ALASKA ENGLISH 10 · FINAL EXAM · 50 QUESTIONS

Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **A story opens with a sailor checking a torn sail under a darkening sky, and later the boat is caught in a storm. The opening details are an example of**

- A irony, because the sailor likes storms
- B a flashback, because they show an earlier voyage
- C foreshadowing, because they hint at the later storm
- D a symbol, because sails always mean danger

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Why Salmon Return to Alaska Streams

Use this reading for questions 2, 6, and 10.

Each year, salmon that grew up in the ocean swim back to the freshwater streams where they hatched. The journey can be long, and the fish must swim upstream against strong currents, leap over small falls, and avoid bears and eagles along the way.

Scientists have found that salmon can sense the smell of their home stream. They follow that familiar scent through rivers and lakes until they reach the gravel bed where they were born. Once there, females dig shallow nests in the gravel and lay eggs, and males guard the nests from rivals.

The return of the salmon matters far beyond the stream. Bears, eagles, and people depend on salmon for food, and the nutrients from salmon that die after spawning help feed the forest. When salmon numbers fall, the whole system feels the loss, which is why protecting clean streams matters to Alaska communities.

2 **According to the passage, how do salmon find their home stream?**

- **A** by following the smell of their home stream
- **B** by watching eagles fly overhead
- **C** by following boats
- **D** by listening for waterfalls

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3 **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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4 **Which sentence uses the correct pronoun?**

- A Maria and Jon finished his project on time
- B Maria and Jon finished her project on time
- C Maria and Jon finished their project on time
- D Maria and Jon finished its project on time

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5 **In a novel, the turning point comes when the hero must choose between saving her brother and finishing the race. This moment of greatest tension is called the**

A climax, because it is the turning point of the story

B exposition, because it introduces the hero

C resolution, because it ends the race

D rising action, because it builds toward trouble

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6 **According to the passage, what challenges do salmon face on the journey upstream?**

A strong currents, small falls, bears, and eagles

B warm ocean water only

C a lack of gravel in the ocean

D fishing boats in lakes only

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7 **Which transition best signals a contrast in an argument?**

A first

B however

C similarly

D for example

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8 **Which sentence correctly uses a comma after an introductory phrase?**

A After dinner we went for a walk

B After dinner, we went for a walk

C After, dinner we went for a walk

D After dinner we, went for a walk

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9 **In a play, two friends argue in speech about whether to keep a secret. Their dialogue mainly helps readers to**

A learn every fact about the town

B hear the theme repeated in every scene

C fill space between descriptions of the setting

D understand the characters and move the plot forward

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10 **According to the passage, which detail best supports the idea that protecting clean streams matters?**

A males guard nests from rivals

B salmon hatch in freshwater streams

C salmon leap over small falls

D when salmon numbers fall, the whole system feels the loss

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11 **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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12 **Which sentence correctly uses their, there, and they are?**

- **A** They are going to the store over there, and their bags are full
- **B** There going to the store over their
- **C** Their going to the store over there
- **D** Their going to the store over their

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13 **In a poem, the line he ran as fast as lightning compares running to lightning using as. This is an example of**

A a symbol

B a metaphor

C a simile

D personification

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14 **Which source is most likely to be credible for a school research project?**

A an anonymous blog post with no sources listed

B a social media rumor shared by strangers

C an article by a recognized expert that cites its sources

D a joke page that copies text from other sites

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15 **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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16 **Which sentence is a complete sentence?**

A Under the table

B Running through the park

C Because it rained

D The dog ran through the park

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17 **A writer sets a scene in an empty house at midnight, with creaking floors and no lights. The setting most likely helps the writer to**

A describe only what the characters wear

B tell the reader only the time of day

C create a mood of unease and tension

D replace the need for characters

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18 **Which sentence states an opinion rather than a fact?**

A The library opens at 9 in the morning

B The library is the best place in town to study

C The library has three floors

D The library lends books for two weeks

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19 **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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20 **Which sentence correctly uses affect and effect?**

- A The cold will affect your health effect
- B The cold will effect affect
- C The cold will effect your health
- D The cold will affect your health, and the effect was a sore throat

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21 **A writer word choice and attitude toward a subject together create the writer**

A tone

B resolution

C theme

D plot

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22 **A writer claims that a new study program works. Which evidence would best support that claim?**

A results from a study comparing students who used the program with students who did not

B a slogan praising the program

C a photo of students smiling

D a personal story from one student who liked the program

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23 **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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24 **Which sentence uses the correct pronoun after a preposition?**

A Between you and they, the test was hard

B Between you and I, the test was hard

C Between you and me, the test was hard

D Between you and we, the test was hard

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25 **In a story, the exposition mainly does which of the following?**

A introduces characters, setting, and the basic situation

B presents the turning point

C explains the theme directly to the reader

D resolves the conflict

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26 **An author organizes an article by showing how two towns are alike and different. This text structure is**

A compare and contrast

B sequence

C problem and solution

D cause and effect

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27 **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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28 **Which sentence correctly uses a comma with an appositive?**

A My, friend Sara plays soccer

B My friend, Sara, plays soccer

C My friend Sara, plays soccer

D My friend Sara plays, soccer

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29 **Which statement best describes how a reader can find a theme?**

A copy the first sentence of the story

B count how many characters appear

C find the longest description of the setting

D look for a message the story suggests through characters, events, and outcomes

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30 **30 out of 100 students ride the bus, 50 walk, and 20 are driven. Which conclusion is supported by these numbers?**

A no students ride the bus

B all students ride the bus

C most students are driven

D half of the students walk

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31 **Which sentence is the best thesis for an essay arguing that students should learn basic cooking in school?**

A Schools should teach basic cooking because it builds independence and healthy habits

B Cooking uses pots

C Some people like pizza

D Food is eaten every day

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32 **Which sentence uses correct subject verb agreement with neither?**

A Neither of the students is ready

B Neither of the students be ready

C Neither of the students were ready

D Neither of the students are ready

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33 **In a poem, the line I have told this story a million times greatly exaggerates for effect. This is an example of**

A a metaphor

B a hyperbole

C personification

D a simile

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34 **An article gives steps in order: first, next, then, finally. This text structure is best called**

A compare and contrast

B chronological or sequential order

C problem and solution

D cause and effect

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35 **Which of the following is the strongest piece of evidence for the claim that a school garden helps students learn science?**

A gardens have soil

B one student likes flowers

C a garden is outdoors

D students who worked in the garden could explain plant growth better on a science quiz than before

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36 **Which sentence correctly uses a comma before a coordinating conjunction joining two full sentences?**

A We left early and we arrived on time

B We left, early and arrived on time

C We left early and, we arrived on time

D We left early, and we arrived on time

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37 **Which of the following is an example of imagery?**

A the cold air smelled of pine and wet earth

B the story has three chapters

C the hero is brave

D the theme is courage

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38 **In an informational text, the word consequently most likely signals**

A a result or effect

B a first step

C a similarity

D a contrast

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A writer revises I went to the store and stuff to be more precise. Which revision is best?

A I went to the store and stuff and things

B I went

C I went to the store and bought milk and bread for dinner

D I went somewhere and did things

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Which is the correct simple past tense form of go?

A going

B goed

C went

D gone

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41 **A writer describes a house with broken windows, a sagging porch, and a silent yard to make the reader feel uneasy. The writer is mainly using setting to create**

A a dialogue

B a rhyme

C a plot summary

D a mood

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42 **An article states that a town recycled 40 tons of paper last year and 60 tons this year. By how many tons did recycling increase?**

A 40 tons

B 100 tons

C 10 tons

D 20 tons

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43 **A writer quotes a source but does not name it. The writer should**

A change the quote into a slogan

B leave the quote as it is

C add a citation naming the source

D delete the quotation marks

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44 **Which sentence correctly uses a reflexive pronoun?**

A Maya taught himself to cook

B Maya taught themselves to cook

C Maya taught herself to cook

D Maya taught her to cook

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45 **In a poem, a caged bird that sings despite its cage most likely symbolizes**

A a change in weather

B a love of birds

C hope and freedom even under limits

D a need for food

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46 **Rainfall rises each month from January to June. What trend does this show?**

A rainfall fell steadily

B rainfall stayed the same

C rainfall rose steadily

D rainfall stopped in June

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47 **A peer reviewer asks what evidence supports a claim. The writer should most likely**

A ignore the question

B add relevant evidence or soften the claim

C repeat the claim louder

D delete the whole essay

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48 **Which sentence correctly uses commas with a city and state?**

A We visited Juneau Alaska in June

B We visited Juneau, Alaska, in June

C We visited Juneau Alaska, in June

D We visited, Juneau Alaska in June

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49 **A story opens in the middle of an exciting chase, then later explains how the chase began. Opening in the middle of the action is called**

A a flashback

B in medias res

C exposition

D resolution

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50 **The phrase according to researchers in an article most likely signals that the next idea comes from**

A the reader opinion

B a cited source or study

C a fictional character

D the article title

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1. C
2. A
3. A
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5. A
6. A
7. B
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9. D
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11. A
12. A
13. C
14. C
15. D
16. D
17. C
18. B
19. D
20. D
21. A
22. A
23. C
24. C
25. A
26. A
27. B
28. B
29. D
30. D
31. A
32. A
33. B
34. B
35. D
36. D
37. A
38. A
39. C
40. C
41. D
42. D
43. C
44. C
45. C
46. C
47. B
48. B
49. B
50. B

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