



9th Grade Literature and Composition EOC (GSE) Quiz Answer Key

Reading Literary - (ELAGSE9-10RL2) Determine Theme/central Idea, (ELAGSE9-10RL3) Complex Characters, (ELAGSE9-10RL5) Analyze Author's Choices, (ELAGSE9-10RL6) Analyze Point Of View

Reading Informational - (ELAGSE9-10RI1) Cite Textual Evidence - Nonfic, (ELAGSE9-10RI2) Determine Theme/central Idea, (ELAGSE9-10RI5) Author's Ideas/claims, (ELAGSE9-10RI8) Delineate And Evaluate

Speaking and Listening - (ELAGSE9-10SL2) Integrate And Evaluate, (ELAGSE9-10SL3) POV, Reasoning, Evidence, (ELAGSE9-10SL5) Digital Media

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So You Want to be a Teacher?

Dennis Tyler

1) Which statement BEST summarizes the section, **There's More to Life Than Your Salary?**

- A) The pay for a teacher is usually low, but they don't actually starve.
- B) Teachers, because they only get paid once a month, are some of the best budget-makers around.
- C) A teacher's paycheck is very reliable; it always arrives at the same time and in the same amount.
- D) **While it is true that teachers don't make a lot of money, there are many other (non-monetary) compensations for the low pay.**

Explanation:

While it is true that teachers don't make a lot of money, there are many other (non-monetary) compensations for the low pay. This statement addresses both the positive and negative aspects included in the passage.

2) Which statement BEST summarizes the section, **The Cons of Teaching?**

- A) Being a teacher means that you are going to have a low salary.
- B) If you become a teacher, you'd better be a nun or a priest.
- C) Being a teacher can be very frustrating, but ultimately it's a really good job to have.
- D) **Being a teacher has many drawbacks: a low salary, frustration with parents and students, and long hours of work after school has ended.**

Explanation:

Being a teacher has many drawbacks: a low salary, frustration with parents and students, and long hours of work after school has ended, encompasses all the author's opinions of the negatives of teaching. Answer C comes close, but ultimately it doesn't have any specific examples of how dissatisfying the job can be. Answer B focuses purely on one example of a negative attribute (low salary). Answer A simply restates one opinion from one section of the entire part titled The Cons of Teaching.

3) Which statement BEST summarizes the section entitled, **The Pros of Teaching?**

- A) Being a teacher means that you get to have a lot of days where you don't have to work.
- B) If you become a teacher, you will always have the teacher's union and friends standing behind you in times of trouble.
- C) Teaching can be a very personally fulfilling job—even if you don't make a lot of money, you can still get a lot of job satisfaction out of it.
- D) **Being a teacher means having many benefits: personal job fulfillment, a strong union, supportive friends and colleagues, and many holidays and breaks off during the school year.**

Explanation:

Only, **Being a teacher means having many benefits: personal job fulfillment, a strong union, supportive friends and colleagues, and many holidays and breaks off during the school year,** encompasses all the author's opinions of the positives of teaching.

Pygmalion
George Bernard Shaw

4) Which line BEST shows that the flower girl is not intimidated by Mr. Higgins?

- A) Now you're talking.
- B) Don't mind if I do.
- C) **Don't you be so saucy.**
- D) I know what lessons cost as well as you do.

Explanation:

Don't you be so saucy. In essence, Liza is talking back to Mr. Higgins. He has told her to go away, but she stands up to him.

5) Which pair of adjectives BEST describes the character of the flower girl in this scene?

- A) confused and timid
- B) nonchalant but anxious
- C) terrified and insecure
- D) **bold but frightened**

Explanation:

She is **bold but frightened**. She is bold, but she also is seen "running away in terror." The stage directions describe her as "half rebellious, half bewildered."

6) Which character's treatment of Liza is the most polite and civilized?

- A) **Pickering**
- B) Mr. Higgins
- C) Mrs. Pearce
- D) They are all rude to her.

Explanation:

Pickering speaks to her "gently," and he is "very courteous" when he asks her to sit down.

<p>The Most Dangerous Game Richard Connell</p>

7) What techniques does the author of this passage use to create a sense of mystery and suspense?

- A) The author pits two characters' views of the world against each other.
- B) The author begins the story with comedy to undermine the later horror.
- C) The author uses dialogue instead of visual description to open the story.
- D) **The author foreshadows something bad happening on a dangerous place known as "Ship-Trap" Island.**

Explanation:

The correct answer is the following sentence: **The author foreshadows something bad happening on a dangerous place known as "Ship-Trap" Island.** The characters' names aren't particularly suggestive, nor does dialogue or differing viewpoints of necessity create suspense. Instead, it is the name of the island that is indeed "suggestive" of something very bad happening very soon.

8) The "Most Dangerous Game" is a short story about a hunter, Rainsford, who ends up *getting hunted himself* on Ship-Trap Island by another man. This passage is part of the story's exposition. What technique does the author use to foreshadow the plot twist which is to come?

- A) The humor that the men share at the beginning of the story changes into tragedy and horror in an ironic way.
- B) Whitney's lack of empathy for *the hunted* foreshadows that he will have to learn how the hunted feels-- the hard way.
- C) Whitney's inability to see the island, even though he is known to have great vision, foreshadows his blindness about hunting.
- D) **Rainsford's lack of empathy for *the hunted* foreshadows that he will have to learn how the hunted feels-- the hard way.**

Explanation:

The correct answer is: **Rainsford's lack of empathy for *the hunted* foreshadows that he will have to learn how the hunted feels-- the hard way.** When Whitney alludes to the jaguar's feelings, Rainsford replies: "Don't talk rot, Whitney... you're a big-game hunter, not a philosopher. Who cares how a jaguar feels?"

The Necklace
Guy de Maupassant

9) In the first line of the passage, what does the description "three-day-old cloth" mean and what does it suggest about the woman's opinion of her home?

- A) The table cloth is new, just made three days ago. The woman imagines her table with knights and ladies richly dressed.
- B) The table cloth is new, just made three days ago. The woman thinks her table is shabby compared to the fancy ones in her imagination.
- C) The table cloth has been on the table for three days; the woman thinks her table is even finer than the fancy ones in her imagination.
- D) **The table cloth has been on the table for three days. The woman thinks her table is shabby compared to the fancy ones in her imagination.**

Explanation:

The table cloth has been on the table for three-days. The woman thinks her table is shabby compared to the fancy ones in her imagination. The first three paragraphs show the protagonist's discontent with her situation, and the author contrasts that against her husband's appreciation of the simple meal on their simple table.

10) What words are clues that this story involves aspects of French culture?

- A) **The words used for money are indicative of the French culture.**
- B) The phrase "*three-day old cloth*" is indicative of French culture.
- C) The words used for the dinner the main characters are eating are indicative of French culture.
- D) The word **diabolical**, which appears in bold in the story, is indicative of French culture.

Explanation:

The words used for money are indicative of French culture. The term *franc* implies that this story involves aspects of French culture.

The River Thames
Roberto Barerra



11) What is the MOST LIKELY reason many civilizations developed around rivers?

- A) People could dispose of their wastes in rivers.
- B) Rivers offered people a way to defend their cities.
- C) Many businesses used rivers to import and export goods.
- D) **The river provided people with water, food, and transportation.**

Explanation:

The MOST LIKELY reason that many civilizations developed around rivers is **the river provided people with water, food, and transportation**. Paragraph 1 explains that people often built homes near rivers because they provide many of life's necessities.

12) What is the MOST LIKELY reason the Germans followed the Thames during their air raids?

- A) They didn't want to lose their way.
- B) They didn't want to harm innocent citizens.
- C) **They knew the Thames led to the center of London.**
- D) They knew the British were defending the riverbanks.

Explanation:

The MOST LIKELY reason the Germans followed the Thames during their air strike was because **they knew the Thames led to the center of London**. The Germans could do some major damage to British forces by following the river inland to the heart of the city.

13) What would be the BEST way to show people how the quality of the river's water has improved since the nineteenth century?

- A) read an excerpt from one of Edmund Spenser's poems about the beauty of the river
- B) provide graphs that show that millions of citizens use the river for recreation every day
- C) compare pictures of the river during the nineteenth century with pictures of the river today
- D) **describe the increase in fish in the river since the clean-up efforts in the twentieth century**

Explanation:

The BEST way to show people how the quality of the river's water has improved since the nineteenth century is to **describe the increase in fish in the river since the clean-up efforts in the twentieth century**. Fish returned to the Thames once clean-up efforts got underway in the twentieth century. This shows that the water quality has improved.

Does It Work?

Terri Roberts



14) Which of these sentences contains a SUMMARY?

- A) While he acknowledged that the inserts supported his arches, he felt slight pain on the sides of his feet.
- B) Not only did the Pro Walk provide support around Christian's arches, but he also noticed a reduction in the pain he felt in his hips.
- C) **This infomercial claims that these plastic inserts "offer support for your feet, correcting your gait and stabilizing for your spine."**
He didn't perceive any muscle tension or discomfort during the game, though he admitted that the feeling of the hard plastic under his feet was a little aggravating at first.
- D) He didn't perceive any muscle tension or discomfort during the game, though he admitted that the feeling of the hard plastic under his feet was a little aggravating at first.

Explanation:

The sentence that contains a summary is **This infomercial claims that these plastic inserts "offer support for your feet, correcting your gait and stabilizing for your spine"**. This sentence summarizes the claims in the infomercial. It doesn't offer any opinion about the product.

Plugged In, but Tuned Out: The Evil Influence of the MP3 Player

Darrell Thomas

- 15) How could the author strengthen his argument about how MP3 players are dangerous when used in a car?
- A) by telling us about what kind of car he drives
 - B) by talking about how many car accidents cell phones have caused
 - C) by making a list of the fatal accidents that occurred last year
 - D) **by adding some statistics from accident reports that involved MP3 players**

Explanation:

If the author added **some statistics from accident reports that involved MP3 players**, then the argument would be more persuasive and therefore a stronger argument.

- 16) Which sentence would be the best topic sentence for Paragraph III?
- A) I have never ever liked MP3 players.
 - B) You will never find two people who agree on the best MP3 player available.
 - C) My mother always told me to be careful what I stick in my ears—earphones, included.
 - D) **My primary quibble with MP3 players is that they are very distracting devices and are therefore dangerous.**

Explanation:

Paragraph III is entirely concerned with how MP3 players are distracting and therefore dangerous—thus **My primary quibble with MP3 players is that they are very distracting devices and are therefore dangerous** is the best answer since it is most directly related to that topic.

- 17) Which sentence from the article has a flaw in logic?
- A) Beyond just being distracting and dangerous, MP3 players are detrimental and damaging to society as a whole.
 - B) **People who are addicted to their MP3 players don't care about other people.**
 - C) Have you noticed a change in the world around you recently?
 - D) All they hear is the pretend soundtrack of their lives.

Explanation:

People who are addicted to their MP3 players don't care about other people, is an example of the logical flaw of ad hominem—basically the author is attacking the character of people who use and enjoy MP3 players rather than attacking the argument in favor of their usage.

<p>Yellowstone Today, Spring 2006 (pg. 3) Yellowstone National Park</p>

- 18) Which statement **BEST** expresses how the print style used in this document guides the reader in understanding the document?
- A) The passes are listed in alphabetical order.
 - B) The prices are listed from cheapest to most expensive.
 - C) **The boldfaced words highlight different categories of information.**
 - D) The font style changes for each category of pass available to seniors.

Explanation:

The correct answer is **the boldfaced words highlight different categories of information**. The boldfaced print style is the text element that breaks the information into easily found categories.

- 19) Which of these **BEST** identifies the text elements used in this document?
- A) italics and headings
 - B) captions and italics
 - C) bold faced print and italics
 - D) **headings and bold faced print**

Explanation:

The correct answer is **Headings and bold faced print**. The document has these to guide the reader. The remaining answers have either one or none of the listed text element.

CIA World Factbook Notes and Definitions
CIA World Factbook

20) How is this passage's information organized?

- A) **alphabetical order**
- B) chronological order
- C) order of importance
- D) problem and solution

Explanation:

This passage is organized in **alphabetical order**. The passage merely lists definitions and terms related to "the most pressing and important environmental problems" in alphabetical order. No other logical relationship between the terms is present.

Conserving Energy and Preserving the Environment
Bureau of Transportation Statistics: US D.O.T.

21) Which method does the writer use to support the arguments in this passage?

- A) anecdotes
- B) statistics
- C) comparisons
- D) **facts and statistics**

Explanation:

The correct answer is **facts and statistics**. The writer lists numerous facts and statistics from studies that have been conducted on transportation.

Letter of Recommendation
Mary O'Dell

22) Who is the speaker of this passage?

- A) Mary O'Dell
- B) Chris Moses
- C) **Sondra M. Suarez**
- D) Dutch Fork High School

Explanation:

The speaker of this passage is **Sondra M. Suarez**. She is Chris Moses' teacher who is writing a recommendation letter for him to attend for future educational program involving engineering.

23)

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When Writing to Advertisers,

The automobile pictured in this advertisement from the early 1900s would MOST LIKELY appeal to which type of audience?

- A) those who are looking for a car for a large family
- B) those who are looking for a car with a large number of working parts

- C) those who are looking for a car that is gas-powered rather than electric
- D) those who are looking for a car that is electric rather than gas-powered**

Explanation:

The correct answer is **those who are looking for a car that is electric rather than gas-powered**. This is stated in the text of the advertisement.

24)



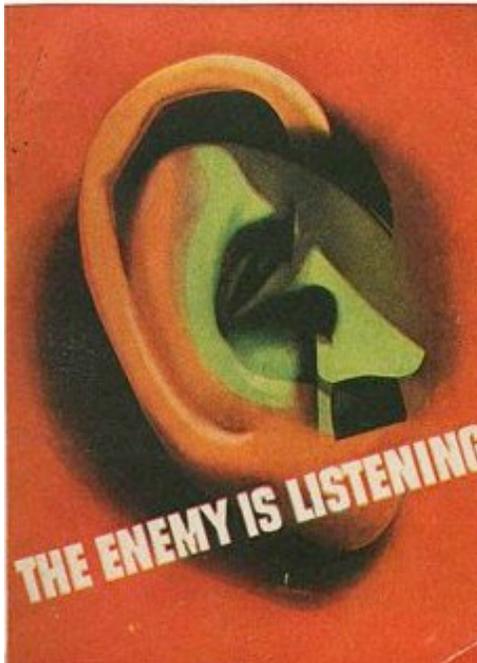
Which font has the most COMICAL look?

- A) **Cookie**
- B) Virgil
- C) Olivier
- D) Crisp Block

Explanation:

Cookie seems to be the most comical, or least serious, of the four fonts. The others are types of fonts you might find in formal documents, newspapers, or non-fiction books.

25)



What is the MAIN purpose of the sign's graphic style and colors?

- A) **to warn**
- B) to inform
- C) to advise
- D) to direct

Explanation:

This is propaganda poster used by the United States in World War II. The sign seems designed **to warn**, given the colors and the face that appears in the ear (Adolf Hitler).