

Session 3: Language

Directions: This section tests editing skills by asking you to revise two short passages. Read each passage and answer the questions that follow.

¹ Cajun culture is an entire culture that is named for the French-speaking immigrants who came from Acadia in Canada and settled in southern Louisiana during the second half of the 18th century. ² The very loyal and proud group of people who were called Cajuns, held on to many of their old traditions, especially with regard to cooking and music.

³ As part of their unique cuisine, Cajuns love to cook with seafood, such as crawfish, which is often mixed into spicy stews. ⁴ During the latter part of the 20th century, a renewed interest in Cajun culture and traditions helped make Cajun cooking popular throughout the world. ⁵ Today many restaurants and food stores in the United States sell Cajun dishes.

⁶ Cajun music also has a long-standing history, which also began in Canada, where songs were sung without musical accompaniment. ⁷ Cajun music developed as a way for Acadians to share their history, and it eventually included some rhythms and styles from the African and Native American traditions as well.

15. Choose the **best** opening sentence to add to the first paragraph of this report.

- A. You can't even begin to imagine what a Cajun or Creole stew tastes like.
- B. Cities and towns in southern Louisiana have huge populations of the descendants of Cajun immigrants.
- C. New Orleans might be the "birthplace of jazz," but the music of the Cajun people is every bit as lively and entertaining.
- D. People living in southern Louisiana who love home-cooked meals and great music do not need to look beyond their own region to find them.

16. What is the **best** way to write the underlined part of sentence 2?

- A. The Cajun group of people was loyal and proud,
- B. The Cajuns, a very loyal and proud group of people,
- C. The Cajuns, a very loyal and proud people, were a group who
- D. (No change)