CALIFORNIA ENGLISH 11 · UNIT 4 · 25 QUESTIONS

Language and Style — Practice Test

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1 **Word choice in writing is called**

- A Diction
- B Voice
- C Tone
- D Syntax

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2 **The dictionary meaning of a word is its**

- A Syntax
- B Connotation
- C Denotation
- D Tone

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3 **The feelings and associations a word carries beyond its dictionary meaning are its**

A Syntax

B Voice

C Connotation

D Denotation

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4 **The word stingy and the word thrifty both describe saving money, but stingy has a more**

A Neutral denotation

B Formal syntax

C Positive connotation

D Negative connotation

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5 **The arrangement of words into sentences is called**

A Tone

B Syntax

C Diction

D Voice

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6 **A series of very short sentences in a tense scene most often creates a feeling of**

A Formal distance

B Urgency and tension

C Calm and slowness

D Confusion about topic

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7 **A long, flowing sentence with several clauses most often creates a feeling of**

A Urgency

B Anger

C Reflection or a rolling rhythm

D A list of facts only

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8 **The attitude a writer shows toward a subject through word choice is called**

A Tone

B Setting

C Mood

D Plot

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9 **The feeling a reader gets from a piece of writing is best called its**

A Diction

B Syntax

C Tone

D Mood

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10 **A writer distinctive way of writing, shaped by diction, syntax, and tone, is called**

A Plot

B Voice

C Theme

D Setting

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11 **Repeating a key word or phrase can mainly serve to**

- A Fill space
- B Hide meaning
- C Emphasise an idea
- D Change topic

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12 **Parallel structure, using the same grammatical form for items in a list, mainly makes writing**

- A Balanced and clear
- B Longer only
- C Informal only
- D Confusing

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13 **Active voice in the sentence Ana wrote the report puts the emphasis on**

A The reader

B Ana, the doer of the action

C The paper

D The report only

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14 **Passive voice in the sentence The report was written by Ana puts the emphasis on**

A Ana only

B The report, which received the action

C The reader

D The pen

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15 **A precise verb such as sprinted is usually stronger than a vague verb phrase such as**

A Dashed

B Hurried

C Raced

D Went quickly

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16 **Vague language such as stuff and things mainly weakens writing because it is**

A Imprecise

B Too formal

C Too long

D Too emotional

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17 **Formal language is most suitable for**

A A shopping list only

B A diary doodle

C A joke text to a friend

D A school report

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18 **Informal language, including slang and contractions, is most suitable for**

A A legal contract

B A court ruling

C A research report

D A casual message to a friend

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19 **A rhetorical question in a speech mainly aims to**

- A Make listeners think
- B End the speech
- C Get a spoken answer
- D List facts

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20 **Alliteration, the repetition of starting sounds, can make a phrase more**

- A Formal only
- B Memorable and rhythmic
- C Factual
- D Confusing

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21 **Imagery in a descriptive passage appeals mainly to the**

A Senses

B Footnotes

C Title

D Index

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22 **A writer who varies sentence length and structure shows good sentence**

A Length only

B Spelling

C Variety

D Punctuation only

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23 **Jargon, the special vocabulary of a profession, should be explained when writing for**

- A A general audience
- B A dictionary
- C No one
- D Experts only

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24 **A sentence that piles up clauses without a clear main point is often hard to follow because its syntax is**

- A Too simple
- B Too short
- C Overloaded
- D Perfectly balanced

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Choosing home instead of house in a warm passage shows attention to

A Connotation

B Font

C Page length

D Spelling only

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ANSWER KEY

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

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