ENGLISH 12 · ARKANSAS

English 12
Practice Test

Unit 2: Informational Text and Research

25 Questions

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

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Question 1

A central idea of an informational text is

A) The main point the author develops

B) A minor detail in one paragraph

C) The title of the text

D) A picture caption

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Question 2

Which source is most likely a primary source for a study of a school event last year

A) A textbook summary

B) A diary entry written that day

C) An encyclopedia article

D) A later news summary

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Question 3

A secondary source is best described as a source that

A) Was written at the time

B) Has no author

C) Interprets or summarizes earlier sources

D) Contains only pictures

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Question 4

When evaluating a website, the most important first check is

A) How colorful the site is

B) How long the page is

C) How many ads it has

D) Whether the author and evidence are credible

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Question 5

A thesis statement in a research paper should

A) State the main claim the paper will support

B) List every fact in the paper

C) Repeat the title

D) Ask a question with no answer

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Question 6

Which of these is plagiarism

A) Quoting with a citation

B) Copying another writer's words without credit

C) Summarizing in your own words with credit

D) Citing a source in a bibliography

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Question 7

A paraphrase differs from a direct quotation because a paraphrase

A) Uses the exact words

B) Uses only pictures

C) Restates the idea in the writer's own words

D) Omits the source

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Question 8

In a research paper, a Works Cited list mainly shows

A) Books the author wishes to read

B) Books the author dislikes

C) Topics for future papers

D) The sources actually used in the paper

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Question 9

An author's bias is

A) A slant toward one view that shapes what is included

B) A spelling error

C) A long sentence

D) A chart in the text

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Question 10

Which evidence best supports a claim

A) A personal opinion with no support

B) Specific data or quoted text from a credible source

C) A rumor

D) A slogan

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Question 11

The purpose of an outline before drafting is to

A) Make the paper longer

B) Replace research

C) Organize ideas and evidence in order

D) Add pictures

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Question 12

A counterclaim in an argument is

A) The title

B) A summary of the introduction

C) A list of sources

D) An opposing view that the writer answers

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Question 13

Which research question is most focused

A) How did school lunch menus in one town change from 2020 to 2024

B) What is food

C) What is history

D) Why do people eat

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Question 14

A peer reviewed journal article has been

A) Checked by other experts before publication

B) Printed in color

C) Written by a student

D) Posted without review

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Question 15

When two credible sources disagree, a careful researcher should

A) Pick the first one found

B) Ignore both

C) Compare their methods and evidence and note the disagreement

D) Copy both word for word

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Question 16

The best reason to use more than one source is to

A) Make the paper look longer

B) Fill a page

C) Use more paper

D) Check claims and build a fuller picture

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Question 17

A summary of a text should

A) Give the main ideas briefly in your own words

B) Copy the whole text

C) Add new opinions

D) List every detail

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Question 18

Which detail best shows that a source may be outdated

A) It has a clear author

B) It was published in 1985 about current technology

C) It has a title

D) It is long

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Question 19

An in text citation tells the reader

A) The page length

B) The font used

C) Where borrowed material came from

D) The author's age

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Question 20

Which of these is an example of a credible source for health facts

A) A joke website

B) An anonymous post

C) A sales advertisement

D) A government health agency report

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Question 21

A student finds 4 sources on Monday and 6 more on Tuesday How many sources has the student found in total

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Question 22

A paper needs 12 sources. A student has 5. How many more are needed

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Question 23

A researcher reads 3 articles per day for 4 days How many articles are read

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Question 24

The main difference between fact and opinion is that a fact

A) Can be verified with evidence

B) Is always popular

C) Is always short

D) Has no source

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Question 25

A rhetorical question in an informational text is used to

A) Get a spoken answer

B) Make the reader think about a point

C) End the text

D) Add a picture

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ANSWER KEY

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

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