ENGLISH 10 · ALASKA

# English 10
## Practice Test

### Unit 3: Writing

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Alaska curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

A student writes an essay arguing that school should start later. Which sentence is the strongest thesis statement?

A) Schools should start later because rested students learn better and feel healthier

B) I like mornings sometimes

C) School is a place where students learn

D) Many students ride buses

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Question 2

A paragraph is about why a later school start helps learning. Which sentence is off topic and should be removed?

A) My brother likes pancakes for breakfast

B) Many students arrive half asleep

C) A later start would help students learn better

D) Our school day starts too early

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Question 3

A draft paragraph states a claim but gives no examples or data. What is its main weakness?

A) it states its main idea too clearly

B) it uses too many formal words

C) it lacks specific evidence, such as data or examples

D) it has too many sentences about the topic

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Question 4

Which sentence would make the strongest topic sentence for a paragraph about recycling at school?

A) Trash cans are gray

B) Some students like art class

C) Recycling is a word

D) Our school should start a recycling program to cut waste and teach responsibility

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Question 5

Which transition best connects a reason to a second reason in an argument?

A) in addition

B) for example

C) in conclusion

D) however

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Question 6

Which transition best signals a contrast in an argument?

A) first

B) however

C) similarly

D) for example

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Question 7

Which transition best signals a conclusion?

A) however

B) in addition

C) in conclusion

D) first

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Question 8

A writer wants to convince readers that a town needs a new library. Which evidence is strongest?

A) a photo of a book

B) one friend saying libraries are nice

C) a slogan saying libraries are great

D) survey results showing many residents want longer library hours and more study space

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Question 9

In an argument essay, a counterargument is best described as

A) an opposing view that the writer answers with reasons and evidence

B) a list of sources

C) a personal story with no link to the claim

D) a sentence that repeats the thesis

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Question 10

Which opening is the strongest hook for an essay about protecting Alaska streams?

A) I am writing about a topic

B) When the salmon did not return one spring, the whole town noticed

C) Streams are wet

D) This essay will be about streams

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Question 11

Which conclusion best ends an essay arguing for more school art programs?

A) Art class meets on Tuesdays

B) Art is a subject

C) In short, art programs deserve support because they build creativity and give students a voice

D) The end

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Question 12

A writer revises the vague sentence the thing was good to be more precise. Which revision is best?

A) the thing was nice

B) it was good and stuff

C) the thing was really good

D) the concert was lively and full of energy

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Question 13

Which sentence uses formal language most suitable for a school essay?

A) The results were impressive and clearly supported the claim

B) The results were kinda cool I guess

C) The results rocked

D) The results were, like, totally amazing

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Question 14

A student copies sentences from a website into an essay without credit. This is best described as

A) research

B) plagiarism

C) revision

D) brainstorming

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Question 15

Which step should come first when planning an essay?

A) print the essay

B) write the final conclusion

C) choose a topic and a clear claim, then outline main points

D) check spelling in the final draft

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Question 16

A narrative paragraph tells events out of order with no time clues. What should the writer add to improve it?

A) a longer title

B) a list of sources

C) more adjectives about the weather

D) clear sequence words such as first, then, and finally

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Question 17

Which sentence best shows rather than tells that a character is nervous?

A) Her hands shook as she gripped the paper, and her voice wavered

B) Nervous people act nervous

C) She felt a feeling

D) She was nervous

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Question 18

A peer reviewer says a paragraph is confusing because ideas jump around. The writer should most likely

A) add more ideas to the paragraph

B) reorder the sentences so each idea follows logically from the one before

C) delete the topic sentence

D) make every sentence longer

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Question 19

Which sentence is the best example of a supporting detail for the claim that exercise improves focus?

A) Gyms open early

B) Exercise is popular

C) In one school study, students who walked before class scored higher on focus tasks

D) Many people own running shoes

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Question 20

A writer addresses an essay to the school board asking for a new gym. The writer should mainly use

A) a secret code

B) only personal feelings with no reasons

C) slang and jokes only

D) a respectful tone with clear reasons and evidence

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Question 21

Which revision best fixes a paragraph that repeats the same word in every sentence?

A) vary word choice and sentence structure while keeping the meaning clear

B) delete all verbs

C) make every sentence the same length

D) repeat the word more often

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Question 22

An outline for an essay should mainly include

A) the full final essay word for word

B) the thesis and the main point of each paragraph in order

C) only the title

D) a list of spelling words

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Question 23

Which sentence best introduces evidence in an essay?

A) Evidence is important

B) Stuff happens

C) According to a school survey, 7 out of 10 students said they read more after the library stayed open later

D) I think stuff is true

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Question 24

A writer wants readers to picture a winter morning in Fairbanks. Which detail is most vivid?

A) Winter happens every year

B) Fairbanks is a city

C) It was cold

D) Frost coated the windows, breath puffed in the air, and snow squeaked under boots

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Question 25

Which of the following is the best reason to revise a draft?

A) to improve clarity, organization, and support for ideas

B) to change the topic completely

C) to remove all evidence

D) to make it longer no matter what

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# ANSWER KEY

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| **1.** | A | **10.** | B | **18.** | B |
| **2.** | A | **11.** | C | **19.** | C |
| **3.** | C | **12.** | D | **20.** | D |
| **4.** | D | **13.** | A | **21.** | A |
| **5.** | A | **14.** | B | **22.** | B |
| **6.** | B | **15.** | C | **23.** | C |
| **7.** | C | **16.** | D | **24.** | D |
| **8.** | D | **17.** | A | **25.** | A |
| **9.** | A | | | | |

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