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Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **A football rests on the grass before the match. Which sentence is in the active voice?**

- A The striker kicked the football.
- B The match was won by the team
- C The football was kicked by the striker
- D The football was kicked hard

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2 **Autumn leaves drift down through the cold air. Which word is a noun in this sentence: Leaves drift through the air?**

- A through
- B drift
- C the
- D Leaves

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3 **A snowman stands in the garden after fresh snow. Which sentence is a complex sentence?**

- A Snow fell on the garden.
- B The snowman was cold and white.
- C The snowman was cold and white and made of fresh snow.
- D The snowman stood in the garden while the snow fell.

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4 **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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5 **Autumn leaves crunch underfoot on the path. Which sentence best shows the sound of the leaves?**

A The garden was full of trees.

B The path was quite long.

C The leaves crackled and crunched underfoot.

D Autumn is a season of the year with leaves everywhere.

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6 **A camera sits on the shelf beside old photographs. Which sentence uses standard English?**

A We were at the park yesterday.

B We was at the park yesterday afternoon

C We is at the park yesterday

D We was at the park, innit

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

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

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8 **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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9 **The fog lay thick upon the street, and the lamps burned like small, pale moons in the gloom. A cab rattled past, its horse stamping in the cold, and the sound faded into the white silence. Eliza pulled her shawl tight and hurried on, her boots slipping on the wet stones, while the great clock of the church struck nine somewhere far away. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A like small, pale moons
- B the lamps burned
- C a cab rattled past
- D her boots slipping on the wet stones

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10 **Which word can start a subordinate clause?**

- A therefore
- B although
- C and
- D but

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11 **Look around you. Every path in this park is lined with bottles, cans and wrappers that nobody bothered to bin, spreading across the grass like a stain. It takes one person one second to drop litter, and it takes a volunteer an hour to clear it. If we all used the bins, this park would be clean by the weekend. The choice is ours, and the time is now. In the extract, the word ‘volunteer’ most closely means**

- A someone who helps for free
- B someone who drops litter
- C someone who is paid well
- D someone who works for the council

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12 **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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13 **Why evaluate the methods, not just the ideas?**

A ideas are not important at all in a text

B ideas cannot be judged

C methods show how the writer persuades

D methods are always wrong

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14 **What is a subordinate clause?**

A a clause that makes complete sense alone

B the main part of a sentence

C a sentence with two verbs

D a clause that cannot stand alone

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15 **Which words suggest a formal register?**

- A cool, awesome
- B anyway, loads of stuff like that
- C furthermore, therefore
- D hi, yeah

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16 **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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17 **The train slid out of the station, and Maya pressed her forehead to the cold glass, watching the city thin out into fields. Her phone buzzed, and buzzed again, but she left it face down on the tray, letting the messages wait. Outside, the evening light turned the hedges gold, and the fields rolled past like a slow green sea. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

A like a slow green sea

B the train slid out of the station

C her phone buzzed, and buzzed again

D she left it face down on the tray

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

A It was simple: just ask.

B It was simple, just ask for help.

C It was: simple just ask.

D It: was simple just ask.

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19 **What is the effect of first person narration?**

A the story is always true

B the reader shares the narrator's feelings

C the story has no narrator

D the reader knows what every character thinks

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20 **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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21 **The skatepark buzzed like a hive on Saturday morning, boards clattering on concrete and music thumping from a phone on a bench. Jay dropped in, the ramp falling away beneath his wheels, and for a second the whole world was wind and speed. He landed clean, grinned, and went straight back up for another go. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A music thumping from a phone
- B he landed clean, grinned, and went straight back up
- C boards clattering on concrete
- D like a hive

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22 **Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly for the word children?**

- A The childrens toys were everywhere.
- B The childrens' toys were everywhere.
- C The childrens toys were everywhere in the room.
- D The children's toys were everywhere.

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23 **What is a good way to compare writers' attitudes?**

A quote only from the text you like best

B quote evidence from both texts

C ignore the attitudes

D guess without evidence

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24 **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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25 **Why might a writer use present tense?**

- A to make events feel immediate
- B to show that the events happened long ago
- C to confuse the reader
- D to make the story longer

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26 **Which phrase creates a vivid sense of a storm?**

- A the weather was bad
- B there was rain in the sky all day
- C rain hammered the roof
- D it rained

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27 **Which text is most likely to use an informal register?**

A a letter to the headteacher

B a job application

C a text message to a friend

D a speech to Parliament

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28 **Which word is a noun?**

A courage

B brave

C bravely

D courageous

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29 **At five in the morning the mill bell rang, and the streets filled with workers hurrying through the dark. The mill itself stood like a great black beast, breathing smoke into the sky, and its windows glowed with a dull, angry light. Inside, the looms clattered without rest, and the air was thick with dust and the smell of oil. What mood does the extract create?**

A gloomy

B peaceful

C excited

D joyful

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30 **What is a compound sentence?**

A a sentence with a subordinate clause

B a question and an answer

C one main clause on its own, with nothing else

D two main clauses joined together

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31 **An umbrella opens as the rain begins to fall. Which sentence uses a comma correctly in a list?**

A She took, her coat her umbrella and her bag.

B She took her coat, her umbrella and her bag.

C She took her coat her umbrella, and her bag to the shops.

D She took her coat, her umbrella, and, her bag.

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32 **A guitar is described as crying in the night. What language device is this?**

A a list of guitar parts

B a rhetorical question

C personification

D a simile about the guitar

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33 **Which of these is onomatopoeia?**

A bee

B sting

C buzz

D honey

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34 **Which is the correct past tense of go?**

A gone

B went

C goed

D going

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35 **Children who read for fun do better at school, and not just in English. Reading builds vocabulary, feeds the imagination like rain feeds a garden, and teaches the brain to follow an argument from start to finish. Yet fewer children than ever read for pleasure, squeezed out by screens and homework. Ten minutes a day is enough to start, and a library card costs nothing. Which phrase from the extract is a metaphor?**

- A not just in english
- B feeds the imagination
- C children who read for fun do better at school
- D a library card costs nothing

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36 **Which device repeats the same words at the start of sentences?**

- A metaphor
- B simile
- C anaphora
- D alliteration

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37 **The lake was flat as glass, and the only sound was the soft plop of the line hitting the water. Grandad sat still as a statue, his eyes on the float, while Ben tried not to fidget. When the float dipped, Grandad's hand shot out like lightning, and the rod bent double. In the extract, the word ‘fidget’ most closely means**

A fall asleep

B shout loudly

C sit perfectly still

D move restlessly

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38 **Which sentence is written in third person?**

A I opened the door slowly and carefully.

B She opened the door slowly.

C You opened the door.

D We opened the door.

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39 **A snowman melts in the afternoon sun. Which word best describes the mood of a melting snowman?**

- A triumphant
- B sad
- C terrifying and full of danger
- D furious and very angry indeed

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40 **A bicycle with a flat tyre waits by the gate. Which word is a verb in this sentence: The boy mended the bicycle quickly?**

- A bicycle
- B the
- C quickly
- D mended

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41 **Which of these is a metaphor?**

A the classroom was like a zoo

B the classroom was noisy

C the classroom was big

D the classroom was a zoo

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42 **Which sentence is written in first person?**

A She opened the door.

B He opened the door slowly.

C I opened the door slowly.

D They opened the door.

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43 **What is an anecdote?**

A a long list of facts and figures

B a scientific experiment

C a short personal story

D a formal definition

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44 **How should you deal with the opposing view?**

A agree with it completely

B pretend it does not exist at all

C acknowledge it, then answer it

D insult the other side

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45 **A teapot is described as singing on the stove. What language device is this?**

- **A** a simile comparing the teapot to a singer
- **B** an onomatopoeic list of sounds
- **C** a metaphor about the kitchen
- **D** personification

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46 **Which sentence uses a dash correctly for emphasis at the end?**

- **A** He - had only one thing left hope.
- **B** He had - only one thing left hope.
- **C** He had only one thing left, hope, and nothing else.
- **D** He had only one thing left - hope.

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47 **Which phrase creates a serious tone?**

A whatever

B a matter of grave concern

C a bit of a laugh, really, nothing serious

D no worries at all

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48 **Which sentence uses a colon correctly to introduce a list?**

A The bag held three things, books, pens and lunch.

B The bag: held three things.

C The bag held three things: books, pens and lunch.

D The bag held: three things.

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What is a metaphor?

A one thing described as another

B a word that sounds like its meaning

C a repeated sound at the start of words

D a comparison using the words like or as

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Which sentence uses its correctly?

A The cat licked its' paw.

B The cat licked its paw.

C The cat licked it's paw.

D The cat licked it is paw.

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1.	A	**18.**	A	**35.**	B
2.	D	**19.**	B	**36.**	C
3.	D	**20.**	B	**37.**	D
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5.	C	**22.**	D	**39.**	B
6.	A	**23.**	B	**40.**	D
7.	A	**24.**	B	**41.**	D
8.	B	**25.**	A	**42.**	C
9.	A	**26.**	C	**43.**	C
10.	B	**27.**	C	**44.**	C
11.	A	**28.**	A	**45.**	D
12.	B	**29.**	A	**46.**	D
13.	C	**30.**	D	**47.**	B
14.	D	**31.**	B	**48.**	C
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16.	A	**33.**	C	**50.**	B
17.	A	**34.**	B		

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