ALASKA ENGLISH 11 · FINAL EXAM · 50 QUESTIONS

Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **Irony occurs when what happens?**

- **A** The outcome is the opposite of what was expected.
- **B** A story ends happily for every character.
- **C** The author repeats a phrase for emphasis.
- **D** Two characters speak at the same time.

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How Salmon Return to Alaska Streams

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

Each summer, salmon that grew up in the ocean swim back to the freshwater streams where they hatched. The journey can cover hundreds of miles, 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 called redds 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.

Young salmon hatch in the spring and may spend a year or more in fresh water before migrating to the ocean. Years later, they return to the same stream to spawn, completing a cycle that links ocean, stream, forest, and town.

2 **Why do female salmon dig redds in the gravel?**

- **A** To lay eggs
- **B** To escape bears
- **C** To find their home stream
- **D** To leap over falls

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3 **In an argument, a claim is best defined as what?**

A A statement the writer argues is true and will support with evidence.

B A fact everyone already agrees on.

C A question with no answer.

D A quote from a famous person.

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4 **Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

A Maria loves to read; her brother prefers to draw.

B Maria loves; to read her brother prefers to draw.

C Maria; loves to read her brother prefers to draw.

D Maria loves to read her brother; prefers to draw.

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5 **An unreliable narrator is a narrator who does what?**

- A Tells the story in strict chronological order.
- B Cannot be fully trusted because of bias, youth, or limited knowledge.
- C Speaks only in dialogue.
- D Never appears in the story.

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6 **According to the passage, which obstacle do salmon face on their journey?**

- A Strong currents and small falls.
- B Frozen oceans with no water.
- C Roads with no bridges.
- D Deserts with no rivers.

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7 **When a writer admits that an opposing view has a fair point before answering it, the writer is making what?**

- A A fallacy.
- B A thesis.
- C A concession.
- D A citation.

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8 **Which sentence shows correct subject verb agreement?**

- A The box of pens are on the desk.
- B The boxes of pens is on the desk.
- C The box of pens is on the desk.
- D The box of pen are on the desk.

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9 **In literature, mood most often refers to what?**

A The author's attitude toward the subject.

B The main idea of a poem.

C The length of a story's chapters.

D The feeling or atmosphere a reader gets from a passage.

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10 **According to the passage, what is the author's main purpose?**

A To persuade readers never to eat fish.

B To give steps for building a dam.

C To compare salmon with bears.

D To inform readers about how salmon return and why that cycle matters.

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11 **An appeal to logos relies mainly on what?**

A Logic, facts, and reason.

B Emotions.

C Fame of the speaker.

D Repetition of a slogan.

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12 **Which sentence has a dangling modifier?**

A Walking to school, Maria was soaked by the rain.

B Maria, walking to school, was soaked by the rain.

C While Maria walked to school, rain soaked her.

D Rain soaked Maria as she walked to school.

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13 **First person point of view most often has which effect on a reader?**

A The reader sees events only through the narrator's limited knowledge.

B The reader knows the thoughts of every character.

C The reader never learns the narrator's name.

D The reader controls how the story ends.

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14 **A diary written by a person who lived through an event is an example of what kind of source?**

A A secondary source.

B A primary source.

C A fictional source.

D A summary source.

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15 **A speaker claims that one small step will surely lead to a chain of terrible results, with no proof for each step. This fallacy is called what?**

- A Ad hominem.
- B Straw man.
- C Appeal to authority.
- D Slippery slope.

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16 **Which sentence uses their, there, and they're correctly?**

- A Their going to put they're books over there.
- B They're going to put there books over their.
- C There going to put their books over they're.
- D They're going to put their books over there.

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17 **Modernist American writers often used which technique?**

- A A fragmented structure that reflects uncertainty and change.
- B Long sermons that teach a single moral.
- C Simple plots with no conflict at all.
- D Stories told only by animals.

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18 **Which word most clearly signals a contrast between two ideas?**

- A Because, because it shows a cause.
- B Similarly, because it shows likeness.
- C However, because it signals a change or contrast.
- D First, because it shows order.

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19 **A famous singer says a vitamin cures illness, but the singer has no medical training. Relying on the singer is an example of what?**

- A Strong logos.
- B A fair concession.
- C A rebuttal.
- D A weak appeal to authority.

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20 **Denotation means what?**

- A The feeling a word carries.
- B The sound of a word.
- C The origin of a word only.
- D The dictionary meaning of a word.

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21 **In The Scarlet Letter, the scarlet letter A worn by Hester Prynne most often represents what at the start of the novel?**

A Wealth earned from farming.

B Public shame for breaking a moral law.

C Freedom to travel anywhere.

D Skill at making clothes.

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22 **An article describes how two towns handle recycling, pointing out what is alike and what is different. Which text structure does it mainly use?**

A Compare and contrast.

B Cause and effect.

C Problem and solution.

D Sequence of steps.

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23 **Which thesis is clearest and most debatable for an argumentative essay?**

- **A** School is a place.
- **B** Schools should start later because teenagers need more sleep to learn well.
- **C** Many students like school.
- **D** Sleep is a thing people do.

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24 **The suffix less in hopeless most nearly means what?**

- **A** Full of.
- **B** Without.
- **C** Again.
- **D** Before.

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25 **Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass is best known for which feature?**

- **A** Strict rhyming sonnets about kings.
- **B** Free verse poems celebrating the self and American democracy.
- **C** Plays about life in colonial towns.
- **D** Essays arguing against all poetry.

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26 **What is the main purpose of a heading in an informational article?**

- **A** To tell the reader what the section that follows is about.
- **B** To repeat the whole article.
- **C** To hide the main idea.
- **D** To replace all evidence.

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27 **What should a concluding paragraph of an argumentative essay most often do?**

A Introduce a brand new claim.

B List every source in full.

C Restate the thesis and call the reader to action or reflection.

D Repeat the first paragraph word for word.

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28 **Which sentence is written in the passive voice?**

A Sam threw the ball.

B Sam throws the ball.

C The ball was thrown by Sam.

D Sam will throw the ball.

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29 **Writers called the Lost Generation, writing after World War I, are best known for expressing what?**

A Joy about colonial life.

B Praise for Puritan sermons.

C Advice on farming methods.

D Disillusionment after war and rapid change.

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30 **Which summary best summarizes an article about how regular exercise improves health?**

A Running shoes come in many colors and sizes.

B One student ran three miles on Tuesday.

C Gyms open early in the morning.

D Regular exercise improves health in several important ways.

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31 **In an argument, a rhetorical question is most often used to do what?**

- **A** Make the reader think about the issue.
- **B** Ask for a factual answer on a test.
- **C** Replace all evidence.
- **D** End the essay without a conclusion.

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32 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly in a compound sentence?**

- **A** Maria read the book, and Sam wrote a report.
- **B** Maria read the book and Sam wrote a report.
- **C** Maria read the book, Sam wrote a report.
- **D** Maria, read the book and Sam wrote a report.

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33 **Foreshadowing is best defined as what?**

A A scene from long before the story starts.

B A character's memory of childhood.

C Hints about events that will happen later in a story.

D The final sentence of a story.

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34 **A text lists steps in order, using words such as first, next, and finally. Which text structure does it mainly use?**

A Compare and contrast.

B Cause and effect.

C Sequence.

D Problem and solution.

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35 **Loaded language in an argument is best described as what?**

- **A** Neutral words with no feeling.
- **B** Technical words with clear definitions.
- **C** Words that are always false.
- **D** Words chosen to stir strong feelings rather than to present fair evidence.

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36 **Which sentence uses a colon correctly to explain an idea?**

- **A** She had one: goal to finish the book by Friday.
- **B** She had one goal to: finish the book by Friday.
- **C** She: had one goal to finish the book by Friday.
- **D** She had one goal: to finish the book by Friday.

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37 **The sentence Her smile is like the sun on a cold morning is an example of what?**

A A simile, because it uses like to compare.

B A metaphor, because it makes no comparison.

C Personification, because it gives life to an object.

D Irony, because the outcome is unexpected.

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38 **A claim states that reading daily improves vocabulary. Which detail best supports that claim?**

A A study showing larger vocabulary gains for daily readers than for nonreaders.

B A photo of a bookshelf.

C A slogan about reading.

D One student's favorite book title.

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39 **Which tone is most fitting for a formal argumentative essay?**

- **A** A joking tone throughout.
- **B** A respectful, serious tone.
- **C** An angry tone with insults.
- **D** A casual text message tone.

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40 **Which sentence shows correct agreement with either or?**

- **A** Either Maria or her friends is coming.
- **B** Either Maria or her friends are coming.
- **C** Either Maria or her friend are coming.
- **D** Either Marias or her friends is coming.

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41 **A character who stays the same throughout a story is best described as what?**

A A dynamic character.

B A round character.

C A narrator.

D A static character.

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42 **What is the main purpose of a glossary in a book?**

A To list the chapters.

B To show maps.

C To give the author's life story.

D To define special words used in the book.

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43 **Evidence that has nothing to do with the claim does what to an argument?**

A Strengthens it, because more words help.

B Weakens it, because it does not support the point.

C Proves it, because length matters.

D Replaces the thesis.

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44 **Which sentence uses a comparative form correctly?**

A This book is more better than that one.

B This book is more interesting than that one.

C This book is most interesting than that one.

D This book is interestingest than that one.

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45 **Ralph Waldo Emerson's idea of self reliance is best stated as what?**

A Always obey tradition without question.

B Trust your own judgment instead of only following others.

C Avoid reading books by other writers.

D Move to a city to find wisdom.

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46 **Read this short paragraph. Bees carry pollen from flower to flower as they collect nectar. This movement helps plants make seeds. Without bees, many plants would produce far fewer seeds. What is the main idea?**

A Bees like nectar.

B Bees help plants make seeds by carrying pollen.

C Flowers are pretty.

D Seeds are small.

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47 **Which sentence is a claim rather than evidence?**

A In one survey, 8 in 10 students skipped breakfast.

B A study found higher scores after breakfast programs.

C Schools should offer free breakfast to all students.

D Teachers reported fewer late arrivals.

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48 **Which word best replaces fast in a formal sentence about a rapid river current?**

A Speedy quick.

B Fast fast.

C Swift.

D Zoomy.

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49 **A narrator who knows the thoughts and feelings of every character uses which point of view?**

A First person.

B Second person.

C Third person omniscient.

D Third person limited.

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50 **An article gives only one side of a debate and calls the other side foolish. This is most likely an example of what?**

A A neutral report.

B A primary source.

C Bias.

D A summary.

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ANSWER KEY

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

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