wrong** word or phrase.

**Example:** The students which wanted to take extra classes had to get approval from their [A] teachers.

The wrong word is A: **which**.

Part 3: Sentence Rewriting
You will see a sentence. You will rewrite the sentence, beginning with the underlined group of words (in A, B, C, or D) that best complete the new sentence. The new sentence should have the same meaning as the first sentence.

**Example:**
I haven’t been to England since I was ten years old.

*Rewrite, beginning with*

I last went to England

A. when I was ten years old.
B. when I am ten years old.
C. during I was ten years old.
D. after I was ten years old

The correct answer is A: **when I was ten years old**.