SOUTH DAKOTA ENGLISH 11 · FINAL EXAM

# Final Exam — Practice Test

**South Dakota English 11 • 50 questions**

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1 **According to Source I, which word best describes June's great grandmother?**

- A Careless
- B Fearful
- C Determined
- D Impatient

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2 **According to Source I, what text structure does the passage mainly use?**

A Cause and effect only

B Order of importance

C Problem and solution

D Compare and contrast

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3 **According to Source I, which reason supports the claim?**

A Sports practices are more important than sleep.

B Buses run better in the dark.

C Students who sleep more perform better on tests and miss fewer days.

D Students prefer waking before dawn.

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**4** **Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

- **A** Maria loves; to read her brother prefers to draw.
- **B** Maria; loves to read her brother prefers to draw.
- **C** Maria loves to read; her brother prefers to draw.
- **D** Maria loves to read; and her brother prefers to draw.

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**5** **According to Source I, why did June's grandmother most likely save the tin box?**

- **A** Because the letters were valuable antiques
- **B** Because she wanted June to understand the family legacy of teaching
- **C** Because the school needed the letters for funding
- **D** Because June had asked for old photographs

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6 **According to Source I, what can be inferred about the project leaders?**

A They believe one cleanup is enough for any river.

B They oppose sharing methods with other towns.

C They think students should not test water samples.

D They believe lasting results require steady effort over time.

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7 **The use of statistics about test performance and car crashes in Source I is mainly an appeal to what?**

A Ethos, or the author's fame

B Humor alone

C Logos, or logic and evidence

D Pathos, or emotion alone

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8 **Which sentence has parallel structure?**

A She likes to hike, swimming, and biking.

B She likes hiking, to swim, and biking.

C She likes hiking, swimming, and biking.

D She likes hiking, swimming, and to bike.

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9 **In Source II, the image of gold leaves drifting down to the creek appeals most to which sense?**

A Sight

B Smell

C Taste

D Touch

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**10** **According to Source II, which question should a researcher ask before trusting a source?**

- **A** Is the source printed in color?
- **B** Who wrote it, and what are the author's credentials?
- **C** How long is the title of the source?
- **D** How many pictures does the source contain?

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**11** **Pathos in an argument refers to what?**

- **A** An appeal to the author's degrees
- **B** A list of facts with no feeling
- **C** The conclusion of the essay
- **D** An appeal to the emotions and values of the audience

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12 **Which revision fixes this run on sentence: Maria read a book she enjoyed every page?**

A Maria read a book she enjoyed, every page.

B Maria read, a book she enjoyed every page.

C Maria read a book she, enjoyed every page.

D Maria read a book, and she enjoyed every page.

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13 **Which theme is best supported by Source I?**

A Young people should avoid difficult work.

B Families should keep secrets from children.

C Education can change lives even when obstacles are great.

D Travel is the best way to learn about history.

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14 **According to Source II, what is plagiarism?**

A Using only primary sources

B Citing every source in a paper

C Using another person's ideas or words without giving credit

D Writing a paper that is too short

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15 **An ad hominem fallacy occurs when a writer does what?**

A Changes the topic politely

B Attacks the person instead of addressing the argument

C Praises the opponent fairly

D Uses clear evidence

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16 **Choose the correct word: The heavy rain will ____ the game.**

A effect

B affected

C effects

D affect

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17 **An unreliable narrator is a narrator who does what?**

A Cannot be fully trusted because of bias, youth, or limited knowledge

B Tells the story in strict chronological order

C Speaks only in dialogue

D Never appears in the story

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18 **A works cited page is used for what purpose?**

A To list the writer's favorite books

B To replace all in text citations

C To hide the sources a writer used

D To list the sources a writer used so readers can find them

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19 **A bandwagon fallacy occurs when a writer does what?**

A Explains why experts disagree

B Argues that something is true or good because many people believe it

C Argues from reliable survey data alone

D Shows that an idea is unpopular

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20 **Denotation refers to what?**

A The feeling a word suggests

B The origin of a word only

C The spelling of a word only

D The dictionary definition of a word

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21 **In The Great Gatsby, the green light at the end of Daisy's dock most often symbolizes what?**

A Gatsby's wealth and parties

B Gatsby's hopes and dreams for the future

C The danger of sailing at night

D The growth of American industry

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22 **Which of the following is a fact rather than an opinion?**

A River restoration is the most interesting topic in science.

B Volunteers are the best people in any town.

C Old rivers are more beautiful than new rivers.

D Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius at sea level.

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23 **A call to action at the end of an argumentative essay should do what?**

A Urge readers to take a specific step based on the argument

B Introduce a brand new topic

C Repeat the title word for word

D Apologize for the argument

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## The root dict in dictate most likely means what?

A Write

B Say or speak

C Carry

D See

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## Modernist American writers often used which technique?

A Long sermons that teach a single moral

B A fragmented structure that reflects uncertainty and change

C Simple plots with no conflict at all

D Stories told only by animals

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## Why should a researcher corroborate important claims?

- A Corroboration makes a paper shorter.
- B Checking a claim in more than one reliable source makes it more trustworthy.
- C One source is always biased and useless.
- D Corroboration replaces the need for citations.

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## A transition such as however or on the other hand most often signals what?

- A A contrast or opposing idea
- B The end of the essay
- C A new title
- D A quotation

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28 **Which sentence is interrogative?**

A The library is open.

B Where is the library?

C Please close the door.

D What a great book!

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29 **What is the difference between a topic and a theme?**

A A topic is always a full sentence, while a theme is one word.

B A topic is a subject, while a theme is a message about that subject.

C A topic is the setting, while a theme is the plot.

D There is no difference between them.

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30 **Which of the following shows bias in a source?**

A The author cites several reliable sources.

B The author presents only one side and uses loaded emotional language.

C The author states facts and dates clearly.

D The author quotes experts on both sides.

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## Source I - Fund Summer Reading Programs

*Use this reading for questions 31 and 35.*

Every town should fund a summer reading program for students. During the long summer break, many students lose reading skills they gained during the school year, and this loss hits younger and lower income students hardest. A free, well staffed program gives every child books, guidance, and a reason to keep reading.

The results are clear. Towns with summer reading programs report that participating students return to school reading at or above their spring levels, while nonparticipants often fall behind. The programs also give families a safe and welcoming place to gather, and they cost far less than summer school classes for students who fall behind.

Critics say towns cannot afford another program. Yet the cost of doing nothing is higher: tutoring, repeated classes, and lost learning time all cost money too. A modest investment in books and staff now saves larger costs later and keeps every child on track. Towns should fund summer reading programs this year.

**31** **According to Source I, what is the author's main claim?**

A. Towns should close libraries in summer.

B. Summer school should replace all reading programs.

C. Only older students need summer reading.

D. Every town should fund a summer reading program for students.

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32 **Choose the correct pronoun: The award was given to Maya and ____ for their project.**

A I

B myself

C we

D me

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33 **According to Source I, what does the warm loaf of bread most likely represent?**

A His mother's love and care for him

B His fear of the city

C The cost of the train ticket

D The wealth of his family

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**34** **According to Source I, why are human volunteers still useful?**

- **A** Humans never make errors.
- **B** Humans do not need training.
- **C** Human eyes spot faint or unusual shapes that software might miss.
- **D** Humans work faster than computers.

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**35** **According to Source I, how does the author answer the cost objection?**

- **A** The program costs nothing at all.
- **B** Towns should raise taxes sharply.
- **C** The author ignores the cost question.
- **D** Doing nothing costs more through tutoring and repeated classes.

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36 **Choose the correct verb: Please ____ the book on the table.**

A lie

B laid down

C lain

D lay

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37 **The memory pulling at Elias like a hand on his sleeve is an example of what?**

A A paradox

B A simile

C A hyperbole

D An alliteration

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38 **What is the author's purpose in Source I?**

A To persuade readers to buy telescopes

B To entertain readers with a fictional galaxy story

C To argue against all computer software

D To inform readers about citizen science in astronomy

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39 **A red herring fallacy occurs when a writer does what?**

A Quotes an expert correctly

B Distracts from the real issue with an unrelated topic

C Uses strong evidence fairly

D Admits a mistake openly

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40 **Which sentence keeps verb tense consistent?**

A Maria walked to the library and will borrows a book.

B Maria walked to the library and borrowed a book.

C Maria walked to the library and borrows a book.

D Maria walks to the library and borrowed a book.

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41 **Which of the following is an example of an archetype?**

A A list of state capitals

B A map of a train route

C The hero's journey from home to a test and back

D A recipe for baking bread

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**42** **A caption under a photograph or chart most often does what?**

- A Repeats the book title
- B Gives the author's opinion of the image
- C Lists unrelated facts
- D Explains what the image shows

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**43** **Which transition best introduces a rebuttal?**

- A For example, cats are animals.
- B However, this concern overlooks an important fact.
- C First of all, the sky is blue.
- D In conclusion, lunch is served.

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44 **Choose the correct words: They went ____ the store, ____?**

- A to, two
- B to, too
- C too, to
- D two, to

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45 **Naturalism in literature most often shows characters shaped by what?**

- A Forces beyond their control, such as nature, society, or fate
- B Their own free choices alone
- C Magic spells and curses
- D Advice from wise animals

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**46** **If two reliable sources disagree, a careful researcher should do what?**

- **A** Quote both without comment
- **B** Compare their evidence and methods before deciding which is stronger
- **C** Pick the source with the longer title
- **D** Ignore both sources completely

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**47** **Why should an argumentative writer define key terms?**

- **A** Definitions make the essay longer.
- **B** Clear definitions prevent confusion about what the argument means.
- **C** Definitions replace evidence.
- **D** Definitions hide the writer's position.

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48 **The root port in transport most likely means what?**

A See

B Carry

C Write

D Hear

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49 **How many lines does a traditional sonnet have?**

ANSWER _____

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## Why does the date of a source matter in research?

A Older sources are always wrong.

B Older information may be outdated, especially on fast changing topics.

C Newer sources are always longer.

D Dates are only decoration.

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