ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OCR · UNIT 4 · 25 QUESTIONS

Creative Writing — Practice Test

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1 **A letter is the best form for a complaint. What should a formal letter include at the top?**

- A A drawing of the broken kettle
- B A joke to make the reader laugh out loud
- C The writer's address
- D The reader's favourite colour

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2 **A candle flickers in a dark room. Which sentence uses a dash correctly for emphasis?**

- A The room was dark - except for one small candle.
- B The room - was dark and cold and empty all night.
- C The - room was dark.
- D The room was - dark.

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

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

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

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5 **A bicycle with a flat tyre waits by the gate. Which word is a verb in this sentence: The boy mended the bicycle quickly?**

- A the
- B mended
- C bicycle
- D quickly

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6 **A kite soars high in a blue sky. Which word is closest in meaning to soar?**

- A sit still on the ground
- B fly high
- C fall down very quickly indeed
- D sink slowly into the sea

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7 **Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly for the word children?**

- A The childrens' toys were everywhere.
- B The childrens toys were everywhere in the room.
- C The childrens toys were everywhere.
- D The children's toys were everywhere.

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8 **Why vary sentence length?**

- A to make every sentence the same length
- B to avoid punctuation
- C to control pace and interest
- D to use fewer words

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9 **How is speech usually shown in a story?**

A with capital letters only

B with speech marks

C with no punctuation at all

D with brackets around every word

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10 **Which is the correct past tense of go?**

A went

B going

C gone

D goed

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11 **Which sentence is a question?**

- A You are coming.
- B Are you coming?
- C Come here.
- D You are coming to the park today.

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

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

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13 **In the sentence They gave Sam a book, which word is the pronoun?**

A gave

B they

C sam

D book

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

A She loves cats; and her brother loves dogs.

B She loves cats, her brother loves dogs.

C She loves; cats her brother loves dogs.

D She loves cats; her brother loves dogs.

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

A He: had one aim to win.

B He had one aim: to win.

C He had one aim, to win the race.

D He had: one aim to win.

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16 **Which sentence uses a comma correctly in a date?**

A On Monday 3 June we left for London.

B On Monday 3 June, we left.

C On Monday, 3 June, we left.

D On Monday, 3 June we left.

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17 **Which sentence uses sensory language best?**

A The soup was thick, salty and steaming.

B The soup was made yesterday in the kitchen.

C The soup was in a bowl.

D The soup was food.

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18 **Which word best fits the gap in this sentence: The [...] dog growled at strangers?**

A gentle

B fierce

C kind

D friendly

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19 **Which sentence is in the active voice?**

- A The roof was damaged by the storm.
- B The storm damaged the roof.
- C The storm was damaged by the roof.
- D The roof was damaged.

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

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

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21 **What should you decide before writing a story?**

- A whose viewpoint to use
- B what colour the cover will be
- C how many characters to kill
- D how many pages the story will fill

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22 **Which sentence shows possession by one girl?**

- A The girl's book was open.
- B The girl,s book was open.
- C The girls' book was open and full of notes.
- D The girls book was open.

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23 **Which sentence starts with a subordinate clause?**

- A It stopped raining.
- B We went out when the rain stopped at last.
- C We went out.
- D When the rain stopped, we went out.

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24 **Which sentence uses standard English?**

- A She don't like it.
- B She does not like it.
- C She do not like it.
- D She do not like it at all.

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Which sentence uses dashes correctly?

A My friend - the one with the red bike - is here.

B My friend - is here.

C My friend the one with the red bike is here today.

D My - friend is here.

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1. C
2. A
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20. C
21. A
22. A
23. D
24. B
25. A

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