Writing — Practice Test

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1 **What is meant by synthesis?**

- A Combining sources and ideas into a new understanding
- B A claim supported by reasons and evidence
- C An opposing view addressed fairly
- D A note showing the source of borrowed ideas

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2 **Which definition best fits argument?**

- A A claim supported by reasons and evidence
- B An opposing view addressed fairly
- C A note showing the source of borrowed ideas
- D Restating an idea in your own words

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3 **What does counterargument mean?**

A A note showing the source of borrowed ideas

B Restating an idea in your own words

C An opposing view addressed fairly

D Exact words from a source, shown as quoted

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

A Restating an idea in your own words

B Exact words from a source, shown as quoted

C A focused question guiding inquiry

D A note showing the source of borrowed ideas

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What is meant by paraphrase?

A Restating an idea in your own words

B Exact words from a source, shown as quoted

C A focused question guiding inquiry

D How trustworthy and relevant a source is

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Which definition best fits quotation?

A A focused question guiding inquiry

B Exact words from a source, shown as quoted

C How trustworthy and relevant a source is

D A slant that may distort information

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7 **What does research question mean?**

A How trustworthy and relevant a source is

B A slant that may distort information

C A focused question guiding inquiry

D Rethinking ideas, structure, and evidence in a draft

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8 **Choose the best meaning of source credibility:**

A A slant that may distort information

B Rethinking ideas, structure, and evidence in a draft

C Combining sources and ideas into a new understanding

D How trustworthy and relevant a source is

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What is meant by bias?

A A slant that may distort information

B Rethinking ideas, structure, and evidence in a draft

C Combining sources and ideas into a new understanding

D A claim supported by reasons and evidence

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Which definition best fits revision?

A Combining sources and ideas into a new understanding

B Rethinking ideas, structure, and evidence in a draft

C A claim supported by reasons and evidence

D An opposing view addressed fairly

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11 **What makes a research question strong?**

- A It is very broad
- B It has an obvious answer
- C It is focused, debatable, and researchable
- D It asks about everything

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12 **Which source is most credible for a school essay?**

- A An anonymous social media post
- B A personal blog with no sources
- C A meme
- D A peer reviewed study or official report

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13 **What is synthesis, not summary?**

A Combining sources to build a new claim

B Listing summaries one by one

C Copying one source

D Quoting a whole article

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14 **How should a writer use a counterargument?**

A Hide it completely

B Present it fairly, then explain the response

C Mock people who hold it

D Agree with it fully

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15 **What is the best way to integrate a quotation?**

A Drop it in alone

B Quote without a citation

C Introduce it, quote it, and explain its relevance

D Use it as the whole paragraph

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16 **Why cite sources?**

A To make essays longer

B To impress markers

C To avoid writing

D To give credit and let readers check claims

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17 **What is a common sign of a biased source?**

A One sided language and missing counterevidence

B A clear date

C A long bibliography

D A neutral title

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18 **What should an essay introduction do?**

A List every argument in full

B Present the issue, context, and thesis

C Apologize for the topic

D End with a conclusion

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19 **What makes a paragraph coherent?**

A Many unrelated ideas

B No evidence at all

C One idea, evidence, and links to the thesis

D A very long sentence

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20 **How should a writer revise an argument?**

A Fix commas only

B Change the font

C Add more quotations

D Test each claim against evidence and logic

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21 **What is the difference between paraphrase and plagiarism?**

- **A** Paraphrase restates ideas in your own words with credit
- **B** They are the same
- **C** Paraphrase needs no credit
- **D** Plagiarism uses quotations

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22 **When should a writer use direct quotation?**

- **A** For every idea
- **B** When exact wording matters for the argument
- **C** Never
- **D** Only for long passages

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23 **What is a logical fallacy in writing?**

- **A** A spelling error
- **B** A long paragraph
- **C** A reasoning flaw that weakens an argument
- **D** A missing citation

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24 **How can a writer check an argument for gaps?**

- **A** Count the words
- **B** Check the title
- **C** Ask friends if they like it
- **D** Ask what evidence each claim still needs

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25 **What is the role of a conclusion in an argument essay?**

A To restate the thesis and show why it matters

B To introduce a new claim

C To repeat the introduction

D To list sources

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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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