ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OCR · UNIT 1 · 10 QUESTIONS

Communicating Information and Ideas Reading — Practice Test

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1

A letter has been written to complain about a broken kettle. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly?

A Its the shop's fault.

B It is the shop's fault.

C It is the shops fault.

D Its the shops fault, and I want a refund today

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2 **A birthday cake is cut into slices for the guests. Which word is an adverb in this sentence: She sliced the cake fast?**

- A she
- B fast
- C sliced
- D cake

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

- A quote evidence from both texts
- B quote only from the text you like best
- C ignore the attitudes
- D guess without evidence

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4 **What is an anecdote?**

A a scientific experiment

B a short personal story

C a formal definition

D a long list of facts and figures

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

A anyway, loads of stuff like that

B hi, yeah

C furthermore, therefore

D cool, awesome

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6 **What is the narrator's viewpoint?**

A the list of characters in the story, in order of appearance

B the number of pages

C the position from which the story is told

D the title of the story

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7 **When comparing two texts, what should you do first?**

A find what they have in common

B ignore the second text

C count the words in each

D decide which one is longer and pick that one

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8 **Dear Friend, I have today visited the Great Exhibition, and I scarcely know how to describe what I saw. Machines of every kind stood in rows like soldiers on parade, and goods from every corner of the earth lay spread before me. The great glass building shone in the sun, and the crowds moved through it in wonder. It was, I believe, a glimpse of the world to come. In the extract, the word ‘scarcely’ most closely means**

A hardly

B easily

C quickly

D proudly

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9

Cycling to school is faster than you think, healthier than the bus, and cheaper than both. A ten-minute ride wakes you up better than any alarm, sharp as cold water on your face, and you arrive with your brain already switched on. The roads are not perfect, and rain is a fact of life, but a waterproof jacket solves that. Give it a try for one week. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?

A healthier than the bus, and cheaper than both

B give it a try for one week

C sharp as cold water on your face

D cycling to school is faster than you think

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10 **The boy who climbs the chimney is seldom more than seven years old, and his body is bent by the work, twisted like a young tree in the wind. His master feeds him little and beats him often, yet the law looks the other way. If Parliament will not act, then it falls to every decent person to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. In the extract, the word ‘seldom’ most closely means**

A often

B always

C rarely

D never

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ANSWER KEY

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

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