

Sample Questions from Our Study Kit

The following questions, and others in our full Study Kit, replicate **real test questions**. We know this from taking the test every year, and from our unparalleled experience with competitions exclusive to the federal public service.

- Sample questions the government makes available are few and misleadingly easy.
- Questions found on the internet that may seem similar are not relevant to this test.
- Sample questions in books and online services are not properly structured, and counterproductive in preparing for the actual test.

In short, free questions and numerous low cost samples of the wrong type won't help you. Here are some samples to show what you really will face on test day.

WCPT Sample Test #1 – 50 Questions

Note: The order of the paragraphs in the following text has been purposely modified.

A [1] Charles George Douglas Roberts was born in Douglas, New Brunswick, in 1860. [2] He attended the University of New Brunswick. [3] At the age of 20, he published his first book, *Orion and Other Poems*. [4] He _____ a number of different jobs while continuing to write poetry over the next 15 years. [5] During this time, his many collections of works attracted considerable attention in Great Britain and North America. [6] Several of his contemporaries; Archibald Lampman, D.C. Scott, and Roberts' cousin, Bliss Carman, acknowledged his influence on their work and their careers.

B [7] As a result of this commercial success, Roberts devoted himself to writing fiction, leaving poetry behind. [8] In 1897, he moved to New York, where he remained for ten years, before leaving for Europe. [9] It was only after Roberts returned to Canada in 1925 that he once again turned his attention to poetry, publishing two books: *The Vagrant of Time* and *The Iceberg and Other Poems*. [10] One of the most popular writers of his time, Roberts was knighted in 1935. [11] He died in Toronto in 1943 at the age of 83.

C [12] In 1896, Roberts' career _____ when his first work of fiction, *Earth's Enigmas*, received accolades for being a "realistic animal story", in which animals behave as animals and not as humans. [13] Together with his friend Ernest Thompson Seton, Roberts is credited with having created this genre.

1. Which of the following alternatives is the correct order for the three paragraphs of the preceding text?
 - 1) B, C, A
 - 2) B, A, C
 - 3) A, C, B
 - 4) C, A, B
2. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the preceding text?
 - 1) Canadian Poet in the United States
 - 2) The Life of Charles George Douglas Roberts
 - 3) The Realistic Animal Story as a Genre
 - 4) Charles George Douglas Roberts, Poet, Animal Lover
3. Which of the following answers, when inserted in the blank in Sentence 12, would best suit the style of the sentence and of the entire preceding text?
 - 1) skyrocketed
 - 2) got better
 - 3) increased
 - 4) worsened



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