

## WRITING WORKSHOP

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## Script

## REVISING AND EDITING 2

To measure your ability to express ideas clearly and correctly, some tests may ask you to identify errors in grammar and usage and to improve sentences and paragraphs.

**Directions:** Select one underlined part that must be changed to make the following sentence correct. There is no more than one error in the sentence. If the sentence is correct as written, select answer choice D.

- 1.** Brutus was acting to preserve the republic. For this reason, they was willing to kill Julius Caesar.
- A** acting                      **C** willing  
**B** they                         **D** No error.

**Directions:** Determine whether the following sentence needs improvement. If it does, select the best change presented in the four choices below the sentence. If you think the original phrasing produces a better sentence than any of the other choices, select choice J.

2. Cassius was jealous. He felt Caesar was becoming too powerful.
- F** Cassius was jealous of Caesar's power.
- G** Caesar made Cassius jealous.
- H** Cassius was jealous, and he felt Caesar was becoming too powerful.
- J** The original sentence is the best.

**Directions:** Read the passage and select the best answer to the question that follows the passage.

(1) Cassius is jealous of Caesar. (2) He cannot understand how a man who has so many physical weaknesses could become such a powerful figure. (3) Fueled by envy and greed, Cassius plots to assassinate Caesar. (4) He tries to convince Brutus to join the conspiracy against Caesar. (5) These letters make it seem that many Roman citizens, fearing that Caesar wants to become king, will support a plan to remove him from power.

- 3.** Where is the best place to insert the following sentence?  
To this end, Cassius plants letters in Brutus's home.
- A** After sentence 1                      **C** After sentence 3  
**B** After sentence 2                      **D** After sentence 4