

Question 1: Read the short passage and answer. "The old library smelled of dust and lavender. Mara paused, listening to the slow tick of the wooden clock and felt a curious calm."

What mood does the author most clearly create?

- a) Anxious and hurried
- b) Peaceful and reflective
- c) Happy and playful
- d) Angry and tense

Question 2: Choose the best synonym for "elated" in this sentence: She was elated to hear the news.

- a) Saddened
- b) Angry
- c) Overjoyed
- d) Neutral

Question 3: Which sentence correctly uses the past perfect tense?

- a) I eat dinner before I went out.
- b) She had finished her homework before the movie started.
- c) He will have go to school yesterday.
- d) They is playing when I arrived.

Question 4: A student must write a short persuasive paragraph to convince the school to plant more trees. Which element is most essential?

- a) A long unrelated anecdote
- b) Clear claim, supporting reasons, and a call to action
- c) Use of only very big words
- d) Copying someone else's paragraph

Question 5: Which word is an antonym of "scarce"?

- a) Rare
- b) Plentiful
- c) Infrequent
- d) Limited

Question 6: Identify the part of speech of the underlined word. The very tall tree swayed in the wind.

- a) Noun
- b) Adverb
- c) Preposition
- d) Verb

Question 7: Which sentence is in passive voice?

- a) The committee will announce the winners tomorrow.
- b) The winners will be announced by the committee tomorrow.
- c) The committee announced winners.
- d) Winners announce the committee.

Question 8: Which opening line is best for a short story that should begin with the strongest hook?

- a) It was Tuesday and breakfast was at home.
- b) The day the sun never rose, the town learned its secret.
- c) Some people go to work.
- d) He lived in a house.

Question 9: Choose the correct plural form: analysis → ____

- a) Analyses
- b) Analyzes
- c) Analysiss
- d) Analyssi

Question 10: Read: “Though the storm raged, the lighthouse stood like a stubborn sentinel.”

What literary device is used in “like a stubborn sentinel”?

- a) Metaphor
- b) Simile
- c) Alliteration
- d) Onomatopoeia

Question 11: Pick the sentence that has correct punctuation and capitalization.

- a) “where are you going?”, she asked.
- b) “Where are you going?” she asked.
- c) “Where are you going”? she asked.
- d) “where are you going?” She asked.

Question 12: Which word best completes the analogy: Book : Read :: Recipe : __

- a) Write
- b) Cook
- c) Eat
- d) Learn

Question 13: Choose the best topic sentence for a paragraph about reducing plastic waste.

- a) Plastic is made in factories.
- b) Students can reduce plastic waste by using reusable bottles and avoiding single-use bags.
- c) Some people like colourful bags.
- d) Plastic comes in many shapes.

Question 14: Which sentence contains a gerund?

- a) To swim is her favourite hobby.
- b) Swimming in the sea gives me joy.
- c) She will swim tomorrow.
- d) He swims fast.

Question 15: What does the idiom “hit the nail on the head” mean?

- a) To make a mistake
- b) To speak precisely and correctly
- c) To build furniture
- d) To be physically strong

Question 16: A student wrote: He go to school yesterday and learns math. Which corrected sentence is best?

- a) He goes to school yesterday and learns math.
- b) He went to school yesterday and learned math.
- c) He go to school yesterday and learned math.
- d) He gone to school yesterday and learns math.

Question 17: Which is the best example of show, don't tell in creative writing?

- a) She was sad.
- b) Tears squeezed from her eyes as she stared at the empty chair.
- c) She was not happy.
- d) She did not smile.

Question 18: Choose the word whose pronunciation has a different vowel sound from the others.

- a) head
- b) bread
- c) bead
- d) thread

Question 19: Which of these is a conjunction?

- a) Quickly
- b) And
- c) Happiness
- d) Under

Question 20: Read: “The scientist observed the tiny moths attracted to the lamp. After three nights, he noticed a pattern.” Which question is the most critical for analyzing the passage further?

- a) What pattern did the scientist notice and what does it suggest about moth behaviour?
- b) What colour was the lamp?
- c) What brand of lamp was used?
- d) How many moths did the scientist count exactly?

Question 21: Identify the correct indirect / reported speech form. Direct: He said, “I will finish the project tomorrow.”

- a) He said he will finished the project tomorrow.
- b) He said he would finish the project the next day.
- c) He said I will finish the project tomorrow.
- d) He said he will finish project tomorrow.

Question 22: Which word best fits: Her explanation was ____; everyone understood immediately.

- a) oblique
- b) obscure
- c) lucid
- d) baffling

Question 23: Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood correctly?

- a) If I was rich, I buy a yacht.
- b) If I were you, I would apologize.
- c) If he will come, we will go.
- d) If she was here, she goes home.

Question 24: Which of the following is the best closing sentence for an essay arguing for regular sports in school?

- a) Sports are fun sometimes.
- b) In conclusion, regular sports programs help students stay healthy, learn teamwork, and improve academic focus — schools should encourage them.
- c) Sports are sometimes a bit hard.
- d) Some students run fast.

Question 25: Choose the most appropriate collocation: a ____ decision

- a) makeful
- b) heavy
- c) sound decision
- d) bright decision

Question 26: A student is preparing for a classroom debate. Which strategy will best strengthen their argument?

- a) Use strong evidence, anticipate counterarguments, and address them respectfully
- b) Repeat the same line loudly many times
- c) Avoid listening to the opponent
- d) Use only personal opinions without facts

Question 27: Which sentence contains a noun clause?

- a) I know that she will win.
- b) She knows the answer.
- c) Run fast to win.
- d) The winning was surprising.

Question 28: Choose the best synonym for “ambiguous”:

- a) Clear
- b) Vague
- c) Certain
- d) Obvious

Question 29: Which line shows correct parallel structure?

- a) She likes dancing, to sing, and swimming.
- b) She likes dancing, singing, and swimming.
- c) She likes dance, singing, and to swim.
- d) She likes to dance, singing, and swim.

Question 30: Which device is primarily used to create rhythm and musicality in poetry?

- a) Metaphor
- b) Rhyme and meter
- c) Exposition
- d) Parenthesis

Question 31: Read the sentence: “He kept the letter folded in his pocket for weeks, touching the corner whenever the train jolted.” What can you infer about the character?

- a) He dislikes trains.
- b) The letter is important and he is emotionally attached to it.
- c) He is a professional mail carrier.
- d) The letter is heavy.

Question 32: Which is the correct comparative form of “good”?

- a) Gooder
- b) More good
- c) Better
- d) Bestest

Question 33: Choose the sentence that best demonstrates concise writing (no unnecessary words).

- a) In my opinion, I feel that the book is quite enjoyable and worth reading.
- b) The book is enjoyable and worth reading.
- c) It is my thought that the book is pleasurable to read.
- d) The book is something one might find enjoyable reading.

Question 34: Which is the correct transformation into passive voice? They will complete the bridge by next year.

- a) The bridge will be completed by them by next year.
- b) The bridge is completed by them by next year.
- c) They will be completed the bridge by next year.
- d) The bridge will complete by them next year.

Question 35: Which tone best fits a formal complaint letter?

- a) Casual and joking
- b) Respectful, firm, and clear
- c) Extremely emotional and aggressive
- d) Mysterious and vague

Question 36: Identify the figure of speech: “The classroom was a zoo.”

- a) Simile
- b) Metaphor
- c) Hyperbole
- d) Personification

Question 37: Which word choice is most appropriate for academic writing?

- a) Kids
- b) Children
- c) Folks
- d) Peeps

Question 38: A student has to write a 150-word narrative about a lost object. Which plan will produce the strongest short story?

- a) Start with a clear scene, add sensory details, create a problem, show attempts to find it, and end with a reflective resolution
- b) List all the things you lost in life one after another with no connection
- c) Write only dialogue with no context
- d) Copy an online story

Question 39: Which sentence correctly uses a semicolon?

- a) I like tea; and he likes coffee.
- b) She practiced daily; her skills improved.
- c) He is tall; but he cannot reach it.
- d) We will go; if it rains.

Question 40: Choose the best transition word to join these sentences: She studied all night. ____, she passed the test.

- a) However
- b) Nevertheless
- c) Consequently
- d) Whereas

Question 41: Which of the following is a modal verb expressing obligation?

- a) Can
- b) Might
- c) Must
- d) Would

Question 42: Which sentence includes an appositive?

- a) My friend, a talented musician, will perform tonight.
- b) The friend plays music.
- c) A talented musician performs.
- d) He is a musician friend.

Question 43: Choose the best way to improve the clarity of this sentence: Due to the fact that it rained, we postponed the match.

- a) Because of the rain, we postponed the match.
- b) Raininess made postponement necessary.
- c) Owing to the fact of raining.
- d) The match was postponed because rain happened.

Question 44: Which word is a prefix meaning “before”?

- a) post-
- b) pre-
- c) re-
- d) un-

Question 45: Read the line: “Her voice, thin as wind through reeds, trembled.” Which device is used?

- a) Simile and imagery
- b) Oxymoron
- c) Alliteration only
- d) Hyperbole only

Question 46: Which of the following makes a speaker more persuasive during a presentation?

- a) Clear structure, strong evidence, eye contact, and varied tone
- b) Reading every word from a page without looking up
- c) Speaking as fast as possible so no one interrupts
- d) Using only slang and jokes

Question 47: Which sentence uses the future perfect tense correctly?

- a) By next month, she will have completed the course.
- b) She will complete course by next month.
- c) She had completed the course by next month.
- d) She will completes the course next month.

Question 48: Which of these is an effective thesis statement for an argumentative essay about school uniforms?

- a) School uniforms are clothes.
- b) School uniforms should be required because they promote equality, reduce distractions, and simplify morning routines.
- c) Uniforms might be okay sometimes.
- d) I don't like school uniforms.

Question 49: Which poem element best creates mood through sound patterns?

- a) Syntax
- b) Alliteration and assonance
- c) Margins
- d) Footnote

Question 50: A speaker notices the audience looks confused during a presentation. What should the speaker do next to maintain clarity?

- a) Pause, ask a clarifying question, and rephrase the key point more simply
- b) Ignore them and continue speaking faster
- c) Start a loud joke unrelated to the topic
- d) Switch to a different presentation without warning

Question 51: Which sentence demonstrates correct use of the conditional for an unlikely present/future?

- a) If I win the lottery, I buy a house.
- b) If I won the lottery, I would buy a house.
- c) If I will win the lottery, I would buy a house.
- d) If I wins lottery, I would buying.

Question 52: Which is the most precise word choice to replace "big" in formal writing?

- a) Huge always works better
- b) Consider context — substantial, significant, enormous, or extensive
- c) Big is always best in essays
- d) Use very big for emphasis

Question 53: Which of the following best defines theme in literature?

- a) The amount of dialogue in a story
- b) The central idea / underlying message
- c) The name of the main character
- d) The setting only

Question 54: Which sentence shows correct use of relative clause?

- a) The book that I borrowed was excellent.
- b) The book which I borrow is good.
- c) The book, who I borrowed, is excellent.
- d) The book what I borrowed was excellent.

Question 55: Read an excerpt where a character repeats the word “again” after every sentence. What might this repetition signal in a literary analysis?

- a) Emphasis on routine/ motif/ psychology
- b) The author ran out of synonyms
- c) A purely accidental typo repeated
- d) Nothing — repetition never matters

Question 56: Which phrase most effectively enhances cohesion between paragraphs?

- a) Random sentence from elsewhere
- b) Transitional phrases like “In contrast,” “Therefore,” or “As a result,” that link ideas
- c) Repeating the same paragraph title exactly
- d) Starting each paragraph with an unrelated word

Question 57: Which is the correct punctuation for this sentence? She said that she would come however she might be late.

- a) She said that she would come; however, she might be late.
- b) She said that she would come however; she might be late.
- c) She said that she would come however she might be late.
- d) She said, however she might be late that she would come.

Question 58: Which word is most appropriate to show cause in academic writing?

- a) because
- b) so
- c) coz
- d) 'cause

Question 59: Which of the following best describes an analytical response to a poem?

- a) Listing the rhyme words only
- b) Interpreting imagery, tone, structure, and how these features create meaning
- c) Copying the poem again
- d) Saying whether you like it only

Question 60: Choose the best revision to avoid wordiness: At this point in time, the reason why the project failed was because it lacked planning.

- a) The project failed because it lacked planning.
- b) At this point in time, project failure reasons.
- c) The reason why the project failed at this point in time was due to lack of planning.
- d) Planning lacked, thus the project failed.

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