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Contemporary Texts Reading — Practice Test

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1 **Books are stacked on the desk beside a lamp. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly for possession?**

- A The book,s cover was torn.
- B The book's cover was torn.
- C The books cover was torn.
- D The book cover was torn by the dog.

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

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

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3 **In the attic, under a pile of blankets, Jess found a tin box, and inside it a photograph of a woman she had never met, standing by a bicycle, her hair bright as copper in the sun, and laughing. The edges of the photograph were soft with age, and the woman's smile was so like her own that Jess felt her breath catch. She sat down on the dusty floor and looked at it for a long time. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A in the attic, under a pile of blankets
- B she sat down on the dusty floor
- C bright as copper
- D she found a tin box

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4 **My grandmother's kitchen was the warmest room in the world, and the kettle was always on. She would hum while she worked, flour on her hands, and the radio murmuring in the corner like an old friend. When I close my eyes, I can still find my way around that room, from the chipped blue mug to the chair by the stove. In the extract, the word ‘murmuring’ most closely means**

- A shouting very loudly
- B talking quietly
- C playing loud music
- D ringing like a bell

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5 **What is a cyclical structure?**

- A it has no ending
- B it ends where it began
- C it jumps around in time
- D it tells events in a straight line

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6 **Which of these is a rhetorical question?**

A Would you like to be free or not?

B Who would not want to be free?

C Be free.

D I want to be free.

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7 **What is a similarity between two texts?**

A a mistake in one text

B something only one of them has

C the title of one text

D something they share

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8 **My grandmother's kitchen was the warmest room in the world, and the kettle was always on. She would hum while she worked, flour on her hands, and the radio murmuring in the corner like an old friend. When I close my eyes, I can still find my way around that room, from the chipped blue mug to the chair by the stove. Which phrase from the extract is a metaphor?**

- A flour on her hands
- B from the chipped blue mug to the chair by the stove
- C my grandmother's kitchen was the warmest room
- D the warmest room in the world

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9 **Why does a writer use paragraphs?**

- A to make the writing look longer
- B to organise ideas
- C to add drawings
- D to use more paper

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10 **What is a metaphor?**

A one thing described as another

B a word that sounds like its meaning

C a comparison using the words like or as

D a repeated sound at the start of words

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ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. D
8. D
9. B
10. A

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