ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDEXCEL · UNIT 4 · 25 QUESTIONS

Transactional Writing — Practice Test

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4 **A bridge is described as a stone arm reaching across the water. What language device is this?**

- A a metaphor
- B a simile using the word like
- C a list of bridge parts
- D a rhetorical question

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5 **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 to the shops.

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

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

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

A personification

B a metaphor about the kitchen

C an onomatopoeic list of sounds

D a simile comparing the teapot to a singer

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7 **Which word is an adverb?**

A slowly

B slowness

C speed

D slow

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8 **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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9 **What can a pair of dashes do?**

A add extra information

B start a new paragraph

C end a sentence with a question

D show a spelling mistake

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10 **Which is a relative pronoun?**

A when

B but

C who

D and

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

- **A** The letter was written yesterday.
- **B** She is writing a letter.
- **C** She wrote the letter yesterday morning.
- **D** She writes letters.

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12 **What is a compound sentence?**

- **A** a sentence with a subordinate clause
- **B** two main clauses joined together
- **C** one main clause on its own, with nothing else
- **D** a question and an answer

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13 **Which sentence uses standard English?**

A I ain't going anywhere.

B I ain't going.

C I am not going.

D I ain't going anywhere today.

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14 **Which word is the most precise verb for walked slowly?**

A went

B strolled

C moved

D travelled

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15 **When should you use a semicolon?**

A to join a sentence to a single word at the end

B to end a question

C to show speech

D to join two closely related sentences

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16 **What is the purpose of a headline?**

A to list the sources

B to sum up the story briefly

C to give the full story in one line

D to hide the story

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17 **Which sentence uses emotive language?**

A The children were there on Tuesday morning.

B There were children.

C The innocent children suffered.

D The children were there.

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18 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly to separate a direct address?**

A Come, here Sam.

B Come here Sam.

C Come here Sam, and sit down.

D Come here, Sam.

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19 **When should you start a new paragraph?**

A when the topic or time changes

B at the end of every single sentence

C only at the end

D never

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20 **Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly for possession by a plural noun ending in s?**

A The teacher's room was quiet.

B The teacher's room was quiet and tidy today.

C The teachers room was quiet.

D The teachers' room was quiet.

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21 **Which sentence states a fact?**

A School is boring.

B School is wonderful.

C The school is the best in the country.

D The school opens at nine.

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22 **Which word is a preposition?**

A between

B during

C quickly

D among

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

- A It was simple: just ask.
- B It: was simple just ask.
- C It was: simple just ask.
- D It was simple, just ask for help.

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

- A The winner to everyone's surprise was Sam today.
- B The - winner was Sam.
- C The winner - to everyone's surprise - was Sam.
- D The winner - was Sam.

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25 **What does a subordinate clause need?**

A a question mark

B a full stop

C nothing else at all, it stands alone

D a main clause to make sense

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ANSWER KEY

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

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