Writing — Practice Test

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1 **What is meant by thesis statement?**

- A. A clear main point that a piece of writing argues or explains
- B. A sentence stating the main idea of a paragraph
- C. A fact or example that backs a main idea
- D. Improving ideas, order, and clarity in a draft

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2 **Which definition best fits topic sentence?**

- A. A sentence stating the main idea of a paragraph
- B. A fact or example that backs a main idea
- C. Improving ideas, order, and clarity in a draft
- D. Correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation

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3 **What does supporting detail mean?**

A Improving ideas, order, and clarity in a draft

B Correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation

C A fact or example that backs a main idea

D The readers a piece of writing is written for

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4 **Choose the best meaning of revision:**

A Correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation

B The readers a piece of writing is written for

C The reason for writing, such as to inform or persuade

D Improving ideas, order, and clarity in a draft

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5 **What is meant by editing?**

A Correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation

B The readers a piece of writing is written for

C The reason for writing, such as to inform or persuade

D A plan listing main points in order

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6 **Which definition best fits audience?**

A The reason for writing, such as to inform or persuade

B The readers a piece of writing is written for

C A plan listing main points in order

D An opening that presents the topic and main point

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7 **What does purpose mean?**

- A A plan listing main points in order
- B An opening that presents the topic and main point
- C The reason for writing, such as to inform or persuade
- D A closing that restates the main point

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8 **Choose the best meaning of outline:**

- A An opening that presents the topic and main point
- B A closing that restates the main point
- C A clear main point that a piece of writing argues or explains
- D A plan listing main points in order

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What is meant by introduction?

A An opening that presents the topic and main point

B A closing that restates the main point

C A clear main point that a piece of writing argues or explains

D A sentence stating the main idea of a paragraph

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Which definition best fits conclusion?

A A clear main point that a piece of writing argues or explains

B A closing that restates the main point

C A sentence stating the main idea of a paragraph

D A fact or example that backs a main idea

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11 **Which thesis statement is strongest?**

- A School lunches are a topic
- B I will write about lunches
- C School lunches should offer more fresh options because students learn better when fed well
- D Lunches exist in schools

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12 **Which topic sentence best fits a paragraph about recycling?**

- A Recycling is interesting
- B Many things happen at school
- C Bins are often green
- D Recycling at school works best when bins are clear and easy to reach

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13 **What should a body paragraph do?**

- A Develop one main idea with evidence and explanation
- B Introduce five unrelated ideas
- C Repeat the introduction exactly
- D End without any detail

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14 **Which revision step comes first in good writing practice?**

- A Fixing commas before ideas
- B Rethinking ideas and order before fixing small errors
- C Changing the font size
- D Adding a title only

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15 **What is the best way to use a quotation in an essay?**

- **A** Drop it in with no context
- **B** Quote a whole page
- **C** Introduce it, quote accurately, and explain what it shows
- **D** Use it to replace your own idea

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16 **Why plan before drafting?**

- **A** A plan makes writing longer
- **B** A plan replaces drafting
- **C** A plan avoids revision
- **D** A plan keeps ideas in order and focused on the thesis

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17 **Which sentence best shows a clear transition?**

A For example, the new program cut waste by a third

B Stuff happened

C Anyway, whatever

D The end is near

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18 **What makes an introduction effective?**

A It lists every detail to come

B It presents the topic and states the main point

C It apologizes for the topic

D It starts with a conclusion

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19 **What makes a conclusion effective?**

A It introduces a new argument

B It repeats every sentence

C It restates the main point and leaves a final thought

D It asks readers to forget the essay

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20 **Which is a common writing error to fix in editing?**

A A strong thesis statement

B A clear topic sentence

C A well chosen example

D A sentence fragment with no complete thought

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21 **How should a writer handle a counterargument?**

- **A** Present it fairly, then explain why the main claim still holds
- **B** Ignore it completely
- **C** Insult people who hold it
- **D** Pretend it does not exist

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22 **What is the best order for the writing process?**

- **A** Edit, plan, draft, publish
- **B** Plan, draft, revise, edit, publish
- **C** Publish, draft, revise, plan
- **D** Draft, publish, plan, edit

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23 **Which research habit is most reliable?**

- A Using the first result only
- B Copying without noting sources
- C Checking claims in more than one credible source
- D Trusting a catchy headline

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24 **What does plagiarism mean?**

- A Quoting with a citation
- B Writing in your own words
- C Paraphrasing with credit
- D Using another writer work without credit

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Which paraphrase is acceptable?

A The same idea restated in your own words with credit

B The same words with one word changed

C A copy with no citation

D A summary with invented facts

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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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