CALIFORNIA ENGLISH 12 · UNIT 4 · 25 QUESTIONS

Language and Style — Practice Test

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1 **Diction refers to**

- A Word choice
- B Spelling rules
- C Sentence length only
- D Page layout

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2 **Formal diction is most suitable for**

- A A chant
- B A text to a friend
- C An academic essay
- D A joke

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3 **Connotation is**

A The dictionary definition

B The word origin only

C The feeling a word suggests

D The word spelling

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4 **Denotation is**

A The literal dictionary meaning

B A metaphor

C The emotional suggestion

D A rhyme

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5 **Syntax refers to**

A How books are bound

B How words are arranged in sentences

C How words are spelled

D How pages are numbered

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6 **A short sentence after long sentences often creates**

A A rhyme

B Confusion always

C A new topic

D Emphasis

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7 **A run on sentence is**

A. A very long correct sentence

B. A sentence fragment

C. A sentence with a semicolon

D. Two independent clauses joined without proper punctuation

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8 **A sentence fragment lacks**

A. A complete thought

B. A period

C. A noun

D. A capital letter

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9

A comma splice joins two independent clauses with

A A semicolon

B Only a comma

C A conjunction

D A period

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10

A semicolon can join

A Two fragments

B A noun and a verb

C A title and a name

D Two closely related independent clauses

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11 **The correct pronoun for a singular indefinite subject such as everyone is**

A Always plural

B Agreed in number with the subject

C Omitted

D Always first person

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12 **Subject verb agreement requires**

A A singular subject takes a singular verb

B Verbs agree with objects

C Verbs never change

D All subjects take plural verbs

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13 **In the sentence The team wins the verb agrees with**

A The

B Wins

C No word

D Team

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14 **A dangling modifier is**

A A repeated verb

B A missing period

C A long adjective

D A phrase that does not clearly modify its intended word

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15 **The subjunctive mood is used for**

- A Wishes and hypothetical situations
- B Direct commands only
- C Past facts only
- D Questions only

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16 **Which sentence uses the subjunctive correctly**

- A If I was taller I would reach it
- B If I be taller I reach it
- C If I am taller I reach it
- D If I were taller I would reach it

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17 **Tone in writing is**

A The font

B The number of paragraphs

C The length of the piece

D The writer attitude shown by word choice

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18 **A euphemism is**

A A long sentence

B A foreign word

C A harsh insult

D A mild word used for a harsh idea

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19 **Jargon is**

A Special language of a field

B A dialect only

C A type of rhyme

D Old fashioned spelling

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20 **An oxymoron combines**

A Two synonyms

B Contradictory terms

C Two rhymes

D Two sentences

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21 **Allusion is**

A A false statement

B A brief reference to a known work or event

C A direct quotation

D A long summary

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22 **Personification gives**

A Colors to words

B Numbers to objects

C Human qualities to nonhuman things

D Names to people

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23 **A hyperbole is**

A A quiet understatement

B Deliberate exaggeration

C A literal fact

D A comparison with like

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24 **An understatement presents something as**

A Unknown

B More important than it is

C Exactly measured

D Less important than it is

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25 **How many letters are in the word style**

ANSWER

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ANSWER KEY

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