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We are providing you with this module as a tool to assist you with the skills you need for your English class. In it, you will find multiple choice exercises for you to choose the right answer.

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We hope that, once you complete your eighth grade, you will obtain the same satisfaction that we've had creating these exercises to help you.



Directions: In this section, you will show how well you understand how to write in English. For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Two Sides of Writing



(1) Good writing often combines inspiration and hard work. (2) Sometimes a writer's words just flow. (3) She writes almost without effort and then checks the work for errors. (4) At other times, a writer will spend more time deciding on a topic, then thinking of supporting facts and examples, and finally crafting the writing to fit the purpose. (5) In both cases, inspiration and hard work help make the writing colorful and exciting for readers.

- 1** What is the BEST way to rewrite sentence 3 as gender-neutral?
- A A person writes almost without effort and then checks the work for errors.
 - B A girl writes almost without effort and then checks the work for errors.
 - C He writes almost without effort and then checks the work for errors.
 - D It writes almost without effort and then checks the work for errors.

- 2** What does the word crafting mean as it is used in sentence 4?
- A the activity or hobby of making decorative objects by hand
 - B to make with skill and careful attention to detail
 - C an occupation requiring manual skill
 - D skill in evasion or deception

- 3** Which verb from the selection is an example of a gerund?
- A checks
 - B spend
 - C deciding
 - D help

- 4** In sentence 5, the word inspiration is —
- A an adjective.
 - B a preposition.
 - C a linking verb.
 - D an abstract noun.

5 Read the sentence.

Because of the rain, we decided to drive thru Old San Juan instead of walking around.

What is the CORRECT spelling of the underlined word?

- A truth
- B threw
- C through
- D thorough

6 In which stage of the writing process are graphic organizers MOST useful?

- A editing
- B revising
- C drafting
- D planning

7 “For that reason” and “as a result” are transitional phrases that can be used to indicate —

- A cause and effect.
- B sequence of events.
- C order of importance.
- D comparison and contrast.

8 An informational report should begin by —

- A giving an example.
- B stating a conclusion.
- C introducing the topic.
- D providing some references.

9 Read the sentence.

Yesenia was astonished when she found out she won the art contest.

Which word means the same as the underlined word?

- A responsible
- B surprised
- C foolish
- D honest

10 Read the sentence.

Yanira and Manuel washed the car yesterday.

Which is the CORRECT way to change the sentence to the passive voice?

- A** Dad told Yanira and Manuel to wash the car.
- B** Yanira and Manuel, please go wash the car now.
- C** The car was washed by Yanira and Manuel yesterday.
- D** The car was dirty, so Yanira and Manuel washed it yesterday.

Directions: In this section, you will show how well you can read and understand written English. For each question, choose the correct answer.

New Neighbors

1 Aurelia watched from the front window as the new neighbors unloaded the truck that held all their boxes. She saw right away that there was a girl about her age in the family, and she ran to tell her mother.

2 “Mom! Mom! Guess what?” she called as she searched the house for her mother.

3 “Yes, dear?” her mother answered from the kitchen.

4 “The new family is moving in next door, and there’s a girl my age!”

5 “That’s wonderful, *m’ija*. You’ve needed someone around here to talk to and walk to school with.”

6 “No kidding!” Aurelia answered as she entered the kitchen.

7 Her mother said, “Do you remember when we moved here? The Delgados brought us a wonderful cake, and they introduced us to everyone in the neighborhood, walked you over to the school, and helped us move in.”

8 “I remember, Mom. Maybe we could make a welcome cake for the new neighbors.”

9 “I think that’s a terrific idea, Aurelia. What kind would you like to help me bake?”

10 “Coconut. You make the best,” Aurelia responded.

11 “Thank you, *m’ija*. I happen to have all the ingredients in the kitchen, so we can get started right now.”

12 That afternoon, after the cake had cooled and had been frosted, Aurelia and her mother carried it next door. A dark-haired woman answered when they knocked, and after introducing herself as Ana Ramírez, she invited them in.

13 As they walked in, Aurelia’s mother said, “We brought you this cake to welcome you to the neighborhood. My daughter, Aurelia, noticed that you have a daughter about her age. She’s very excited about that.”

14 “Nettie will be, too. She was apprehensive about moving away from our old neighborhood.”

15 “I’ll talk to her!” Aurelia said enthusiastically.

16 “Let me call her into the room,” Mrs. Ramírez said. When she entered, her mother said,
17 “Nettie, this is Aurelia. She lives next door to us.”

17 The two girls eyed one another shyly. Then Nettie said, “Why don’t you come into my
18 room? I’ll show you my posters. Maybe you can help me decide where to put them.”

18 “Sure!” Aurelia answered, and the two girls rushed off to get to know one another.

11 What is the author’s MAIN purpose?

- A to persuade the reader to always welcome new neighbors
- B to inform the reader about offering food to new neighbors
- C to provide readers with information about two families
- D to entertain the reader with an interesting story

12 Which paragraph BEST explains why Aurelia is excited about the new neighbors?

- A paragraph 5
- B paragraph 8
- C paragraph 12
- D paragraph 17

13 Which word BEST describes Aurelia’s mother?

- A generous
- B doubtful
- C critical
- D funny

14 What will MOST LIKELY happen in the next few weeks?

- A Aurelia’s mother will make another coconut cake for Nettie’s family.
- B Aurelia and Nettie will get to know one another and become friends.
- C Another new family will move into the neighborhood.
- D Nettie will buy more posters for her new room.

Directions: In this section, you will show how well you understand spoken English. Listen carefully. Then, choose the correct answer.

- 1** Which question should Victor ask to get more information about making fruit smoothies?
- A What else can you make in a blender?
 - B What kind of ice cream is your favorite?
 - C What other healthy snacks could I make?
 - D What fruits can I add instead of bananas?

- 2** Where does this conversation MOST LIKELY take place?
- A in a supermarket
 - B in a dining room
 - C in a restaurant
 - D in a kitchen

- 3** Which comment could Victor's grandmother make to agree with his opinion about the smoothie?
- A Enjoy your smoothie, Victor.
 - B It is healthier than ice cream!
 - C You're right; this is delicious!
 - D I am glad you like the smoothie.

- 4** What is the LAST ingredient Victor's grandmother adds to the smoothie?
- A low-fat milk
 - B vanilla ice cream
 - C two frozen bananas
 - D frozen papaya pieces

Directions: In this section, you will show how well you understand how to write in English. For each question, choose the correct answer.

January 29, 2018

Dear Principal Soto,

(1) I would like to request more time to exercise in school because I don't think students are getting enough exercise. (2) Exercising regularly helps build stronger bones and muscles and keeps our weight at a healthy level. (3) Daily exercise could help us learn in school, too. (4) This is because exercise increases blood flow to the brain, which can improve our concentration and help us remember what we have learned. (5) So if possible, Please give us more exercise time to help keep us healthy and alert.

Respectfully,

Tania Villarreal, 8th grade student

5 Which reference source should be used to find an alternate word for enough in sentence 1?

- A encyclopedia
- B thesaurus
- C almanac
- D atlas

6 Which word is a direct object in sentence 3?

- A us
- B learn
- C in
- D school

7 Which editing mark corrects the error in sentence 5?

- A So if possible, ~~P~~lease give us more exercise time to help keep us healthy and alert.
- B So if possible, Please give us more exercise time_^ to help keep us healthy and alert.
- C So if possible, Please give us more ~~exercise~~^o time to help keep us healthy and alert.
- D So if possible, Please give us more exercise time to help keep us healthy and alert.
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8 Which closing would be appropriate for Tania to use in her letter instead of “Respectfully”?

- A Best wishes
- B Your friend
- C Sincerely
- D Love

- 9 Read the following sentences.

We wanted to go to the beach. It rained.

Which sentence shows the BEST way to join the two sentences?

- A We wanted to go to the beach, or it rained.
 - B We wanted to go to the beach, so it rained.
 - C We wanted to go to the beach, yet it rained.
 - D We wanted to go to the beach, but it rained.
- 10 In which step of the writing process should you delete sentences that are not related to the topic?
- A publishing
 - B prewriting
 - C revising
 - D drafting
- 11 Which sentence shows the CORRECT use of the comma?
- A Please bring markers, pencils and a notebook.
 - B Ana, Mónica, and Alice are good students.
 - C Mr. Torres where, is the men's bathroom?
 - D My best friend Ana, arrived.

- 12 Rosa is writing an essay. She completed the first step of the writing process.

What is the next step of the writing process for Rosa?

- A publishing
- B revising
- C drafting
- D editing

- 13 Which sentence uses a verb phrase CORRECTLY?

- A They are studying together yesterday.
- B They were studying together yesterday.
- C They will be studying together yesterday.
- D They have been studying together yesterday.

14 Read the sentence.

I think Javier is a helpful person.

What evidence BEST supports this opinion?

- A He does his homework on time for English class every week.
- B He carries the bags when his mom does the grocery shopping.
- C He says thank you when someone does something for him.
- D He keeps his bedroom clean without being told to do so.

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- 15** When writing a persuasive essay, what point of view does the author normally use?
- A third person limited
 - B second person
 - C third person
 - D first person

Exercising for Health

1 Luisa's gym teacher distributed flyers to the class on Friday afternoon, saying, "This looks like something you might enjoy."



2 Luisa had heard her mother talking about wanting to work out, so she took the flyer home. "Mom, can we try an exercise class?" she asked as she handed the flyer to her mother.

3 "I don't know, Luisa," her mother answered. "Aren't exercise classes for young people like you?"

4 "No, Mom, exercise is for everyone. Let's enroll together," Luisa suggested.

5 Her mom reviewed the flyer again and said, “OK. How about the class on Saturday?”

6 “Great!” Luisa answered.

7 On Saturday, they walked to the exercise studio. The studio had a mirror along one wall, and there were mats spread out on the floor. Several people were already sitting down on the mats.

8 “Hello. Please select a mat,” the instructor said as she smiled. Luisa and her mother grinned at each other as they each selected a mat. Then they directed their attention back to the instructor as she began to speak to the class.

9 “Welcome,” the instructor said. “I’m Rosa Martínez. I’ll be your instructor for this class. First, who can tell me what the benefits of regular exercise are?”

10 “I can,” Luisa said. “We learned in our gym class at school that regular exercise helps you reduce stress, control your weight, and keep fit.”

11 Ms. Martínez smiled and nodded. “You’re right,” she replied. “Our bodies need regular exercise to stay healthy. Working out strengthens your body and helps you feel better. Now let’s get started. I want everyone to stand on a mat and face me. We’re going to start with some side stretches and poses. We’ll breathe deeply in and out during each movement. This will help prepare your body for the exercises. Let’s begin by relaxing our entire bodies like we are wilting flowers.”

16 The reading selection is MAINLY about —

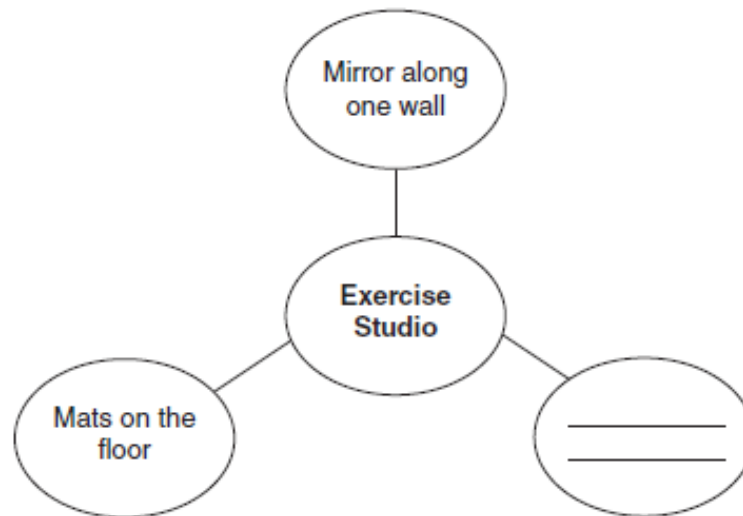
- A Luisa.
- B Luisa’s mom.
- C Rosa Martínez.
- D Luisa and her mom.

17 What can the reader infer from the reading selection?

- A Luisa and her mom will be in the advanced-level class.
- B Luisa and her mom will be in the beginner-level class.
- C Luisa’s mom and Rosa Martínez are friends.
- D Luisa will continue the class without her mom.

- 18** In paragraph 4, the word enroll means to —
- A stand up.
 - B wrap up.
 - C register.
 - D stretch.

19 Read the chart below.



Based on the reading selection, which phrase BEST completes the chart?

- A People sitting on mats
- B Exercise books on a table
- C Exercise equipment by the door
- D Photographs of exercise instructors

20 Based on the reading selection, which word BEST describes Luisa?

- A apologetic
- B glamorous
- C imaginative
- D encouraging

- 21 Read the dictionary entry.

pose verb 1. to hold your body in a particular position 2. to represent oneself falsely 3. to put forward; present 4. to set forth in words

Which definition BEST describes how the word poses is used in paragraph 11?

- A to hold your body in a particular position
 - B to represent oneself falsely
 - C to put forward; present
 - D to set forth in words
- 22 The idea of exercising for health is developed in the reading selection by —
- A explaining how to exercise.
 - B describing an exercise studio.
 - C listing advantages of exercise.
 - D showing an ad for exercise classes.

- 23 What evidence indicates that this reading selection is FICTION?

- A The beginning includes a promotional flyer.
- B The main setting is a new exercise studio.
- C The point of view is not first person.
- D The characters are not real people.

- 24 A. How does Luisa motivate her mom to work out?

- B. What evidence from the reading selection shows that Luisa’s mom really wants to exercise?

Remember to answer all parts of the question in the space provided. Your answers should be in ENGLISH, but you can also answer in SPANISH.