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Final Exam — Practice Test

Quebec English Language Arts, Secondary IV • 50 questions

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1 **Which choice best shows active listening in a group discussion?**

- **A** Waiting silently without ever responding
- **B** Interrupting to share your story first
- **C** Restating the speaker's point briefly, then adding your own view
- **D** Looking away while planning your reply

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Reading I - The Winter Market

Use this reading for question 2.

Every Saturday in January, Maya helped her grandmother sell jam at the winter market in Montreal. The stall was small, with jars lined up like coloured lights, and the cold air smelled of cinnamon and wood smoke. Maya knew most of the regular customers by name, and she liked hearing their stories while she wrapped jars in brown paper.

One morning, an old man arrived late and looked worried. He had promised his daughter a jar of raspberry jam for her birthday, but the raspberry jars were sold out. Maya remembered one jar kept aside for her own family. She looked at her grandmother, who nodded. Maya wrapped the last jar and handed it to the man, who thanked her with tears in his eyes.

On the bus home, Maya felt both proud and a little sad. She had given away something special, but she had also learned that a small kindness can matter more than keeping a favourite thing for yourself.

2 **According to Reading I, why was the old man worried?**

- **A** The raspberry jam he had promised his daughter was sold out
- **B** He had lost his bus ticket home
- **C** He could not find the market at all
- **D** He had forgotten his daughter's birthday

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Listening I - Transcript: A School Announcement

Use this reading for question 3.

Good morning, students. This is a reminder about the school book fair, which opens on Thursday in the library. The fair will be open at lunch and after school until Friday. Students who bring a library card can borrow an extra book during fair week.

Please remember that the library will be quieter than usual during the fair, so study groups should meet in the caféteria this week. Thank you, and enjoy the fair.

3 **According to Listening I, when does the book fair open?**

- **A** On Thursday in the library
- **B** On Monday in the caféteria
- **C** On Friday at lunch only
- **D** Next month in the gym

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

- A Maya bought pencils notebooks and erasers.
- B Maya bought pencils, notebooks and, erasers.
- C Maya bought pencils, notebooks, and erasers.
- D Maya bought, pencils, notebooks, and erasers.

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5 **What is purpose in a spoken presentation?**

- A The reason the speaker is speaking, such as to inform or persuade
- B The number of slides in the talk
- C The speaker's favourite topic
- D The length of the introduction

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Reading II - The River Path

Use this reading for questions 6 and 10.

After school, Tomas walked the river path near his home in Quebec City. He carried a notebook and stopped often to sketch birds, bridges, and the boats that moved slowly on the St. Lawrence River. The path was quiet in autumn, and the leaves made a soft sound under his shoes.

One afternoon, Tomas found a wooden bench with a small brass plate. The plate named a teacher who had walked the same path for forty years and had taught hundreds of students to notice the river. Tomas sat on the bench and wrote in his notebook: 'To notice is the first step to caring.'

From that day, Tomas did not only sketch what he saw. He wrote one question each day about the river, such as why the water rose after rain. His teacher praised his questions, and Tomas realized that careful observation can lead to real learning.

6 **What is the main idea of Reading II?**

- **A** Careful observation of the river leads Tomas to real learning
- **B** Tomas learns to build boats on the river
- **C** Tomas decides to leave Quebec City
- **D** Tomas teaches his teacher to sketch

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Listening II - Transcript: A Radio Report on Winter Safety

Use this reading for question 7.

Reporter: Winter is here, and city crews are reminding drivers and walkers to take care on icy roads. Sidewalks can freeze overnight, even when the day feels mild.

Safety officer: Wear boots with good grip, walk slowly on icy patches, and keep your hands free instead of holding a phone. Drivers should clear all snow from windows and leave extra space between cars.

Reporter: The city also asks neighbours to check on older residents during cold snaps and to report icy sidewalks that need sand.

7 **According to Listening II, what should walkers do on icy patches?**

- **A** Run quickly across the ice
- **B** Walk slowly and keep hands free
- **C** Hold a phone in each hand
- **D** Wear smooth shoes

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8 **Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?**

- **A** maya visited montreal in june with her cousin sara.
- **B** Maya visited Montreal in June with her cousin Sara.
- **C** Maya visited montreal in June with her Cousin Sara.
- **D** Maya Visited Montreal In June With Her Cousin Sara.

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9 **In a discussion, which reply best responds to evidence offered by another student?**

- **A** A reply that ignores the evidence completely
- **B** A reply that repeats a slogan
- **C** A reply that refers to that evidence and explains whether it supports the point
- **D** A reply that attacks the other student

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10 **In Reading II, why does Tomas begin writing a question each day?**

- **A** Because his teacher orders him to stop sketching
- **B** Because the river path is closed
- **C** Because he loses his notebook
- **D** Because his observation of the river raises questions he wants to answer

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Listening III - Transcript: A Student Presentation

Use this reading for questions 11 and 15.

Hi, everyone. My project is about community gardens. I visited two gardens in our neighbourhood and spoke with the volunteers who run them. I learned that gardens do more than grow food. They give neighbours a place to meet, they teach children where food comes from, and they make empty lots safer and cleaner.

My recommendation is simple. Our school should start a small garden behind the gym. It would cost little, students could help care for it, and science classes could use it for real observation. Thank you for listening.

11 **What is the main purpose of Listening III?**

- **A** To persuade listeners that the school should start a small garden
- **B** To describe how to cook vegetables
- **C** To complain about the gym
- **D** To announce a garden closure

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12 **Which sentence uses 'there' correctly?**

- **A** There is a new library on Main Street.
- **B** Their is a new library on Main Street.
- **C** They're is a new library on Main Street.
- **D** There are a new library on Main Street.

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13 **In a class discussion about school recycling, which contribution best moves the discussion forward?**

- **A** A general statement with no example
- **B** A joke about another class
- **C** A specific point supported by an example from the topic
- **D** A claim that no one can check

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Reading III - A Letter Never Sent

Use this reading for question 14.

When Sara cleaned her attic, she found a letter her grandfather had written but never sent. It was addressed to his brother in another town, and it described the first winter the family spent in a new home, with snow piled high against the door and neighbours who shared bread and firewood.

Sara read the letter twice. She noticed that her grandfather thanked his neighbours more than he complained about the cold. She decided to write to her own brother, who lived far away, and to tell him about her life, her school, and the neighbours who helped her family.

Sara never found out why the first letter was never sent. Still, finding it changed her. She understood that a letter can keep a family close across distance and time, even when it arrives many years late.

14 **What can the reader infer about Sara's grandfather from his letter?**

- **A** He disliked his brother completely
- **B** He never lived through a winter
- **C** He was grateful to neighbours who helped his family
- **D** He refused all help from others

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15 **What evidence does the speaker offer for the garden proposal?**

- A A survey of gardens in other countries
- B A guess about garden costs
- C A story about a garden in a novel
- D Visits to two neighbourhood gardens and talks with their volunteers

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16 **Which sentence uses 'it's' correctly?**

- A Its cold outside today.
- B Its' cold outside today.
- C It cold outside today.
- D It's cold outside today.

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17 **A student is preparing a short talk about a class novel. Which preparation step is most useful?**

- A Memorizing a long list of unrelated facts
- B Planning the main points and one example for each point
- C Writing the talk only during the talk
- D Copying a talk about a different topic

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18 **What is a simile?**

- A A comparison without like or as
- B A comparison using like or as
- C A word that imitates a sound
- D An extreme exaggeration

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19 **In a spoken announcement, what usually signals important information?**

A A joke at the start

B A long pause only

C A change of speaker

D A clear statement of what, when, and where

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20 **Which revision is clearest and most concise?**

A Maya studied hard and, due to the fact that she studied, she passed the test.

B Maya, who studied hard, passed the test because of studying hard.

C It was Maya who studied hard and passed the test in a hard way.

D Maya studied hard and passed the test.

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21 **In a class discussion about a local library program, which contribution best moves the discussion forward?**

A A specific point supported by an example from the topic

B A general statement with no example

C A joke about another class

D A claim that no one can check

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22 **What is the setting of a story?**

A The time and place in which a story happens

B The main problem in a story

C The lesson of a story

D The order of events

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23 **What is a signal word in spoken language?**

- **A** A word spoken very loudly
- **B** A word with no meaning
- **C** A word that shows how ideas connect, such as however or therefore
- **D** A word in another language

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24 **Which sentence uses quotation marks correctly?**

- **A** Sara said, I will meet you at noon.
- **B** Sara said 'I will meet you at noon.'
- **C** Sara said, 'I will meet you at noon.'
- **D** Sara said, 'I will meet you at noon'.

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25 **In a class discussion about a student art show, which contribution best moves the discussion forward?**

A A specific point supported by an example from the topic

B A general statement with no example

C A joke about another class

D A claim that no one can check

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26 **What is tone in a text?**

A The writer's attitude toward the subject

B The feeling created in the reader

C The number of pages in a text

D The topic of a text

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27 **A radio host interviews two people with different views. What does this mainly offer listeners?**

- A A single proven fact
- B More than one perspective on the topic
- C A product to buy
- D A summary with no views

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28 **What is the best thesis statement for an essay arguing for later school start times?**

- A School start times are a topic.
- B Schools should start later because students learn better with more sleep.
- C Some students like mornings.
- D Sleep is interesting.

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29 **A student is preparing a short talk about public transit for students. Which preparation step is most useful?**

A Memorizing a long list of unrelated facts

B Writing the talk only during the talk

C Copying a talk about a different topic

D Planning the main points and one example for each point

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30 **In the sentence 'The wind whispered through the trees,' which device is used?**

A Simile

B Alliteration

C Irony

D Personification

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31 **In a spoken story, what does a change in the speaker's pace often signal?**

A The end of the story

B A shift in mood or importance

C A mistake by the speaker

D A new language

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32 **Which transition best shows a sequence?**

A However

B First

C In contrast

D Therefore

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33 **In a class discussion about screen time at school, which contribution best moves the discussion forward?**

- A A general statement with no example
- B A joke about another class
- C A specific point supported by an example from the topic
- D A claim that no one can check

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34 **What does first person narration use?**

- A You and your throughout
- B Only the thoughts of all characters
- C I, me, and my to tell the story
- D No pronouns at all

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35 **What is a transcript?**

A. A written record of spoken words

B. A photograph of a speaker

C. A summary with no quotations

D. A list of listeners

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36 **Which sentence uses formal language suited to a letter to a principal?**

A. I am writing to request permission for a school garden project.

B. Hey, can we have a garden, please?

C. I want a garden right now.

D. Gardens are awesome, so give us one.

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37 **A student is preparing a short talk about a charity food drive. Which preparation step is most useful?**

- A Memorizing a long list of unrelated facts
- B Planning the main points and one example for each point
- C Writing the talk only during the talk
- D Copying a talk about a different topic

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38 **Which text type mainly explains or informs?**

- A Narrative text
- B Expository text
- C Persuasive text
- D Poetry

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39 **What is the difference between a fact and an opinion in a spoken text?**

- **A** A fact is longer than an opinion
- **B** An opinion is always true
- **C** There is no difference
- **D** A fact can be verified; an opinion expresses a judgment

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40 **What is the main job of an introduction in an essay?**

- **A** To list every detail
- **B** To give the conclusion first
- **C** To ask readers to stop
- **D** To present the topic and the main argument

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41 **What should a speaker do after stating a main point in a talk?**

- **A** Support it with a clear example or reason before moving on
- **B** Repeat the same sentence three times
- **C** Move at once to an unrelated point
- **D** Ask listeners to guess the point

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42 **What is an inference in reading?**

- **A** A conclusion supported by evidence in the text plus background knowledge
- **B** A direct quotation from a text
- **C** A guess with no evidence
- **D** The title of a text

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43 **Which listening strategy best helps a listener follow a long talk?**

- **A** Trying to write every word
- **B** Listening only to the conclusion
- **C** Ignoring the introduction
- **D** Noting the structure: introduction, main points, conclusion

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44 **Which revision best fixes this wordy sentence: 'Due to the fact that it rained, we stayed inside.'?**

- **A** Due to the fact that it rained, we stayed inside for a reason.
- **B** It rained, and due to that fact we stayed inside because of rain.
- **C** We stayed inside due to rain and the fact of rain.
- **D** Because it rained, we stayed inside.

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45 **A student must explain a school rule to younger students. Which language choice fits best?**

- **A** Long legal wording with no example
- **B** Slang that younger students may not know
- **C** A whispered explanation with no examples
- **D** Simple, clear wording with a concrete example

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46 **Which choice best identifies bias in a text?**

- **A** Language that presents several views fairly
- **B** Language that is clear and simple
- **C** Language that quotes a source
- **D** Language that unfairly favours one side without fair evidence

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47 **In an interview, what does a follow up question do?**

A It changes the interview topic

B It ends the interview

C It seeks more detail about an answer just given

D It repeats the first question

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48 **Which sentence uses past tense consistently?**

A Maya walked home, eats lunch, and started her homework.

B Maya walks home, ate lunch, and starts her homework.

C Maya walked home, ate lunch, and started her homework.

D Maya walked home, ate lunch, and starting her homework.

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49 **A group must present findings to the class. Which division of work is fairest?**

- **A** One member presents everything
- **B** Members present parts they did not research
- **C** Each member presents the part that member researched
- **D** No member presents the conclusion

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50 **What does it mean to scan a text?**

- **A** To read for pleasure only
- **B** To rewrite the text
- **C** To search quickly for specific information
- **D** To judge the author

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40. D
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45. D
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