Writing — Practice Test

Ontario English, Grade 10, Academic (ENG2D) • 10 questions

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Paragraph V - An Essay Introduction

Use this reading for questions 1 to 3.

Every year, thousands of students volunteer in their towns. Some serve meals, some tutor younger children, and some help clean up parks. Volunteering takes time, but it also builds skills, friendships, and a sense of belonging. Schools should therefore encourage every student to volunteer at least once, because volunteering benefits both the student and the community.

1 **In Paragraph V, the thesis statement is found in the**

- **A** first sentence, about thousands of students
- **B** second sentence, listing volunteer jobs
- **C** final sentence, claiming schools should encourage volunteering
- **D** third sentence, about time and skills

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2 **The opening sentences of Paragraph V function mainly as**

- **A** the conclusion of the essay
- **B** background that leads toward the thesis
- **C** evidence from a single student
- **D** a list of essay sources

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3 **Paragraph V narrows its focus from volunteering in general to**

- **A** a story about one park cleanup
- **B** a list of every volunteer job
- **C** a history of volunteering
- **D** a claim about schools encouraging students to volunteer

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4 **Which sentence correctly uses commas in a list**

- A I packed a pen, a notebook, and a lunch.
- B I packed a pen a notebook, and a lunch.
- C I packed, a pen a notebook and a lunch.
- D I packed a pen, a notebook and, a lunch.

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5 **Which sentence is a comma splice, two complete sentences joined only by a comma**

- A Lena finished her essay, and she went for a walk.
- B Lena finished her essay. She went for a walk.
- C Lena finished her essay, she went for a walk.
- D After finishing her essay, Lena went for a walk.

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6 **To make writing less wordy, a writer should**

- A add extra adjectives to every sentence
- B cut words that add no meaning and keep the clear ones
- C repeat the same idea in every paragraph
- D use the longest possible sentences

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7 **A concluding sentence for a paragraph should mainly**

- A introduce a completely new topic
- B ask a question the paragraph never answers
- C list all the sources for the essay
- D restate or sum up the paragraph main idea

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8 **When a pronoun reference is unclear, the best fix is to**

- A repeat the noun so the reader knows who or what is meant
- B remove all pronouns from the paragraph
- C add more pronouns to the sentence
- D leave the sentence exactly as it is

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9 **A writer reflecting on a draft should ask whether the evidence actually supports the**

- A title of a different essay
- B number of pages in the draft
- C thesis and topic sentences of the piece
- D spelling of every single word first

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10 **In an essay, body paragraphs should be ordered so that**

A the strongest point is always hidden last without signposts

B ideas build in a logical sequence toward the conclusion

C each paragraph repeats the introduction exactly

D paragraphs appear in random order

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ANSWER KEY

1.	C	**5.**	C	**9.**	C
2.	B	**6.**	B	**10.**	B
3.	D	**7.**	D		
4.	A	**8.**	A		

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