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Non-fiction Reading and Comparison — Practice Test

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1 **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 The kite stuck in the tree.
- C The kite stuck in the tree and the boy cried.
- D When the wind blew, the kite stuck.

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

A The books cover was torn.

B The book's cover was torn.

C The book cover was torn by the dog.

D The book,s cover was torn.

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3 **This library is not just a building full of books. It is where children do their homework, where old people read the papers, quiet as mice in the corner, and where anyone can learn for free. Close it, and the town loses its living room. We are here tonight to say that some things are worth more than money, and this library is one of them. In the extract, the word ‘close’ most closely means**

A paint again

B shut down

C open up

D build bigger

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4 **My Dear Mother, We arrived safely after eleven weeks at sea, and the land here is beyond all I had hoped, wide and open as the sea itself. The farm is forty acres, the soil is rich, and work is plentiful for any man willing to labour. Do not grieve for us, for we are well, and I hope one day to send for you all. Your loving son, Thomas. In the extract, the word ‘plentiful’ most closely means**

A a lot

B rather poor

C very scarce

D quite dangerous

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5 **Which sentence compares two texts well?**

A Both writers criticise the plan, but only one offers a solution.

B The texts are different.

C The first text is good and the second text is also good, I think.

D I liked the first text best.

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

A to list the television programmes

B to print the weather

C to sell tickets

D to give the paper's opinion

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7 **What is a topic sentence?**

A a sentence in speech marks

B a sentence with no verb

C the last sentence of a whole text, right at the end

D the first sentence of a paragraph

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8 **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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9 **Dear Sister, The railway has changed everything in our town. Where once the journey to London took two days by coach, it now takes but five hours, and the trains rush past like great iron horses. The station is always busy, and new houses rise on every side, for men come from far away to find work here. I believe this iron road will do more good for the country than any law yet passed. What mood does the extract create?**

A frightened

B gloomy

C hopeful

D furious

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

A something they share

B something only one of them has

C a mistake in one text

D the title of one text

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ANSWER KEY

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

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