

**Question 1: Read the brief excerpt: "The speaker's tone shifts from ironic to earnest when describing the city's empty markets." Which inference is most supported?**

- a) The speaker thinks the markets are always lively.
- b) The speaker initially distances themselves but then expresses genuine concern.
- c) The speaker prefers irony over earnestness in all cases.
- d) The markets were full of people at the time of writing.

**Question 2: Choose the best meaning of the underlined word in this sentence: "Her explanation was full of nuance."**

- a) simplicity
- b) subtle distinction or shade of meaning
- c) complete confusion
- d) loudness

**Question 3: Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood correctly?**

- a) If I were the editor, I would postpone publication.
- b) If I was the editor, I will postpone publication.
- c) If I am the editor, I will postpone publication.
- d) If I be the editor, I postpone publication.

**Question 4: A student must write an argumentative essay on social media's effects on attention span. Which thesis is best for a focused essay?**

- a) Social media is sometimes good and sometimes bad for people and affects many things.
- b) Because social media is used by billions, it is the cause of all modern problems.
- c) Regular, short-form social-media consumption reduces sustained attention, as shown by longitudinal studies comparing screen habits to reading times.
- d) Social media makes people happy on weekends.

**Question 5: Choose the word that best fills the gap: "The poet's imagery was so \_\_\_\_\_ that readers felt transported into the scene."**

- a) vivid
- b) vague
- c) obsolete
- d) negligible

**Question 6: Identify the advanced part of speech for the italicized word: "She spoke *softly* to calm the child." *Softly* is a:**

- a) noun
- b) adverb
- c) adjective
- d) preposition

**Question 7: In creative writing, which technique most effectively develops a character's internal conflict on the page?**

- a) Listing physical attributes only
- b) Using interior monologue and selective action to reveal contradictions in belief and behaviour
- c) Describing the weather in detail exclusively
- d) Avoiding any description of thought

**Question 8: Which pair is closest in meaning?**

- a) enormous : tiny
- b) scarce : abundant
- c) articulate : eloquent
- d) tremble : shine

**Question 9: Which sentence contains a non-finite clause?**

- a) He wants to finish the report before dinner.
- b) He finished the report and left.
- c) He had finished when the meeting started.
- d) He finishes reports quickly.

**Question 10: In a tragic hero, which trait most commonly contributes to the downfall?**

- a) hubris
- b) impeccable judgment
- c) immunity to consequences
- d) complete isolation from society

**Question 11: When delivering a short persuasive speech, which strategy best increases audience trust?**

- a) Use precise evidence, acknowledge limitations, and cite credible sources
- b) Make bold unsupported claims repeatedly
- c) Use confusing jargon to impress
- d) Ignore audience questions entirely

**Question 12: choose the sentence in active voice.**

- a) The novel was read by millions.
- b) Millions read the novel.
- c) The novel being read by millions.
- d) Being read by millions, the novel impressed.

**Question 13: A class peer-review session shows many students give only praise and no critique. What is the best facilitator intervention?**

- a) Tell students to stop being polite and insult each other.
- b) Introduce a structured feedback protocol: two strengths, one suggestion for improvement, and one question for the author.
- c) Cancel peer review permanently.
- d) Grade everyone leniently so feedback isn't needed.

**Question 14: Choose the best synonym for *obfuscate*.**

- a) clarify
- b) confuse or make unclear
- c) celebrate
- d) simplify

**Question 15: Which sentence uses the past perfect tense correctly?**

- a) By the time the seminar started, she had already finished her research.
- b) She has finished her research by the time the seminar started.
- c) By the time the seminar started, she will have finished her research.
- d) She had finishes her research when seminar started.

**Question 16: Which revision move most often improves clarity?**

- a) Replace vague nouns with specific, concrete nouns and remove redundant modifiers.
- b) Multiply metaphors in every sentence.
- c) Add more adverbs everywhere.
- d) Lengthen all sentences into one paragraph.

**Question 17: Which word is an antonym of *ephemeral*?**

- a) transient
- b) fleeting
- c) permanent
- d) momentary

**Question 18: Which question best evaluates author bias in an editorial?**

- a) Which persuasive techniques does the author use, and what interests or perspectives might shape their stance?
- b) What is the author's favourite food?
- c) How many pages is the editorial?
- d) Does the author use long sentences?

**Question 19: identify the function of the underlined phrase: "The student *with the red notebook* answered first." *With the red notebook* acts as a:**

- a) prepositional modifier
- b) direct object
- c) subject complement
- d) verb phrase

**Question 20: Which device best creates irony in a short story?**

- a) Situational contrast between expectation and outcome
- b) Describing scenery only
- c) Listing every event chronologically with no twist
- d) Explicitly stating the moral upfront

**Question 21: Before a presentation, the best way to manage nervousness is to:**

- a) practice the opening several times aloud and use controlled breathing techniques
- b) avoid preparation and hope for inspiration
- c) drink excessive caffeine to "energize"
- d) read the slides word-for-word for the first time on stage

**Question 22: Choose the sentence where *incredulous* is used correctly.**

- a) She was incredulous when told the impossible news; she could hardly believe it.
- b) He was incredulous the cake tasted good.
- c) The incredulous cake sat on the table.
- d) Incredulous the cat slept.

**Question 23: Transform to passive:**

**"Researchers publish new findings annually."**

**Passive correct form:**

- a) New findings are published annually by researchers.
- b) New findings published annually by researchers.
- c) New findings are publishing annually by researchers.
- d) New findings annually publish by researchers.

**Question 24: Which opening line is strongest for establishing immediate curiosity?**

- a) It was a day.
- b) The letter arrived at noon, smudged with mud and sealed with the emblem of a family he had thought dead.
- c) There was an object on the table.
- d) The sun rose uninterruptedly.

**Question 25: When analysing a poem's meter, what is most important to examine?**

- a) the arrangement of stressed and unstressed syllables and the pattern they form
- b) the poet's clothing
- c) the paper colour the poem was printed on
- d) the number of commas only

**Question 26: Which transition best signals a contrasting point?**

- a) however
- b) moreover
- c) furthermore
- d) similarly

**Question 27: Choose the sentence that correctly uses conditional type II (unreal present):**

- a) If I were taller, I would reach the top shelf.
- b) If I will be taller, I reach the top shelf.
- c) If I am taller, I will reach the top shelf.
- d) If I was taller, I will reach the top shelf.

**Question 28: Which word best replaces the underlined phrase: "She accepted the offer with reluctance."**

- a) eagerly
- b) grudgingly
- c) joyfully
- d) immediately

**Question 29: Which inference is strongest from this summary: "A narrator often omits dates and names, focusing instead on sensory detail"?**

- a) The narrator aims to create a universal, immersive experience rather than a documentary record.
- b) The narrator is avoiding telling the truth about everything.
- c) The narrator likes math.
- d) The story is a scientific report.

**Question 30: identify the error in this sentence:**

**"Neither the students nor the teacher were prepared." The best correction is:**

- a) Neither the students nor the teacher was prepared.
- b) Neither the students nor the teacher were prepare.
- c) Neither the students neither the teacher was prepared.
- d) Both the students and the teacher were prepared.

**Question 31: Which choice most effectively shows rather than tells a character's emotion?**

- a) She clenched the letter so tightly that her knuckles went white and she stared at the floor for a long minute.
- b) She felt sad and angry and upset.
- c) She told everyone how she felt.
- d) She wrote the adjective "angry" before the sentence.

**Question 32: Choose the most formal synonym for *help* in an essay:**

- a) aid
- b) fix
- c) play
- d) help

**Question 33: In narrative point of view, which is second-person narration?**

- a) The narrator addresses "you" and makes the reader the protagonist.
- b) The narrator uses "I" for personal perspective.
- c) The narrator is omniscient and uses "he/she."
- d) The narrator lists facts only.

**Question 34: Which sentence correctly uses the gerund?**

- a) Swimming is an excellent form of exercise.
- b) To swim is an excellent form of exercise.
- c) Swim is an excellent form of exercise.
- d) Swam is an excellent form of exercise.

**Question 35: When evaluating a secondary source, which criterion is least relevant?**

- a) author's credentials and methodology
- b) date of publication and peer review status
- c) whether the author liked the colour of the cover
- d) evidence transparency and citations

**Question 36: During Q&A, which response best handles a hostile question from the audience?**

- a) Acknowledge the question, restate it neutrally, and answer calmly with evidence or offer to discuss privately if necessary
- b) Attack the questioner immediately
- c) Ignore the question entirely and move on
- d) Laugh loudly to dismiss it

**Question 37: Which word most nearly means "to praise highly"?**

- a) extol
- b) abhor
- c) belittle
- d) ignore

**Question 38: Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:**

- a) The committee decides today.
- b) The committee decide today.
- c) The committee deciding today.
- d) The committee decided today.

**Question 39: Which revision most strengthens imagery?**

- a) Replace abstract nouns with vivid sensory verbs and concrete details.
- b) Replace verbs with generic nouns everywhere.
- c) Delete all adjectives and adverbs only.
- d) Use the same metaphor repeatedly in every paragraph.

**Question 40: What is a motif in fiction?**

- a) A recurring element that has thematic significance
- b) A single line of dialogue only
- c) A publishing house logo
- d) A typographical error

**Question 41: Which technique best helps identify the author's thesis in a dense academic passage?**

- a) Skim topic sentences of paragraphs and note repeated key terms or claims
- b) Read only the footnotes
- c) Memorize the bibliography
- d) Count the number of pages

**Question 42: Choose the correct use of a cleft sentence:**

- a) It was her courage that saved the village.
- b) Her courage saved the village it was.
- c) That saved the village was her courage.
- d) Her it was courage saved the village.

**Question 43: For showing a character's moral dilemma, which technique is most useful?**

- a) Presenting a scene in which the character must choose between two conflicting values and revealing internal deliberation through action and dialogue
- b) Listing all the character's facts at once
- c) Telling the reader the character is indecisive without scenes
- d) Removing the character from any moral context

**Question 44: Which word best completes the sentence: "The committee's decision was \_\_\_\_\_; no one expected such a radical change."**

- a) predictable
- b) unprecedented
- c) ordinary
- d) expected

**Question 45: Which visual aid practice is least effective?**

- a) Using dense slides full of paragraphs that the speaker reads verbatim
- b) Using clear, minimal slides with relevant visuals and brief cues
- c) Providing handouts summarizing key points
- d) Rehearsing with visual aids before the talk

**Question 46: Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:**

- a) "After the meeting we went home," she said.
- b) "After the meeting, we went home," she said.
- c) "After the meeting we went home" she said.
- d) "After the meeting, we went home" she said.

**Question 47: A reviewer finds a correlational study showing screen time linked to lower sleep quality. Which conclusion is most justified?**

- a) Higher screen time correlates with poorer sleep, but causation cannot be assumed without experimental controls.
- b) Screen time definitively causes insomnia for everyone.
- c) Sleep issues cause screens to exist.
- d) The study proves all previous findings wrong.

**Question 48: Which collocation is Standard English?**

- a) make a decision
- b) do a decision
- c) take a decision
- d) break a decision

**Question 49: When interpreting an unreliable narrator, which approach is most productive?**

- a) Compare the narrator's account with other textual evidence and note contradictions that reveal bias or limited perception
- b) Accept the narrator's account as factual without question
- c) Discard the narrator entirely and ignore the text
- d) Only judge the narrator's fashion sense

**Question 50: Which sentence correctly uses a relative clause?**

- a) The student who studied hard passed the exam.
- b) The student studied hard who passed the exam.
- c) Who the student studied hard passed the exam.
- d) The who student studied hard passed the exam.

**Question 51: Which revision best tightens pacing in a short story?**

- a) Remove scenes that do not advance plot or deepen character, and compress transitional passages
- b) Add unrelated backstory in every paragraph
- c) Expand every minor detail into a scene
- d) Slow down dialogue with excessive adjectives

**Question 52: Choose the most precise academic term for “a claim supported by evidence”:**

- a) argument
- b) hypothesis
- c) anecdote
- d) rumour

**Question 53: Which is the strongest evaluative question for a persuasive op-ed?**

- a) What evidence does the author offer, and does it directly support the central claim?
- b) How attractive is the webpage layout?
- c) How many exclamation marks are used?
- d) What font size is chosen?

**Question 54: Identify the sentence that correctly uses inversion for emphasis:**

- a) Rarely have I seen such dedication.
- b) I have rarely seen such dedication.
- c) Rarely I have seen such dedication.
- d) Have rarely I seen such dedication.

**Question 55: Which element most directly shapes tone in a short story?**

- a) Diction and sentence rhythm
- b) Number of chapters only
- c) The author’s birthday
- d) Paper weight

**Question 56: Which preparation habit most reliably improves vocal clarity?**

- a) Warm-up vocal exercises and controlled breath support before speaking
- b) Drinking ice-cold water immediately before speaking (always)
- c) Whispering the entire speech in rehearsal
- d) Memorizing words without practicing aloud

**Question 57: Which word best describes a statement that is briefly and clearly expressed?**

- a) verbose
- b) succinct
- c) prolix
- d) rambling

**Question 58: Select the sentence with correct parallel structure:**

- a) She likes reading, to swim, and jogging.
- b) She likes reading, swimming, and jogging.
- c) She likes to read, swimming, and jog.
- d) She likes reading, to swim, and to jogging.

**Question 59: Which opening shows an *inciting incident* most directly?**

- a) The letter arrived, naming him heir to a fortune and setting off unexpected choices.
- b) He brushed his teeth.
- c) The calendar turned to April.
- d) The chapter starts.

**Question 60: When mapping theme development across a novel, which evidence is most useful?**

- a) recurring imagery, character decisions, and changes in dialogue that reflect evolving attitudes
- b) the number of pages per chapter only
- c) the font used in the first edition
- d) the weather on the author’s birthday

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