ENGLISH 12 · ALASKA

English 12
Practice Test

Unit 3: Writing and Communication

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 thesis statement in an essay mainly does which of the following

A) states the main claim the essay will support

B) gives the date of writing

C) asks the reader a riddle

D) lists the writer's hobbies

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Question 2

Which thesis is most clear and arguable

A) Schools should start later because teens learn better with more sleep

B) This essay is about school

C) School is a place

D) Many people have opinions about school

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Question 3

The best way to choose details for an essay is to consider

A) only famous quotations

B) only what is longest

C) the audience, the purpose, and what supports the thesis

D) only what the writer likes

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Question 4

An introduction to an argument essay should mainly

A) list every source

B) apologize for the topic

C) give the conclusion first in full

D) present the topic and lead to a clear thesis

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Question 5

A conclusion should mainly

A) restate the thesis in fresh words and leave a clear final thought

B) repeat the first paragraph word for word

C) ask for money

D) introduce a brand new claim with no support

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Question 6

A topic sentence in a body paragraph mainly

A) ends the essay

B) states the main point of that paragraph

C) lists sources

D) corrects spelling

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Question 7

Which paragraph shows unity

A) a paragraph copied from another essay

B) a paragraph that mixes three unrelated topics

C) a paragraph in which every sentence supports one main point

D) a paragraph with no topic sentence

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Question 8

Coherence in writing mainly means that

A) the essay uses big words

B) every paragraph is the same length

C) sentences are long

D) ideas flow in a clear order with helpful transitions

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Question 9

Which transition best shows a result

A) therefore

B) for example

C) first

D) however

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Question 10

Which transition best shows a contrast

A) for instance

B) however

C) because

D) in addition

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Question 11

In revision, a writer should focus first on

A) the number of pages

B) spelling of one word

C) ideas, organization, and support

D) the color of the paper

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Question 12

Editing differs from revision mainly in that editing focuses on

A) choosing a new topic

B) adding new research only

C) changing the whole thesis

D) sentence level correctness such as grammar and punctuation

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Question 13

Proofreading is mainly the final check for

A) small errors in spelling, punctuation, and typing

B) a new audience

C) a longer conclusion

D) new arguments

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Question 14

Peer review is most useful when the reviewer

A) only praises the draft

B) gives specific comments on ideas and clarity and suggests fixes

C) rewrites the draft alone

D) checks only the title

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Question 15

A counterargument in an essay is best handled by

A) hiding it in a footnote

B) ignoring it completely

C) stating it fairly and then answering it with evidence

D) calling the other side foolish

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Question 16

Which evidence best supports a claim in a school essay

A) a rumor

B) the writer's wish

C) a slogan

D) a relevant fact or example from a credible source

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Question 17

Formal writing for a school or workplace audience should avoid

A) slang and casual abbreviations

B) a thesis

C) paragraph breaks

D) clear sentences

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Question 18

Which sentence uses active voice

A) The report was written by Ana

B) Ana wrote the report

C) The report was being written

D) A report is on the desk

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Question 19

Which sentence is most concise

A) In spite of the rain situation, staying inside happened

B) Due to the fact that it was raining, we stayed inside

C) Because it was raining, we stayed inside

D) It was raining and raining and we stayed inside for a long time

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Question 20

An outline for a research paper is most useful because it

A) adds quotations automatically

B) fixes grammar

C) replaces all drafting

D) orders ideas and evidence before drafting begins

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Question 21

When a writer quotes a source, the quotation must

A) match the source exactly and be credited

B) be shortened without note

C) appear only in the title

D) be changed to new words

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Question 22

A formal email to a teacher should mainly include

A) only an emoji

B) a greeting, a clear request, and a polite closing with the writer's name

C) slang and no greeting

D) a joke and no request

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Question 23

In a spoken presentation, visual aids work best when they

A) use tiny text in many colors

B) contain every word of the speech

C) support key points simply without crowding the slide

D) are read aloud word for word

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Question 24

A speaker who makes eye contact and speaks at a steady pace mainly helps listeners to

A) read the slides

B) leave early

C) fall asleep

D) follow and trust the message

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Question 25

A writer cuts a draft from 200 words to 150 words. How many words were cut

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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.**	D
8.	D	**17.**	A	**25.**	50
9.	A				

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