ALASKA ENGLISH 12 · FINAL EXAM · 50 QUESTIONS

Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **Alliterative verse of the kind used in Beowulf is marked mainly by**

- **A** a chorus sung after each stanza
- **B** lines of exactly ten syllables
- **C** the repetition of initial sounds in stressed words in a line
- **D** a fixed rhyme at the end of every line

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Saving Stories in a Northern Town

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

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.

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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3 **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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4 **Which sentence shows correct pronoun agreement in formal writing**

A Each student must bring our book

B Each student must bring their own book

C Each student must bring his or her own book

D Each students must bring his book

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5 **Why is it important that Chaucer wrote in Middle English rather than only in Latin or French**

- A because it made literature open to ordinary English readers of his time
- B because Latin was unknown in England
- C because French books were banned
- D because he could not read Latin

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6 **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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7 **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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8 **A comma splice is**

A a sentence with no commas

B two sentences joined only by a comma

C a sentence with a comma at the end

D a list with commas

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9 **Which rhyme pattern describes a Shakespearean sonnet**

A abba abba cde cde

B aabb ccdd eeff gg

C abab abab abab cc

D abab cdcd efef gg

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10 **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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11 **Which transition best shows a result**

A therefore

B for example

C first

D however

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12 **Which group of words is a fragment**

A After the game ended

B After the game ended, we went home

C We went home after the game

D The game ended at noon

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13 **Milton's Paradise Lost is best understood as a poem about**

A a war between two English kings

B a voyage to the New World

C disobedience, the fall of humankind, and the search for hope after loss

D the building of a cathedral

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14 **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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15 **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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16 **A colon is correctly used to**

A end a sentence

B separate a subject and verb

C join two unrelated sentences

D introduce a list or explanation after a complete sentence

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17 **In the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the Green Knight's challenge mainly tests**

A Gawain's knowledge of Latin

B Gawain's wealth

C Gawain's honor and courage when he must keep a dangerous promise

D Gawain's skill at farming

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18 **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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19 **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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20 **Which sentence correctly uses effect as a noun**

A The new rule will effect us

B They effect the rule

C Effecting the rule helped

D The new rule had a strong effect

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21 **In Coleridge's poem about an old mariner, the killing of a sea bird mainly leads to**

A guilt, punishment, and a hard lesson about respect for living things

B a new trade route

C a pardon from the king

D a feast for the crew

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22 **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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23 **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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24 **Which pair shows a difference in connotation**

A run and walk

B big and large in every case

C house and home, where home suggests warmth and belonging

D cat and dog

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25 **In Tennyson's poem about Ulysses, the aged hero mainly urges his listeners to**

A keep striving and seeking even in old age

B avoid the sea forever

C obey every order without question

D retire in comfort and forget the past

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26 **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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27 **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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28 **Personification gives human qualities to**

A a person

B a thing, animal, or idea

C a verb only

D a place name

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29 **Virginia Woolf's stream of consciousness style mainly presents**

A a debate in parliament

B stage directions only

C a list of historical dates

D the flow of a character's thoughts and feelings without strict order

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

ANSWER _____

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31 **Which organizational pattern suits an essay explaining how a bill becomes a law**

A order of events

B problem and solution only

C description of a place

D compare and contrast

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32 **Which sentence keeps verb tense consistent**

A She walked to school and arrived early

B She walks to school and will arrived early

C She walked to school and arrives early

D She walks to school and arrived early

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33 **In Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, the General Prologue mainly does which of the following**

A it retells one long battle

B it gives directions for the road to London

C it lists the laws of London

D it introduces each pilgrim with vivid detail before the tales begin

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34 **When two credible sources disagree, the best next step is to**

A pick the one that agrees with you and ignore the other

B compare their evidence, dates, and methods before judging

C quote both without comment

D stop researching

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35 **Tone in a persuasive letter to a town council should most often be**

A silly throughout

B secretive

C angry and insulting

D respectful and reasoned

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36 **Which sentence uses whom correctly**

A Whom is at the door

B Whom gave the talk

C Whom called you

D To whom should I give this letter

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37 **Spenser's The Faerie Queene is best described as**

A an allegory in which knights stand for virtues and vices

B a book of sea charts

C a diary of a queen

D a set of sermons

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38 **An appeal to logos in an argument mainly relies on**

A reason and evidence

B loud delivery

C a famous name

D the speaker's clothing

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39 **Which revision most improves a vague sentence, The thing was good**

A Good was the thing

B The thing was very good

C The new library program doubled reading club attendance

D The thing was good and nice

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40 **An independent clause can stand alone as**

A a title

B a fragment

C a complete sentence

D a phrase

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41 **Restoration comedy of manners is best known for**

A long sermons

B sea battles

C praising farm life

D sharp wit about fashionable society, marriage, and reputation

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42 **Which search terms would best narrow a search about Alaska salmon runs**

A animals

B water

C fish

D Alaska salmon run timing and river counts

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43 **A speaker should handle a question she cannot answer by**

A changing the topic silently

B guessing with confidence

C saying so honestly and offering to check

D ignoring the question

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44 **Hyperbole is**

A a short poem

B a mild statement

C deliberate exaggeration for effect

D a comparison using like

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45 **T. S. Eliot's The Waste Land is best known for its**

A a history of Rome

B simple nursery rhymes

C fragmented voices and images of a broken modern world

D one long love letter

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46 **Which of the following is the strongest reason to trust a study**

A it is short

B it was shared widely online

C it describes its method, sample, and limits

D it agrees with common sense

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47 **Which draft shows a clear call to action**

A Recycling matters

B Please sort paper, cans, and bottles into the marked bins by Friday

C Bins exist

D People recycle sometimes

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48 **Which phrase is an idiom**

A close the door

B break the ice, meaning to ease tension at a first meeting

C open the book

D read the page

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49 **Golding's Lord of the Flies mainly explores**

- A trade across an ocean
- B how boys stranded without adults move between order and savagery
- C how to build a school
- D life in a royal court

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50 **A bibliography differs from a single citation in that a bibliography**

- A is written in pencil
- B lists all sources used in a work
- C contains only books
- D replaces the essay

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. A
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. A
7. B
8. B
9. D
10. D
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. 75
31. A
32. A
33. D
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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