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Non-fiction Writing — Practice Test

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

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

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

- A The train - an old steam engine - waited at the station.
- B The train - waited at the station in the early morning fog.
- C The train waited - at the station.
- D The - train waited at the station.

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3 **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 Snow fell on the garden.
- C The snowman was cold and white and made of fresh snow.
- D The snowman was cold and white.

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4 **A violin plays a slow, sad tune. Which word is closest in meaning to mournful?**

- A cheerful and full of joy
- B silent
- C sorrowful
- D loud and very fast indeed

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5 **A camera sits on the shelf beside old photographs. Which sentence uses standard English?**

A We was at the park yesterday afternoon

B We was at the park, innit

C We is at the park yesterday

D We were at the park yesterday.

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6 **A football flies through the air towards the goal. Which phrase is an example of onomatopoeia?**

A thud

B goal

C air

D through

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7 **In the sentence The dog barked loudly, which word is the verb?**

- A the
- B barked
- C loudly
- D dog

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

- A it can feel dense and hard to follow
- B it adds a picture
- C it always makes the writing better, whatever the topic
- D it ends the text

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9 **Which of these is a comma splice?**

A I was late, so I missed the bus.

B I was late. I missed the bus.

C I was late, I missed the bus.

D I was late because I missed the bus.

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10 **Which sentence uses direct address?**

A Change is possible.

B You can change this.

C People can change this.

D This can change.

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11 **Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

- **A** It was late; and the streets were empty.
- **B** It was; late the streets were empty.
- **C** It was late, the streets were empty.
- **D** It was late; the streets were empty.

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

- **A** Someone left the door open.
- **B** Someone left the door open all night.
- **C** The door stood open.
- **D** The door was left open.

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13 **Which sentence is a question?**

A You are coming to the park today.

B Are you coming?

C You are coming.

D Come here.

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

A The recipe: needs three things.

B The recipe needs three things, flour, eggs and milk.

C The recipe needs three things: flour, eggs and milk.

D The recipe needs: flour, eggs and milk.

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15 **Which sentence uses standard English?**

- A We has finished.
- B We have finish.
- C We has finished the work today.
- D We have finished.

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16 **Which sentence contains a subordinate clause?**

- A When it rained, we stayed in.
- B We stayed in.
- C It rained and we stayed in.
- D It rained, and we stayed in, and we played games.

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17 **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.

C He - had only one thing left hope.

D He had only one thing left, hope, and nothing else.

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18 **Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly to show possession?**

A The dogs lead was red and very long indeed.

B The dogs lead was red.

C The dog,s lead was red.

D The dog's lead was red.

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

A to list the sources

B to hide the story

C to sum up the story briefly

D to give the full story in one line

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20 **Which sentence states a fact?**

A School is boring.

B The school is the best in the country.

C The school opens at nine.

D School is wonderful.

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21 **Which word is informal?**

A will

B shall

C gonna

D going to

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22 **Which word is a verb?**

A beautiful

B running

C happiness

D quickly

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23 **Why use connectives?**

A to add spelling mistakes

B to show how ideas relate

C to make sentences longer for no reason

D to end paragraphs

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

A She laughed and, then she left.

B She laughed and then she left the room.

C She laughed, and then, she left.

D She laughed, and then she left.

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25 **Which sentence uses a rhetorical question?**

A We really want this.

B We really want this, do we not, after all?

C Do we want this or not?

D Do we really want this?

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ANSWER KEY

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

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