

# Course Assessment

## 1. Identify the correct order of a conclusion paragraph.

- Restate main idea, include a connection, summarize paragraph points
- Include a connection, restate main idea, summarize paragraph points
- Restate main idea, summarize paragraph points, include a connection
- Summarize paragraph points, include a connection, restate main idea

## 2. Which scenario requires formal writing?

- Applying to a college
- Writing a list to remember
- Writing a comment on a funny video
- Texting a friend

## 3. Andre wants to use alliteration in his poem, but he is not sure what to include. What would you suggest he do?

- Andre should include multiple similes and personification to incorporate alliteration.
- Andre should include words that begin with the same vowel in his poem.
- Andre should include words that all begin with different consonant sounds.
- Andre should include similar consonant sounds at the beginning of words that are close together.

## 4. Which of the following sentences contains an antonym context clue?

- The river's current was lethargic, the opposite of swift, making it safe for the young swimmers.
- The jungle, teeming with verdant plants, was beautiful.
- The towering skyscraper, piercing the sky, stood tall among the other buildings.
- With its brilliant luminosity, the candle was as bright as the sun.

## 5. Which of the following sentences contains personification?

- His voice was as cold as ice on a winter's day.
- I am so hungry, I could eat one thousand cakes.
- She ran like the wind through the open field.
- The sun smiled down on the children playing in the park.

**6. You just finished reading a story about a boy who started at a new school after his parents got new jobs. Which of the following is an example of a small detail that you would NOT want to include in your summary?**

- The protagonist's favorite subject is mathematics.
- The boy was nervous on his first day at the new school.
- His parents' new jobs required them to relocate to a different city.
- This is the very first time the protagonist has moved somewhere new.

**7. Which of the following best represents the difference between revising and editing?**

- Revising is about changing the content, while editing is about correcting spelling and grammar.
- Revising is for fiction, while editing is for nonfiction.
- Revising is checking grammar, while editing is rewriting sentences.
- Editing is about adding new ideas, while revising is about fixing punctuation.

**8. Which sentence offers a definition context clue?**

- After the long journey, she was so tired that she fell asleep immediately.
- She heard the distant barking of a dog but couldn't see it.
- The two buildings were adjacent, meaning they were next to each other without any space in between.
- Even though he practiced daily, the complex song was still difficult for him to master.

**9. Identify the nonrestrictive detail in the following sentence: "Chocolate, which was invented by the Olmec in Latin America, was originally used as medicine."**

- Which was invented by the Olmec in Latin America
- By the Olmec in Latin America
- Chocolate, which was invented
- Was originally used as medicine

**10. Max is stranded on a deserted island after a plane crash, battling the elements and searching for food and shelter. She fights to survive each day. Which type of conflict is described here?**

- Character vs. self
- Character vs. technology
- Character vs. nature
- Character vs. character

**11. How could you explain the difference between a main idea and a theme to a friend?**

- A main idea is about the story's events, while a theme is a broad life lesson.
- A main idea is a sentence, while a theme is a word.
- A main idea is for fiction, while a theme is for nonfiction.
- A main idea has a protagonist, while a theme has an antagonist.

**12. Rebecca reads a book about a girl who is nervous about starting piano lessons. She recalls her own anxiety when she started learning the guitar. What kind of connection is Rebecca making?**

- Text-to-music connection
- Text-to-self connection
- Text-to-text connection
- Text-to-world connection

**13. What is a sentence fragment?**

- A partial sentence that is not a complete thought
- A sentence that is used in poetry
- A sentence that contains multiple clauses
- A sentence with a direct object

**14. Which of the following figurative language examples is a metaphor used in the passage?**

In the heart of a sleepy little town, where time seemed to drift like a leaf on a lazy river, there stood an old library. This building held stories as old as the mountains themselves. On chilly days, its warmth beckoned the townspeople like a comforting embrace from a loving grandmother. However, to young Lily, the books inside were an ocean, vast and infinite.

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**15. A story that takes place in the future in Chicago, Illinois, is an example of which of the following?**

- Characters
- Conflict
- Setting
- Foreshadowing

**16. What is the author's main purpose in this passage?**

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun in our solar system. It's about half the diameter of Earth and has a thin atmosphere primarily made up of carbon dioxide. Unlike Earth, Mars doesn't have liquid water on its surface, but there are ice caps made of water frozen carbon dioxide at its poles. The reddish appearance of its surface comes from iron oxide, more commonly known as rust.

- To express personal opinions about space exploration
- To entertain readers with imaginative stories about Mars
- To argue that Mars should be the next location for human colonization
- To inform readers about basic facts and characteristics of Mars

**17. What are the three parts of an introduction paragraph for an expository essay?**

- Message, main idea, hook
- Hook, background information, main idea
- Paragraph, information, ideas
- Details, information, theme

**18. Which sentence provides a synonym context clue?**

- The boat floated across the serene lake, drifting slowly on the water.
- The nefarious villain, or wicked person, stole the crown jewels.
- The book had a myriad of pages inside, unlike the short picture book.
- The cat climbed up the tree, which was enormous, meaning exceptionally large and tall.

**19. In which situation would descriptive writing be most appropriate?**

- Arguing for a change in rules
- Listing the causes of an event
- Detailing the setting in a fictional story
- Explaining the water cycle

**20. Based on the passage, which of the following best describes the climax of the story?**

Lucia gazed at the antique amulet that her grandmother had given to her, feeling a mix of excitement and responsibility. It was said that the amulet had mysterious powers, but Lucia had never taken the stories seriously. However, when she accidentally dropped it, a radiant portal opened before her. Without thinking, Lucia stepped through and found herself in a bustling ancient market. As she tried to understand her surroundings and find a way back home, she crossed paths with a kind merchant who recognized the amulet and shared its true origins and purpose. With his guidance, Lucia faced numerous challenges but ultimately used the amulet to close the portal and return home, where she learned to appreciate the past and the stories that connected her to it.

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- Lucia stepping through the radiant portal and arriving at the ancient market
- Lucia using the amulet to close the portal and return to her own time

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Sir Paws, a fluffy cat with a white mustache, was no ordinary feline. He donned a top hat, a monocle, and had a penchant for attending elaborate tea parties. Every weekend, animals from all around the meadow would gather at his grand wooden mansion, sipping tea from tiny cups and nibbling on dainty pastries. Sir Paws would often recite humorous stories, perform little skits, and play pranks that the entire party loved.

- To entertain readers with the amusing tales of Sir Paws
- To provide a biography of Sir Paws and his achievements
- To persuade readers to adopt cats like Sir Paws
- To instruct readers on how to host a tea party

**22. Generally, what is the subject of traditional haiku poems?**

- Specific people
- Holidays
- Nature
- Sports

**23. What type of character is the one who acts primarily as a challenge or obstacle to the protagonist?**

- The supporting character
- The protagonist
- The mentor
- The antagonist

**24. What is the main idea of the passage?**

Lila always felt out of place in the bustling city. The tall buildings cast long shadows that made her feel small, and the constant noise was overwhelming. She would often daydream of open fields, gentle brooks, and the melodic chirping of birds. One day, while sitting at her window, she decided that she would take a weekend trip to the countryside. There, she felt at peace. The trip soon became a monthly ritual, and each return made the city's chaos more bearable.

- Lila finds peace in the countryside to escape city life.
- The countryside has gentle brooks and chirping birds.
- Lila lives in a tall building in the city.
- The city is always noisy and bustling.

**25. Which section of a plot most typically contains foreshadowing?**

- Conflict or setting
- Climax or resolution
- Exposition or rising action
- Falling action or resolution

**26. Which part of the story best represents the rising action?**

Jonas had always been fascinated by the legend of the Whispering Woods. Rumor had it that at its very center, a majestic tree held secret treasure. One sunny morning, Jonas decided to venture into the woods to find this mythical tree. The journey wasn't easy; he faced misleading trails and deceptive mirages. Along his path, he met Lena, a young girl who was also on the quest to find the tree. Together, they solved riddles and overcame obstacles. When they finally reached the tree, they discovered that it didn't just contain treasure, but it also revealed the future. Jonas realized the true point was not finding the treasure. The true point was finding Lena. They would remain friends for life.

- Jonas realizing the true value of the journey and friendship
- Jonas deciding to venture into the Whispering Woods
- Jonas meeting Lena and deciphering riddles and overcoming obstacles with her help.
- Jonas and Lena discovering the tree's ability to reveal the future

**27. What is the difference between an author writing an explicit statement and an implicit statement?**

- An explicit statement uses complex vocabulary, while an implicit statement uses simpler terms.
- An explicit statement is always factual, while an implicit statement is always fictional.
- An explicit statement is directly stated, while an implicit statement is hinted at.
- An explicit statement is written in first person, while an implicit statement is written in third person.

**28. Which of the following best describes a context clue?**

- A diagram in a textbook
- A secret message in a story
- A hint in the surrounding text
- The main theme of a story

**29. How can you cite evidence?**

- Directly copy the author's work so that you can create new ideas of your own.
- Use information from a text to copy someone else's work in your own words.
- Go online and copy quotes and facts from a website to use in your own writing.
- Use information from a text to support your inferences and give credit to the original author.

**30. Which of the following sentences contains a simile?**

- His voice boomed loudly in the quiet room.
- The mountain stood tall and unyielding.
- The ocean was as blue as the sky on a clear day.
- The waterfall cascaded powerfully down the rocky cliff.

**31. During the rising action of a plot, what usually happens?**

- Events build up and tension increases.
- The main conflict is introduced.
- Tension and excitement decrease.
- The story reaches its peak of intensity.

**32. Which of the following is the correct definition of imagery?**

- Imagery is a comparison of two things using the word "like" or the word "as."
- Imagery is descriptive writing that creates pictures in a reader's mind by appealing to the reader's five senses.
- Imagery is a bold, exaggerated statement that is intended to get a message across.
- Imagery is a descriptive comparison of two things without using the word "like" or the word "as."

**33. Which of the following sentences contains an inference context clue?**

- The girl was ecstatic, or extremely happy.
- A bicycle, which has two wheels, is a popular mode of transport.
- The boy read an archaic book, an ancient tome, filled with tales from long ago.
- Given his pallid complexion, the man must spend a lot of time indoors.

**34. Which sentence correctly uses commas to add a nonrestrictive detail?**

- My best friend Steve is joining our team and he is a basketball player.
- My dog, a large and boisterous golden retriever, always greets me with a wagging tail.
- I recently watched a movie, that was based on a true story, and found it enlightening.
- The novel I started last week, has an intricate plot, making it a challenging read.

**35. Ativ says that the following poem is in free verse. What would you tell him?**

- Yes, this poem is in free verse because it has no set meter or rhyme scheme.
- No, this poem is not in free verse because it is a traditional ode.
- No, this poem is not in free verse because it has a set rhyme scheme.
- Yes, this poem is in free verse because it follows the five-seven-five pattern of a haiku.

**36. What is the main idea of the passage?**

- Manatees are large plant-eating aquatic mammals at risk due to human-related threats, and efforts are being made to protect them.
- Manatees are most threatened by boat accidents and impacts to their habitats.
- Manatees are found in warm water by the coast. They can inhabit fresh water or salt water.
- Manatees can eat ten percent of their body weight in a day, and they consume plants only.

**37. Benny is not sure what foreshadowing is and he asks you for help. What would you tell him?**

- It's details that hint at what's going to happen later in the story.
- It's the use of descriptive language to set the scene.
- It's the technique of ending a story in a surprising way.
- It's the process of creating characters in a story.

**38. For this poem, what is the most appropriate mood?**

- Angry
- Hopeful
- Sad
- Spooky

**39. Based on the passage, what can you infer about Mrs. Lee's feelings toward the house next door?**

Every evening, as the sun began to set, Mrs. Lee would sit on her front porch, sipping coffee from her favorite cup. Children playing in the neighborhood would often pause to wave at her, and she always responded with a huge smile. The house next door, with its freshly painted walls and a 'For Sale' sign, often caught her attention, and she would stare at it, deep in thought.

- Mrs. Lee hopes a friendly family moves in soon.
- Mrs. Lee does not like children and does not want anyone to move in next door.
- Mrs. Lee is considering relocating to a different neighborhood.
- Mrs. Lee dislikes the color of the freshly painted walls.

#### 40. What is the main idea of the passage?

During the late 1960s, space exploration took a giant leap when humans first landed on the Moon. The Apollo program, initiated by NASA, was the United States' third human spaceflight program. Its primary goal was to put a man on the lunar surface and safely bring him back to Earth. While the program faced many challenges, the most significant achievement was the Apollo 11 mission, when astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon. This historic moment not only demonstrated technological prowess but also ignited imaginations worldwide.

- The Apollo program's crowning achievement was the moon landing.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first humans to walk on the Moon.
- Space exploration has always ignited imaginations worldwide.
- The Apollo program faced many challenges before succeeding.

#### 41. Read the sentence: "The orchestra members practiced the difficult symphony until they mastered it." Which word is the antecedent for the pronoun "it" in this sentence?

- Symphony
- Practiced
- Difficult
- Orchestra

#### 42. What type of character does not experience a change throughout a story?

- A flat character
- A dynamic character
- A static character
- A round character

**43. Which of the following sentences contains a metaphor?**

- The wind howled like a wolf in the night.
- Her smile was as bright as the sun on a summer day.
- The leaves danced gracefully as they fell from the trees.
- Her laughter was a song, livening up the room with music.

**44. When Nami was reading her novel about a wild horse, she was reminded of a movie that she watched that had a horse as a main character. What kind of connection was she making?**

- Text-to-text connection
- Text-to-world connection
- Text-to-music connection
- Text-to-self connection

**45. In an article titled "The Connection Between Food and Feelings," what do you expect the author's purpose to be?**

- Inform: The author will share stories of people who felt better after changing their diet.
- Entertain: The author will share a funny story about a food adventure.
- Persuade: The author will encourage the reader to choose cheaper food options.
- Inform: The author will explain how food choices affect how people feel.

**46. What is the purpose of an ode?**

- To celebrate and admire something or someone
- To tell a fictional story
- To inform or persuade the reader
- To create a short image using a specific pattern of syllables

**47. Which of the following might decrease the credibility of an online article?**

- Numerous spelling errors
- An expert author in the field
- Links to respected journals
- A professional layout and design

**48. What is the author's main purpose in this passage?**

Digital books have revolutionized the way we read and learn. With a single device, we can carry an entire library in our pocket, accessing thousands of books, magazines, and articles at the touch of a button. This convenience doesn't mean physical books have lost their value, but it highlights the advantages of digital reading. With features like adjustable font sizes, built-in dictionaries, and text-to-speech, digital books cater to diverse learning needs. Moreover, students can easily highlight, annotate, and share their notes without damaging the original text. Transitioning to digital formats in educational settings can thus greatly enhance the learning experience for students of all ages.

- To persuade readers about the benefits of digital reading in education
- To recount personal experiences with digital books
- To argue that physical books are boring
- To provide a history of the evolution of reading materials

**49. An essay that describes the detailed features of a new smartphone model without sharing the writer's opinion or personal feelings is an example of which type of writing?**

- Persuasive
- Expository
- Descriptive
- Fiction

**50. Which of the following sentences from the passage is a sentence fragment?**

The Rocky Mountains stretch more than 3,000 miles across two countries. From New Mexico in the United States to British Columbia in Canada. Known for its scenic beauty, this mountain range is home to various wildlife species like elk, mountain lions, and golden eagles. The range also offers hiking opportunities, winter sports, and breathtaking views.

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