Writing — Practice Test

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1 **The strongest thesis statement for an essay is one that is**

- A clear specific and arguable
- B vague and very broad
- C a question with no position
- D a list of facts

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2 **A paragraph topic sentence should state the**

- A main idea of the paragraph
- B opposite of the paragraph
- C author name
- D essay title

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3 **Evidence in an essay works best when it is followed by**

A another unrelated quotation

B a new topic sentence

C explanation linking it to the claim

D a spelling note

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4 **The best order for a process paragraph is**

A alphabetical order

B random order

C reverse spelling order

D chronological order

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5 **A conclusion paragraph should mainly**

A restate the thesis and sum up key points

B introduce a brand new argument

C repeat every detail

D ask the reader for a grade

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6 **When revising a draft a writer should first check the**

A colour of the paper

B ideas and organisation

C font size only

D page number

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7 **Editing a draft is different from revising because editing focuses on**

A changing the whole argument

B adding new chapters

C grammar spelling and punctuation

D choosing a new topic

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8 **A formal essay should avoid**

A clear topic sentences

B supporting evidence

C a conclusion

D slang and contractions

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A quotation in an essay should be

A introduced and explained

B dropped in with no context

C copied without quotation marks

D used in place of an argument

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The audience for a piece of writing most affects its

A page size only

B tone and level of detail

C author name

D title length only

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11 **A descriptive paragraph mainly uses**

A only statistics

B only dialogue

C sensory details

D only definitions

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12 **A persuasive essay appeals to reason mainly through**

A shouting

B repetition of a slogan only

C personal insults

D logical evidence

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13 **When planning an essay a writer often starts with a**

A brainstorm or outline

B final copy

C title page

D bibliography

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14 **A transition word such as however signals a**

A cause

B contrast

C list

D conclusion only

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15 **The word furthermore is used to**

- A show contrast
- B give an example only
- C add a point
- D end a paragraph

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16 **A run on sentence is best fixed by splitting it or by using**

- A more commas only
- B capital letters everywhere
- C deleting all verbs
- D proper punctuation or a conjunction

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17 **A sentence fragment is a group of words that lacks a**

A complete thought with subject and verb

B capital letter only

C period only

D long word

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18 **Subject verb agreement means the verb form must match the**

A object in colour

B subject in number

C title in length

D paragraph in size

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19 **The correct plural of a word ending in y after a consonant usually changes y to**

A s

B es only

C ies

D ed

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20 **A comma is needed after an introductory phrase mainly to**

A end the sentence

B join two sentences wrongly

C mark a quotation

D separate it from the main clause

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21 **An apostrophe in a contraction shows that letters have been**

A omitted

B added

C capitalised

D repeated

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22 **A writer cites a source in order to**

A hide the source

B give credit and allow checking

C make the essay longer

D avoid explaining ideas

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23 **The best title for an essay is one that is**

- A misleading and funny only
- B as long as possible
- C clear and related to the topic
- D unrelated to the topic

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24 **A first draft is most useful when the writer**

- A writes it perfectly at once
- B skips planning entirely
- C copies another essay
- D gets ideas down without worrying about perfection

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Peer feedback is most helpful when it is

A specific and focused on the writing

B vague praise only

C about the writer personally

D silent

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ANSWER KEY

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

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