CALIFORNIA ENGLISH 12 · UNIT 2 · 25 QUESTIONS

# Informational Text and Research — Practice Test

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1 **A central idea of an informational text is**

- A A reader opinion
- B A minor example
- C The main point the author develops
- D The title only

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2 **When an author cites evidence the purpose is to**

A Repeat the title

B Avoid a conclusion

C Fill the page

D Support a claim with verifiable detail

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3 **A primary source is**

A A later review

B A textbook summary of events

C An encyclopedia entry

D Material created by someone directly involved

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4 **A secondary source is**

A An original diary

B A later analysis of primary material

C An original letter

D A firsthand photograph

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5 **An author bias is most clearly shown by**

A Stating a date

B Defining key terms

C Using many sources

D One sided selection of evidence

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6 **A credible source is most likely to have**

A No date given

B Named authors and cited evidence

C No author listed

D Only anonymous claims

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7 **To evaluate a website a reader should first check**

A Only its title

B Only its length

C Only its colors

D Who published it and why

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8 **Synthesis in research writing means**

A Combining ideas from sources into a new understanding

B Listing sources without comment

C Quoting only the introduction

D Copying one source exactly

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9 **A paraphrase must**

A Restate the idea in new words and cite the source

B Copy the sentence exactly

C Change only one word

D Omit the source

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## 10 Plagiarism includes

- A Writing an original summary
- B Citing a source correctly
- C Presenting another writer work as your own
- D Quoting with credit

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## 11 A works cited list does what

- A Lists books never read
- B Replaces the conclusion
- C Lists the author friends
- D Lists sources used in the paper

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12 **In an argument a counterclaim is**

A A summary only

B A title

C A repeated claim

D An opposing view the author addresses

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13 **A rebuttal does what**

A Answers an opposing argument

B Repeats the introduction

C Adds an unrelated story

D Lists sources

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14 **An inference from a text is**

A A guess with no evidence

B A direct quotation

C The author biography

D A conclusion drawn from evidence in the text

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15 **The tone of an informational text is**

A The number of pages

B The author attitude toward the subject

C The font size

D The publication city

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16 **An author purpose to inform is shown by**

A Selling a product

B Explaining facts and ideas clearly

C Trying to frighten readers

D Telling a fictional tale

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17 **When two sources disagree a careful researcher should**

A Copy the first found

B Compare their evidence and methods

C Ignore both

D Pick the shorter one

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18 **A research question should be**

A So broad it has no limits

B Based on opinion alone

C Answerable by yes or no only

D Focused and answerable with evidence

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19 **A thesis statement in a research paper is**

A A summary of one source

B A list of sources

C The first quotation

D The central claim the paper will support

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20 **Which source is most likely peer reviewed**

A An advertisement

B A scholarly journal article

C An anonymous blog post

D A social media comment

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21 **Correlation differs from causation because correlation only shows**

A A proven experiment

B Two things vary together

C A random guess

D One thing causes another

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22 **A straw man fallacy occurs when**

A Two sides are compared

B Evidence is cited fully

C An argument attacks a distorted version of a view

D A claim is qualified

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23 **An ad hominem fallacy attacks**

A The evidence directly

B A definition

C The person instead of the argument

D A statistic

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## An author who uses loaded language is trying to

A Summarize fairly

B Define terms neutrally

C Present only data

D Influence emotion with charged words

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## How many sources are listed in a works cited entry for one book

ANSWER _____

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# ANSWER KEY

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