ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AQA · UNIT 4 · 25 QUESTIONS

Writing to Present a Viewpoint — Practice Test

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An umbrella shelters two friends from the rain. Which word is an adjective in this sentence: The red umbrella kept them dry?

A red

B kept

C dry

D them

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2 **A bridge of old stone spans the wide river. Which word is a verb in this sentence: The river flowed under the bridge?**

- A river
- B under
- C bridge
- D flowed

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3 **A candle burns low as the night goes on. Which word is closest in meaning to flicker?**

- A waver
- B shine brightly like the sun
- C burn steadily without moving at all
- D go out completely and at once

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4 **A kite soars high in a blue sky. Which word is closest in meaning to soar?**

- A sit still on the ground
- B sink slowly into the sea
- C fall down very quickly indeed
- D fly high

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5 **A guitar leans against the chair in the corner. Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

- A The guitar was; old and worn.
- B The guitar was old; and its strings were worn thin with use.
- C The guitar was old; its strings were worn thin.
- D The guitar; was old and worn.

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6 **A bicycle race is described in a story. Which opening sentence creates the most excitement?**

- A Bicycles are a common form of transport
- B Go!
- C There was a bicycle race on Saturday
- D The bicycle race was quite interesting and nice

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7 **Which sentence is a compound sentence?**

- A I was tired, and I went to bed.
- B I went to bed because I was tired.
- C I was tired.
- D When I was tired, I went to bed.

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8 **In the sentence The red ball rolled away, which word is the adjective?**

A ball

B red

C rolled

D away

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9 **Which sentence states a fact?**

A The school is the best in the country.

B The school opens at nine.

C School is wonderful.

D School is boring.

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10 **Which sentence is in the active voice?**

- A The class was praised.
- B The class was praised by the teacher.
- C The teacher praised the class.
- D The teacher was praised by the class.

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11 **Which sentence shows two friends owning one ball?**

- A Tom and Jacks' ball was lost.
- B Tom's and Jack's ball was lost.
- C Tom and Jacks ball was lost.
- D Tom and Jack's ball was lost.

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12 **Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

- **A** The shop sells bread; it also sells cakes.
- **B** The shop sells bread, it also sells cakes.
- **C** The shop sells bread; and it also sells cakes.
- **D** The shop sells; bread it also sells cakes.

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13 **Which sentence uses standard English?**

- **A** We was at home yesterday.
- **B** We were at home.
- **C** We was at home.
- **D** We is at home.

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14 **Which sentence uses a dash correctly?**

- **A** The room was silent - completely silent.
- **B** The room - was silent.
- **C** The - room was silent.
- **D** The room was silent, completely silent, and still.

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15 **What is the effect of a very long paragraph?**

- **A** it adds a picture
- **B** it can feel dense and hard to follow
- **C** it ends the text
- **D** it always makes the writing better, whatever the topic

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16 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly in a date?**

A On Monday 3 June, we left.

B On Monday, 3 June, we left.

C On Monday, 3 June we left.

D On Monday 3 June we left for London.

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17 **Which sentence uses a colon correctly?**

A I need three things a pen, paper: and time.

B I need three things, a pen, paper and time.

C I need: three things a pen, paper and time.

D I need three things: a pen, paper and time.

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18 **Which word best fits the gap in this sentence: The [...] dog growled at strangers?**

A fierce

B kind

C friendly

D gentle

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19 **Which sentence contains a relative clause?**

A The boy was late.

B The boy who was late missed the bus.

C The boy was late and missed the bus.

D The boy missed the bus.

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20 **Why use emotive language in a speech?**

A to stir the audience's feelings

B to make the speech shorter

C to confuse the listeners

D to give exact measurements and facts

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21 **Which opening suits a formal letter?**

A Yo,

B Hey mate,

C Hi there, how is it going?

D Dear Sir or Madam,

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22 **Which word is a noun?**

A courage

B brave

C bravely

D courageous

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23 **What makes a conclusion effective?**

A it restates the main point clearly

B it introduces a brand new argument, never mentioned before

C it asks a new question

D it repeats the title

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24 **Which sentence is in the passive voice?**

- A Homework is set.
- B The teacher set the homework on Monday.
- C The homework was set on Monday.
- D The teacher sets homework.

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25 **Which sentence uses the plural correctly?**

- A The babies cried.
- B The baby's cried all night long.
- C The babies' cried.
- D The baby's cried.

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ANSWER KEY

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

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