ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OCR · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Exploring Effects and Impact Reading — Practice Test

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1

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

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

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2 **A beach at dawn is quiet and empty. Which sentence best creates a calm mood?**

- A Soft waves whispered on the sand.
- B Everyone shouted and ran about
- C The beach was very noisy and busy all day long.
- D The beach had sand and sea

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3 **A garden blooms behind the old cottage. Which sentence uses a comma correctly after a fronted adverbial?**

- A In the morning, the garden smelled of rain.
- B In the morning the garden smelled, of rain.
- C In the morning the garden, smelled of rain.
- D In, the morning the garden smelled of rain.

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4 **A snowman stands in the garden after fresh snow. Which sentence is a complex sentence?**

- A The snowman was cold and white and made of fresh snow.
- B Snow fell on the garden.
- C The snowman stood in the garden while the snow fell.
- D The snowman was cold and white.

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

- A The book's cover was torn.
- B The book cover was torn by the dog.
- C The book,s cover was torn.
- D The books cover was torn.

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6 **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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7 **What is the effect of first person narration?**

A the story has no narrator

B the story is always true

C the reader shares the narrator's feelings

D the reader knows what every character thinks

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8 **What does it mean to evaluate a text?**

A to copy out its best sentences

B to read it aloud

C to judge how well it works

D to count its words

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9 **What does chronological order mean?**

A events in reverse order

B events at random

C events in order of importance

D events in time order

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10 **The woods in October are a different country: the light falls in gold bars through the branches, bright as coins in the sun, and the ground is a carpet of rust and amber. I walk slowly, kicking leaves, listening to the jays argue overhead, and the air smells of earth and smoke. It is the one season that makes me want to stop and simply look. In the extract, the word ‘argue’ most closely means**

A sleep quietly

B disagree noisily

C fly away south

D sing very sweetly

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11 **The bus rocked gently through streets that glowed orange under the lamps, and the city outside looked like a different planet. Amir watched the shops slide past, their shutters down, their signs dark, and wondered what the night shift workers were doing now. His stop was next, and he pulled the cord, the bell giving a small, tired ding. In the extract, the word ‘slide’ most closely means**

A move smoothly

B stop dead

C fall apart

D jump about wildly

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12 **Which phrase uses hyperbole?**

A I have told you twice today already

B I will tell you now

C I told you yesterday

D I have told you a million times

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13 **Why might a writer use present tense?**

A to make the story longer

B to make events feel immediate

C to confuse the reader

D to show that the events happened long ago

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14 **How should you support an evaluation?**

A with your own opinions and no evidence

B with a summary of the plot

C with quotations from the text

D with a drawing

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15 **What is a cyclical structure?**

A it tells events in a straight line

B it ends where it began

C it jumps around in time

D it has no ending

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16 **The woods in October are a different country: the light falls in gold bars through the branches, bright as coins in the sun, and the ground is a carpet of rust and amber. I walk slowly, kicking leaves, listening to the jays argue overhead, and the air smells of earth and smoke. It is the one season that makes me want to stop and simply look. What mood does the extract create?**

A peaceful

B chaotic

C furious

D terrified

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17 **With two minutes left, the score was level, and the whole ground held its breath. The ball came over, high and hopeful, and Danny rose above everyone, his head meeting it clean. Time seemed to stop, and then the net rippled, and the crowd erupted like a volcano. In the extract, the word ‘erupted’ most closely means**

A sat down calmly

B burst out suddenly

C slowly faded away

D went completely quiet

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18 **Which of these is onomatopoeia?**

A bee

B honey

C buzz

D sting

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19 **What is an unreliable narrator?**

A a narrator who tells the truth all the time

B a narrator with no opinions

C a narrator who cannot be trusted

D a narrator who is always right

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20 **What should an evaluation avoid?**

A quotations from the text itself

B balanced judgement

C clear reasons

D unsupported opinions

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21 **Why does a writer use paragraphs?**

- A to make the writing look longer
- B to organise ideas
- C to use more paper
- D to add drawings

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22 **The train climbed out of the city and into the hills, and the rain came down in grey curtains across the lochs. Sheep stared at us from the fields, unimpressed, and the sky pressed low over the water. I had a book open on my knee, but I barely read a page, because the view kept pulling my eyes back to the window. In the extract, the word ‘unimpressed’ most closely means**

- A very excited
- B quite frightened
- C not interested
- D deeply asleep

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23 **Which of these is personification?**

- A the wind was strong and cold today
- B the wind is air
- C the wind whispered
- D the wind blew

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24 **What is first person narration?**

- A told by you
- B told by I or we
- C told by he, she or they
- D told by nobody

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25 **What is the effect of a cliffhanger at the end of a section?**

A it sums up the plot

B it ends the story

C it tells the reader how the story ends

D it makes the reader want to go on

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ANSWER KEY

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

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