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DIRECTIONS: This test is divided into three sections. Write all your responses as indicated. You have 15 minutes.

PART 1: Circle the correct response in the following sentences. (1 pt. each)

1. My English teacher is very **absent minded** / **absent-minded**.
2. The **herd** / **heard** of buffalo grazed on the distant plain.
3. I wish I had a **chauffeur** / **chaufeur** to drive me to school each day.
4. The actor fell **off of** / **off** the stage during rehearsals.
5. It seems like we have math homework **everyday** / **every day**.
6. My school has three **counselors** / **councilors**.
7. **Walmart** / **WalMart** is headquartered in Arkansas.
8. Please don't **mettle** / **meddle** in their affairs.
9. She will have earned her **bachelor's** / **bachelors** degree next semester.
10. The library had a large **number** / **amount** of books donated.
11. He prefers **fresh water** / **freshwater** fishing.
12. I hate when the dentist puts a shot in the **palate** / **palette** / **pallet** of my mouth.
13. I think **were** / **we're** going to the beach this weekend.
14. The hotel is just a little **further** / **farther** down the street.
15. The new **first family** / **First Family** is said to be settling into the White House.



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ANSWER SHEET

PART I

1. absent-minded
2. herd
3. chauffeur
4. off
5. every day
6. counselors
7. Walmart
8. meddle
9. bachelor's
10. number
11. freshwater
12. palate
13. we're
14. farther
15. first family

PART 2

1. The Lobo Dance Company will perform ~~their~~ ^{its} Spring show March 7 and 8th. All dances have been choreographed to Grammy[✓] winning songs.
2. DECA ~~officially~~ ^g opened ~~it's~~ ^g snack shack Monday^o. The hours are 7-8 a.m., during lunch, ^g and after school until 4:30 p.m.
3. "Government is ⁿ a important subject to learn," ~~Social~~ ⁿ Studies teacher Jim Langford said. ^o "You need to understand ^g if politicians are telling the truth."
4. Scoring the ~~winning~~ ^{as he scored the winning run} run, the crowd cheered the ~~3~~ ³rd baseman.
He ~~lead~~ ^l the Lobos to a 4 ~~to~~ [✓] 3 win.
5. Assistant Principle ^a Betsy Gayle ^a resigned Friday to move with her husband to Boston. App^llications will be taken for the position begin^lning next week.