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Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **Autumn leaves cover the garden path in gold and red. Which sentence uses a metaphor?**

- A The leaves fell from the trees.
- B Autumn leaves are red and gold.
- C The path wore a coat of gold.
- D The path was covered in leaves.

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

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

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3 **A snowman wears a scarf and a coal smile. Which phrase is an example of personification?**

- A the snowman smiled
- B the scarf was red
- C the snow was cold
- D the snowman was white

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

- A a simile about the guitar
- B personification
- C a list of guitar parts
- D a rhetorical question

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5 **A market stall owner shouts to passers-by. Which sentence is a rhetorical question?**

A The apples cost two pounds a kilo at this stall.

B Please buy my apples today.

C The stall opens at eight.

D Who could resist apples like these?

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6 **A train waits at the station in the early morning. Which sentence uses a dash correctly to add extra detail?**

A The train - waited at the station in the early morning fog.

B The train waited - at the station.

C The - train waited at the station.

D The train - an old steam engine - waited at the station.

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7 **A train journey is described in a story. Which sentence best sets the scene?**

A Mist hung over the platform as the train steamed in.

B The train had many seats.

C Trains are a form of transport used by many people every day.

D I like trains a lot.

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8 **A kite is tangled in the branches of a tree. Which sentence is a simple sentence?**

A The kite stuck in the tree while the wind blew.

B When the wind blew, the kite stuck.

C The kite stuck in the tree.

D The kite stuck in the tree and the boy cried.

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9 **Which is most formal?**

A I am writing to complain

B I am writing to say I am really fed up

C Hi there

D Hey

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10 **Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly?**

A It is Sarah's turn.

B It is Sarahs' turn.

C It is Sarahs turn.

D It is Sarahs turn to read aloud.

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11 **The corridor swallowed her whole: lockers on both sides, shouting boys, the smell of chips and floor polish. Amara kept her eyes down and her bag close, following the signs to Room 12, her heart thumping like a drum. Somewhere a bell rang, doors banged, and a hundred strangers flowed past her in both directions. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A lockers on both sides
- B somewhere a bell rang
- C like a drum
- D the smell of chips and floor polish

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

- A Only one: thing mattered courage.
- B Only one thing mattered: courage.
- C Only: one thing mattered courage.
- D Only one thing mattered, courage above all.

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13 **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 hard
- D The football was kicked by the striker

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14 **Which sentence uses commas correctly around extra information?**

- A My brother, who is ten loves football.
- B My brother who is ten loves football and cricket.
- C My brother who is ten, loves football.
- D My brother, who is ten, loves football.

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15 **When two writers disagree, what is most useful to compare?**

A their reasons and evidence

B their favourite colours

C the number of words they each use

D their handwriting

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

A went

B gone

C going

D goed

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17 **Why might a writer use a statistic?**

A to confuse the reader

B to fill the page

C to make the writing longer for no reason

D to make an argument seem convincing

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18 **Which sentence uses a subordinate clause at the start?**

A We played on.

B We played on although it rained all afternoon.

C It rained and we played on.

D Although it rained, we played on.

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19 **What is an unreliable narrator?**

A a narrator who cannot be trusted

B a narrator who tells the truth all the time

C a narrator with no opinions

D a narrator who is always right

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20 **Which sentence is a question?**

A You are coming.

B Are you coming?

C Come here.

D You are coming to the park today.

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21 **Fever and cholera stalk our crowded streets, and the cause is plain for all to see: the water we drink is foul. Wells stand beside drains, and filth seeps into every cup, spreading sickness like poison in a well. Until each town has clean water, brought in pipes from pure springs, sickness will return with every hot summer, year after year. Clean water is not a luxury; it is a matter of life itself. Which phrase from the extract is an example of personification?**

A wells stand beside drains

B until each town has clean water

C fever and cholera stalk our crowded streets

D sickness will return with every hot summer, year after year

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22 **Which sentence is punctuated correctly?**

A He ran fast he; still lost.

B He ran fast; he still lost.

C He ran fast, he still lost the race.

D He ran fast, he still lost.

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23 **What is the climax of a story?**

- A the first paragraph
- B the part where the story slows right down
- C the most exciting part
- D the final sentence

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

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25 **We rose before dawn and climbed through pine woods until the trees fell away and the whole valley lay below us, white with morning mist. The peaks stood like giants in the clear air, their snowcaps touched with pink by the rising sun. I have seen many fine sights in my travels, but none that filled my heart as this one did. What mood does the extract create?**

A bored

B frightened

C furious

D awestruck

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26 **Why use connectives?**

A to end paragraphs

B to make sentences longer for no reason

C to add spelling mistakes

D to show how ideas relate

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27 **Which phrase uses hyperbole?**

A I will tell you now

B I have told you a million times

C I have told you twice today already

D I told you yesterday

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28 **Why write a plan for a viewpoint piece?**

A to write the conclusion first

B to list every fact you know

C to avoid thinking about the reader at all, ever

D to order arguments from strongest to weakest

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29 **What is register?**

A the list of names in a register

B the sound of the writer's voice

C the level of formality

D the length of the text

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30 **What makes a conclusion effective?**

A it asks a new question

B it repeats the title

C it restates the main point clearly

D it introduces a brand new argument, never mentioned before

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31 **The last hundred metres were the hardest: the air thin, the wind sharp as a knife, the path gone to loose stones. Every step was an argument with my own legs, and twice I stopped and thought about turning back. Then the cloud broke, and the whole range opened below me, white and silent, and I forgot how tired I was. In the extract, the word ‘broke’ most closely means**

A grew much darker

B cleared

C fell apart noisily

D turned to rain

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

A a metaphor about the kitchen

B an onomatopoeic list of sounds

C personification

D a simile comparing the teapot to a singer

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33 **What is tone?**

A the number of words in a text

B the date of the text

C the size of the print

D the writer's attitude

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34 **Which sentence shows possession by one girl?**

A The girl,s book was open.

B The girls book was open.

C The girls' book was open and full of notes.

D The girl's book was open.

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35 **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. What mood does the extract create?**

- A terrified
- B curious
- C bored
- D furious

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36 **Which sentence uses standard English?**

- A She do not like it.
- B She don't like it.
- C She does not like it.
- D She do not like it at all.

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37 **What is an anecdote?**

- A a short personal story
- B a formal definition
- C a long list of facts and figures
- D a scientific experiment

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38 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly after an introductory word?**

- A However I disagree with you, and I will say so.
- B However I disagree with you.
- C However I, disagree.
- D However, I disagree.

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39 **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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40 **An umbrella is described as a shield against the storm. What language device is this?**

- A a rhetorical question
- B a metaphor
- C a list of rainy-day objects
- D a simile using the word like

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41 **A lighthouse stands on the cliff above the sea. Which sentence uses a simile?**

A The sea was grey and cold.

B The lighthouse stood on the cliff above the grey sea.

C The lighthouse stood like a guard over the sea.

D The light turned slowly.

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42 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly before and in a list?**

A I like, red blue and green.

B I like red, blue and green.

C I like red blue, and green.

D I like red blue and green, and yellow.

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43 **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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44 **Which word can start a subordinate clause?**

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

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45 **What does second person narration use?**

A he

B you

C they

D I

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

A it ends the text

B it always makes the writing better, whatever the topic

C it can feel dense and hard to follow

D it adds a picture

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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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What should a story plan include?

A nothing at all

B the main events in order

C the title only

D every single word of the story

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49 **What is the purpose of a newspaper editorial?**

- A to give the paper's opinion
- B to sell tickets
- C to print the weather
- D to list the television programmes

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

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

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36. C
37. A
38. D
39. A
40. B
41. C
42. B
43. B
44. D
45. B
46. C
47. B
48. B
49. A
50. A

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