ENGLISH 10 · ARIZONA

English 10
Practice Test

Unit 3: Writing

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Arizona curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

A thesis statement in an essay should state

A) every detail in the essay

B) the title only

C) the main arguable point

D) a random fact

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Question 2

An introduction should most likely end with the

A) works cited

B) first example

C) conclusion

D) thesis

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Question 3

A body paragraph usually begins with a

A) quotation alone

B) topic sentence

C) title

D) conclusion

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Question 4

A paragraph gives a claim, then evidence, then explains how the evidence supports the claim. The explanation is

A) a transition

B) a topic sentence

C) reasoning

D) a thesis

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Question 5

Which sentence best serves as a transition between two paragraphs about cost and safety

A) Beyond cost, safety also matters

B) Cost is a word

C) Safety is spelled s a f e t y

D) This essay is long

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Question 6

A conclusion should most likely

A) ask for a grade

B) introduce a whole new argument

C) repeat the first paragraph word for word

D) restate the thesis and sum up key points

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Question 7

In an argumentative essay, a writer should address a counterargument in order to

A) weaken the thesis on purpose

B) fill space

C) avoid evidence

D) show fairness and strengthen the case

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Question 8

A narrative essay is mainly organized around

A) a list of statistics

B) a sequence of events and reflection

C) a lab procedure

D) a works cited page

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Question 9

Writing for a young audience should mainly adjust

A) the page color

B) vocabulary and examples to fit readers

C) only the title

D) only the font

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Question 10

Revising an essay focuses mainly on

A) ideas, organization, and clarity

B) only page margins

C) only the title

D) only spelling

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Question 11

Editing an essay focuses mainly on

A) grammar, spelling, and punctuation

B) adding new sections

C) changing the thesis completely

D) removing all evidence

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Question 12

Which sentence is most concise

A) It is a fact that rain happened and we stayed

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

C) In light of rain, staying inside was done

D) Because it rained, we stayed inside

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Question 13

A writer uses a source idea in her own words and credits the source. This is

A) plagiarism

B) quoting

C) paraphrasing with citation

D) summarizing fiction

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Question 14

Copying a source sentence word for word without credit is

A) paraphrasing

B) revising

C) editing

D) plagiarism

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Question 15

A direct quotation must be placed inside

A) parentheses

B) brackets only

C) quotation marks

D) no marks

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Question 16

An outline helps a writer mainly by

A) planning order and main points first

B) fixing spelling

C) choosing a font

D) counting words

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Question 17

Which opening best hooks readers for an essay on sleep

A) Many teens fall asleep in class each week

B) This essay will discuss sleep

C) I will write five paragraphs

D) Sleep is a noun

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Question 18

Varying sentence length in an essay mainly helps

A) remove evidence

B) keep the writing engaging and clear

C) shorten the title

D) hide the thesis

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Question 19

A writer should choose evidence that is

A) relevant, credible, and specific

B) long, even if off topic

C) old, even if disproved

D) funny, even if untrue

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Question 20

In a formal essay, slang should generally be

A) used in every sentence

B) avoided

C) used for evidence

D) used only in the title

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Question 21

A peer reviewer says a paragraph lacks support The writer should most likely

A) ignore the comment

B) delete the thesis

C) change the font

D) add relevant evidence or examples

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Question 22

Which is the strongest thesis about school start times

A) Schools should start later to improve health

B) School starts at some time

C) Time is important

D) Students like school

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Question 23

A writer organizes causes before effects in an essay about drought. This organization is

A) chronological only

B) alphabetical

C) cause and effect

D) random

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Question 24

When writing a research essay, a writer should first

A) choose a font

B) write the conclusion

C) form a focused question

D) copy a source

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Question 25

A concluding sentence in a body paragraph should

A) start a new topic

B) list sources

C) tie the paragraph back to its main point

D) repeat the title

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ANSWER KEY

1.	C	**10.**	A	**18.**	B
2.	D	**11.**	A	**19.**	A
3.	B	**12.**	D	**20.**	B
4.	C	**13.**	C	**21.**	D
5.	A	**14.**	D	**22.**	A
6.	D	**15.**	C	**23.**	C
7.	D	**16.**	A	**24.**	C
8.	B	**17.**	A	**25.**	C
9.	B				

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