ENGLISH 12 · ALASKA

English 12
Practice Test

Unit 2: Informational Text and Research

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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Saving Stories in a Northern Town

Use this reading for questions 1 to 8.

In a small town in northern Alaska, elders have begun recording the stories they heard as children. For many years those stories lived only in memory and in spoken telling at family gatherings. Now, with help from students at the local school, the stories are being saved as sound recordings and written summaries in a community archive.

The project began when a teacher asked students to interview an elder about daily life long ago. Students learned to prepare questions in advance, to listen without interrupting, and to check details afterward. One student found that two elders remembered the same winter journey differently, so the class kept both versions and noted where they differed rather than choosing only one.

The archive is open to anyone in town, and teachers use it in history and writing classes. Town leaders say the archive matters because it preserves knowledge about hunting, travel, weather, and family ties that books alone do not record. They also say the work teaches students to treat sources with care, to give credit to speakers, and to ask how a story was learned before repeating it as fact.

Not every story in the archive is easy to verify, and the archive does not claim that every detail is proven. Instead, each entry lists who told the story, when it was told, and what other records, if any, support it. Readers can then judge for themselves how much weight to give each account.

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Question 1

According to the passage, what is the main idea

A) a northern town is saving elders stories in a community archive while teaching students to handle sources with care

B) students should stop interviewing elders

C) books alone record all town history

D) elders no longer tell stories

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Question 2

According to the passage, why did the class keep both versions of the winter journey

A) because two elders remembered the same journey differently and the class noted where they differed

B) because the class could not decide which story was longer

C) because the teacher liked longer archives

D) because both elders were wrong

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Question 3

According to the passage, what did students learn to do before an interview

A) to record only in winter

B) to write the whole story in advance

C) to prepare questions in advance and listen without interrupting

D) to pay the elder for the story

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Question 4

According to the passage, what does each archive entry list

A) the price of the recording

B) a grade for the student

C) only the name of the town

D) who told the story, when it was told, and what other records support it

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Question 5

According to the passage, the word preserves in the third paragraph most nearly means

A) keeps safe for later use

B) changes completely

C) hides from readers

D) sells

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Question 6

According to the passage, what can a reader infer about the archive

A) it claims every detail is proven

B) it helps readers judge how much weight to give each account

C) it is open only to teachers

D) it replaces all books

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Question 7

According to the passage, what is one reason town leaders value the archive

A) it shortens the school day

B) it bans spoken stories

C) it records knowledge about hunting, travel, weather, and family ties that books alone do not record

D) it earns money for the school

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Question 8

Which text structure does the passage mainly use

A) a list of jokes

B) a debate between two towns

C) a mystery with a surprise ending

D) a description of a project, how it works, and why it matters

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Question 9

Which statement best explains the difference between a central idea and a supporting detail

A) a central idea is the main point, while a supporting detail is evidence or an example for that point

B) a central idea is always a single word

C) a supporting detail is always false

D) a central idea and a detail mean the same thing

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Question 10

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

A) a rumor shared online

B) an article by a recognized expert that cites its sources

C) a joke page that copies text from other sites

D) an anonymous post with no sources listed

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Question 11

A primary source is best defined as

A) an encyclopedia entry

B) a textbook summary written years later

C) an original record from the time studied, such as a letter, diary, or recording

D) a movie about a historical event

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Question 12

Which research question is narrow enough for a short paper

A) what is life

B) why do people talk

C) how does history work

D) how did one town archive change how students learn local history

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Question 13

To avoid plagiarism, a writer who uses another person's idea must

A) give credit to the source even when the idea is put in new words

B) hide the source name

C) use the idea only in the title

D) change a few words and give no credit

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Question 14

Which is the best paraphrase of the sentence, Regular reading builds vocabulary

A) Regular reading builds vocabulary

B) Reading often helps a reader learn new words

C) Books are heavy

D) Vocabulary tests are hard

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Question 15

A claim in an argument is best supported by

A) a slogan praising the claim

B) a personal story from one person only

C) results from a fair comparison or reliable records

D) a photo of smiling people

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Question 16

Which word most clearly signals a contrast between two ideas

A) similarly

B) first

C) because

D) however

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Question 17

Which sentence states an opinion rather than a fact

A) The library is the best place in town to study

B) The library has three floors

C) The library lends books for two weeks

D) The library opens at 9 in the morning

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Question 18

An author who writes only about the benefits of a plan and ignores all drawbacks is most likely showing

A) neutral reporting

B) bias, because only one side is shown

C) a fact, because praise is always true

D) a primary source

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Question 19

What is the main purpose of a works cited list

A) to praise the writer

B) to fill the last page

C) to show readers where ideas and quotations came from so they can check them

D) to list books the writer did not use

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Question 20

Which evidence would best support a claim that a tutoring program raised scores

A) a poster for the program

B) the cost of the program

C) one student saying she liked the program

D) scores of students in the program compared with similar students not in the program

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Question 21

A summary of an article should mainly

A) state the main points briefly in the writer's own words

B) add new opinions not in the article

C) list every detail in order

D) copy the first paragraph word for word

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Question 22

Which text structure shows a problem and then a way to fix it

A) cause and effect

B) problem and solution

C) compare and contrast

D) order of events

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Question 23

In research, peer review most nearly means

A) readers voting online

B) friends reading a draft for spelling

C) other experts checking work before it is published

D) a teacher grading homework

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Question 24

A survey finds that 90 of 120 students read for fun each week. What percent of the students is that

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Question 25

A report states that visits rose from 50 in one year to 150 the next year. By how many visits did they rise

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ANSWER KEY

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.**	75
8.	D	**17.**	A	**25.**	100
9.	A				

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