NOVA SCOTIA ENGLISH 12 · UNIT C

Writing and Other Ways of Representing — Practice Test

Nova Scotia English 12 • 25 questions

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1 **What does topic sentence mean?**

- A The sentence that states a paragraph's main idea
- B A sentence that gives detail for a main idea
- C A sentence that wraps up a paragraph
- D A group of sentences about one main idea

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2 **What does supporting sentence mean?**

A A sentence that wraps up a paragraph

B A sentence that gives detail for a main idea

C A group of sentences about one main idea

D The opening paragraph that presents a topic

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3 **What does concluding sentence mean?**

A A group of sentences about one main idea

B The opening paragraph that presents a topic

C A sentence that wraps up a paragraph

D The closing paragraph that restates main points

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4 **What does paragraph mean?**

A The opening paragraph that presents a topic

B The closing paragraph that restates main points

C Writing that tells a story

D A group of sentences about one main idea

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5 **What does essay introduction mean?**

A The opening paragraph that presents a topic

B The closing paragraph that restates main points

C Writing that tells a story

D Writing that paints a picture with details

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6 **What does essay conclusion mean?**

A Writing that tells a story

B The closing paragraph that restates main points

C Writing that paints a picture with details

D Writing that tries to convince a reader

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7 **What does narrative mean?**

A Writing that paints a picture with details

B Writing that tries to convince a reader

C Writing that tells a story

D An early version of a piece of writing

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8 **What does descriptive writing mean?**

A Writing that tries to convince a reader

B An early version of a piece of writing

C Checking a draft for spelling and grammar

D Writing that paints a picture with details

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9 **What does persuasive writing mean?**

A Writing that tries to convince a reader

B An early version of a piece of writing

C Checking a draft for spelling and grammar

D A final check for small errors

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10 **What does draft mean?**

A Checking a draft for spelling and grammar

B An early version of a piece of writing

C A final check for small errors

D The readers a writer has in mind

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A Paragraph That Works

Use this reading for questions 11 to 13.

A good paragraph in the class began with a topic sentence about school gardens. Three supporting sentences gave facts about food, exercise, and teamwork. A concluding sentence restated the point: gardens help students in several ways.

11 **What is the main idea of A Paragraph That Works?**

- **A** A paragraph works when details support one main idea
- **B** Planning before drafting keeps writing in order
- **C** A hook grabs a reader's attention at the start
- **D** Sensory detail paints a place in words

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12 **What is the main purpose of A Paragraph That Works?**

- A To show using an organiser
- B To show paragraph structure
- C To show a story hook
- D To show descriptive writing

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13 **What did the three supporting sentences in the garden paragraph do?**

- A They restated the point
- B They listed the topic
- C They gave facts about food, exercise, and teamwork
- D They gave the conclusion

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From Plan to Draft

Use this reading for questions 14 to 16.

Before writing, Lee made an organiser with three boxes: beginning, middle, and end. His draft followed the plan, and his story stayed in order. Lee said planning first made drafting faster and less confusing.

14 **What is the main idea of From Plan to Draft?**

- **A** A paragraph works when details support one main idea
- **B** A hook grabs a reader's attention at the start
- **C** Sensory detail paints a place in words
- **D** Planning before drafting keeps writing in order

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15 **What is the main purpose of From Plan to Draft?**

- A To show using an organiser
- B To show paragraph structure
- C To show a story hook
- D To show descriptive writing

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16 **What three boxes did Lee use?**

- A Names, ages, and grades
- B Beginning, middle, and end
- C Three titles
- D Three endings

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A Story With a Hook

Use this reading for questions 17 to 19.

Ana opened her story with a question: what would you do if you found a key with no lock? Readers wanted to keep reading to find the answer. Her teacher called the opening a hook because it grabbed attention at once.

17 **What is the main idea of A Story With a Hook?**

- **A** A paragraph works when details support one main idea
- **B** Planning before drafting keeps writing in order
- **C** A hook grabs a reader's attention at the start
- **D** Sensory detail paints a place in words

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18 **What is the main purpose of A Story With a Hook?**

A To show paragraph structure

B To show using an organiser

C To show descriptive writing

D To show a story hook

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19 **What was Ana opening?**

A A question about a key with no lock

B A list of names

C A weather report

D A school rule

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Describing a Place

Use this reading for questions 20 to 22.

To describe the market, Sam wrote about colours, smells, and sounds: red peppers, fresh bread, and shouting vendors. Readers said they could picture the market without a photo. Descriptive detail had painted the place in words.

20 **What is the main idea of Describing a Place?**

- **A** A paragraph works when details support one main idea
- **B** Sensory detail paints a place in words
- **C** Planning before drafting keeps writing in order
- **D** A hook grabs a reader's attention at the start

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21 **What is the main purpose of Describing a Place?**

A To show paragraph structure

B To show using an organiser

C To show descriptive writing

D To show a story hook

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22 **What three senses did Sam use?**

A Taste only

B Touch only

C Sight only

D Sight, smell, and sound

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Writing to Persuade

Use this reading for questions 23 to 25.

In a letter to the principal, Mia argued for longer lunch breaks. She gave two reasons, better focus and less rushing, and ended by asking for a trial week. Her letter was persuasive because reasons supported a clear request.

23 **What is the main idea of Writing to Persuade?**

- **A** Persuasive writing joins reasons to a clear request
- **B** A paragraph works when details support one main idea
- **C** Planning before drafting keeps writing in order
- **D** A hook grabs a reader's attention at the start

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24 **What is the main purpose of Writing to Persuade?**

A To show paragraph structure

B To show persuasive writing

C To show using an organiser

D To show a story hook

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25 **What did Mia ask for?**

A A new school building

B A longer school year

C A trial week of longer lunch breaks

D A different principal

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ANSWER KEY

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

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