MASSACHUSETTS ENGLISH 10 · UNIT 3 · 10 QUESTIONS

Writing — Practice Test

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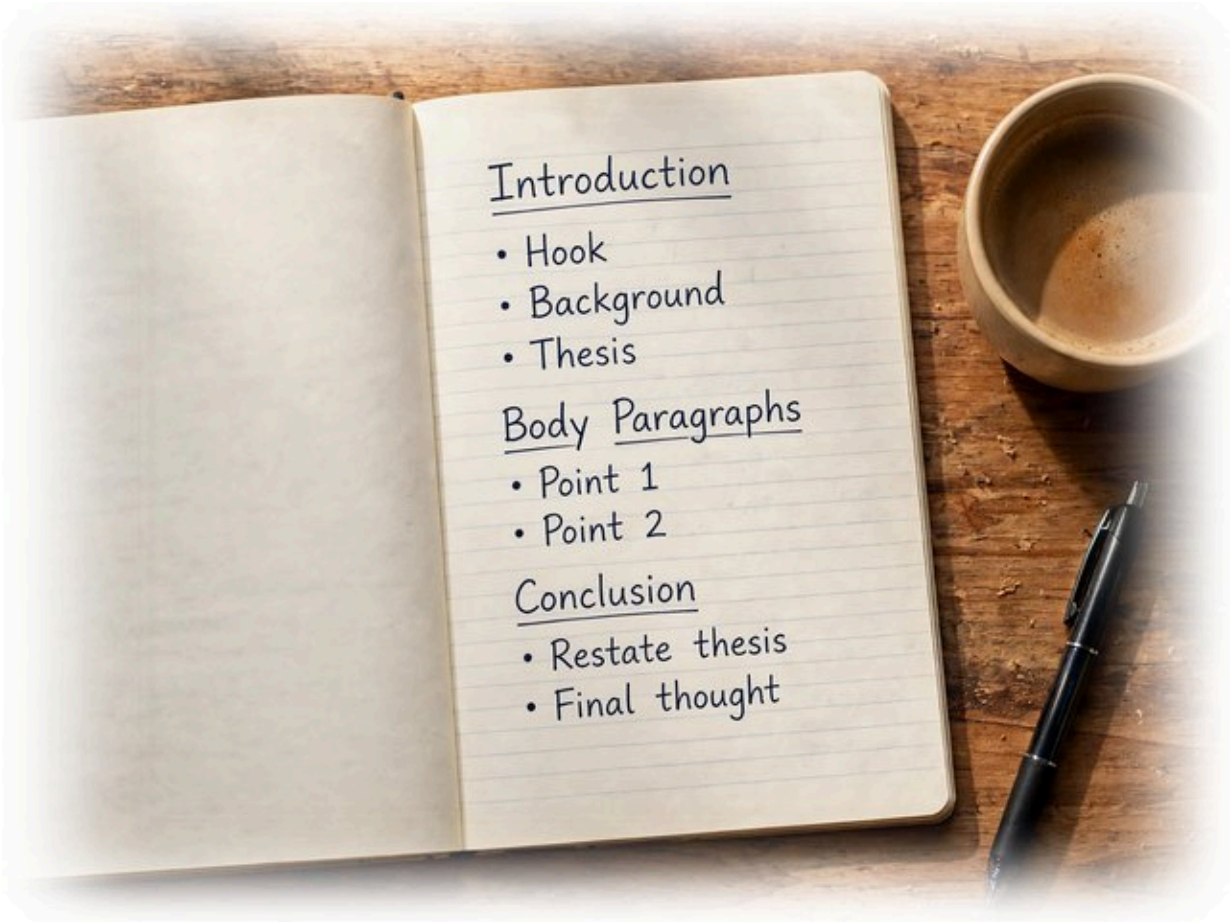
1 **Which thesis is strongest because it is specific and debatable?**



A School is a place where students learn

B School has classes and teachers

C Many students attend school every day

D Schools should start later because teenagers need more sleep to learn well

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2 **Which detail is most relevant as evidence for the claim that reading daily improves vocabulary?**

A a study showing students who read daily learned more new words than students who did not

B a photo of a library

C a list of favorite book colors

D a story about a student who dislikes reading

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3 **Which transition best adds another idea?**

A furthermore, because it adds another point

B however, because it signals contrast

C finally, because it signals the last point only

D for example, because it introduces one example

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4 **A process essay explaining how to plant a garden should most likely be organized in**

A random order, so readers guess the steps

B alphabetical order by plant name

C chronological order, following the steps in time order

D order of importance only, with no steps

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5 **Which sentence uses sensory detail most effectively?**

A The soup was food

B The soup smelled of garlic and tomatoes and steamed in the cold kitchen

C The soup existed

D The soup was in a bowl

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6 **Which sentence avoids slang in formal writing?**

A That movie was awesome sauce

B That movie was lit

C That movie was totally rad

D That movie was well made and engaging

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7 **What is the main purpose of brainstorming before drafting?**

A to correct spelling errors

B to generate and explore ideas before writing

C to write the final copy

D to format the title page

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8 **What is the difference between revising and editing?**



A revising improves ideas and organization, while editing fixes grammar and spelling errors

B revising fixes spelling, while editing changes ideas

C revising and editing mean exactly the same thing

D revising is done after publishing, while editing is done before brainstorming

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9 **What is the main purpose of a works cited list?**

- A to hide the sources used
- B to list sources so readers can find and check them
- C to replace body paragraphs
- D to count the words in the essay

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10 **What is usually the first step of the writing process?**

- A publishing the final draft
- B editing for spelling
- C prewriting, such as brainstorming and planning
- D writing the conclusion first

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ANSWER KEY

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

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