MINNESOTA ENGLISH 10 · UNIT 3 · 10 QUESTIONS

Writing — Practice Test

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Which thesis is strongest because it is specific and debatable?

Question 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, and students attend lessons every day from morning until afternoon

C) Many students attend school every day

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

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C Many students attend school every day

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

Question 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 and never opens a book at home or at school at all

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- **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?

Question 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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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

Question 4

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

A) random order, so readers guess the steps and work out the right sequence for themselves

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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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?

Question 5

Which sentence uses sensory detail most effectively?

A) The soup was food that people eat for lunch or dinner, usually served hot in a bowl with bread

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

- **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 well made and engaging

C That movie was lit

D That movie was totally rad

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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?

Question 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?

Question 9

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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, adding up every word to see exactly how long it is

- **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?

Question 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, before planning any ideas or deciding what the essay will argue

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. B
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. C

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