



**DIAGNOSTIC TEST IN ENGLISH 10**

**General Directions: Read the questions carefully. On the answer sheet, SHADE the circle that corresponds to the letter of your answer.**

1. What is a modal verb?

- A. It is a helping verb that expresses ability, possibility, permission, or obligation.
- B. It is the main verb that expresses the action or state of the subject in the sentence.
- C. It is a descriptive word that modifies the noun or the pronoun.
- D. It is the subject of the sentence.

2. Which of the following sentences contains a modal?

- A. Miss Daisy are friends with Hoke.
- B. Bill did not follow his father's advice.
- C. Mrs. Stevenson could not leave her home.
- D. Mrs. Hutchinson was surprised by the result of the lottery.

3. Complete the statement with the correct modal.

You \_\_\_\_\_ cheat. It is a violation of school rules.

- A. might not      C. will not
- B. must not      D. should not

4. Which of the following statements is a conditional sentence?

- A. If Nesthy wins against her opponent, she can win an Olympic gold medal.
- B. Philippines sent several athletes to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
- C. Hidilyn Diaz won the first ever Olympic gold medal for the nation.
- D. All athletes should be supported by the government.

5. Conditionals may be used to express impossibility or events that can no longer be changed. Which statement is an example of this function?

- A. If you freeze water, it becomes ice.
- B. If he gets passing grades, he can stay in the school.
- C. If she left early, she would not be running to her workplace.
- D. If I had eaten my breakfast, I wouldn't have been this hungry.

6. Complete the zero-conditional statement.

Whenever Willy gets stressed, he \_\_\_\_\_ to imagine positive events.

- A. would have tried      C. will try
- B. would try      D. tries

7. What is being expressed by the conditional statement in the box?

If you had studied the lesson instead of playing, you could have learned more.

- A. truth      C. habit
- B. real possibility      D. imaginary past situation

8. When Shane submits her modules, she ensures that they are complete. Does the sentence correctly express a habit?

- A. Yes, it tells a habit.
- B. No, it presents a possible event.
- C. Yes, but it reveals an unlikely situation.
- D. No, it expresses an unreal situation.

9. According to Martin Joos (1976), which of the following is NOT a label of speech style?

- A. Casual      C. Informal
- B. Formal      D. Consultative

10. Which speech style is used in relaxed or normal situations and conversations?

- A. Casual      C. Frozen
- B. Intimate      D. Consultative

11. Determine the speech style in the given situation.

Your school conducted a virtual opening program where your principal delivered a speech to welcome all the students in the new school year.

- A. Casual      C. Intimate
- B. Formal      D. Consultative

12. Determine the speech style in the given situation.

A Grade 9 student wants to consult his teacher about their class project. "Hello, Ms. Lopez! Is it possible to set an appointment with you tomorrow?"

- A. Casual                      C. Frozen  
B. Intimate                    D. Consultative

For items 13-15, carefully read the poem and answer the following questions.

**I, too** by Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.  
They send me to eat in the kitchen  
When company comes,  
But I laugh,  
And eat well,  
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,  
I'll be at the table  
When company comes.  
Nobody'll dare  
Say to me,  
"Eat in the kitchen,"  
Then.

Besides,  
They'll see how beautiful I am  
And be ashamed—  
I, too, am America.

Hughes, L. (1994). *I, too*. <https://poets.org/poem/i-too>. <https://poets.org/poem/i-too>

13. According to the poem, how is the "darker brother" being treated?
- A. He is welcomed in their home.  
B. He is treated unfairly by other people.  
C. He is starved when guests arrive at their house.  
D. He is always respected and honored by his family.
14. Which of the following sentences identifies the social issue presented in the poem?
- A. Colored people are discriminated in America.  
B. The shortage of food in America causes nation-wide hunger.  
C. Poor individuals become slaves of the powerful rulers.  
D. Beauty is judged based only on appearance of the person.
15. What value is the persona trying to fight for?
- A. Beauty                      C. Equality  
B. Peace                        D. Independence

For items 16-19, carefully read the excerpt and answer the following questions.

**Extrajudicial Ghazal**  
by Luisa A. Igloria

Daily, the **toll** rises. Cradled by the ones who love them,  
the bodies sprawl in blood, on the streets,  
as the sky darkens...

The family sat down to their meagre meal.  
Was it fish and rice?  
The bullet sang through the open doorway,  
as the sky darkened...

The gunmen are anonymous; only eyes show above tightly cinched bandanas.  
They pull up on motorcycles, aim, then drive away as the sky darkens...

How does one know who's truly guilty, who's accidental casualty?  
All are easy targets for the flimsiest charge,  
as the sky darkens...

Igloria, L. A. (2016, September 12). *Extrajudicial ghazal*. Via Negativa. <https://www.vianegativa.us/2016/09/extrajudicial-ghazal/>

16. What does "toll" in the first line mean?
- A. a fee for road access  
B. currency exchange rate  
C. the number of casualties  
D. the amount of required tax
17. According to the persona in the poem, what social issue is happening "as the sky darkens"?
- A. Families eat their meals.  
B. Criminals are arrested by police.  
C. Guilty people are charged for their crimes.  
D. Innocent citizens die at the hands of murderers.
18. What is the mood of the poem?
- A. humorous                      C. irritated  
B. melancholic                    D. vengeful
19. Why is the scenario presented in the poem concerning?
- A. Justice is well-served.  
B. Crimes are not lessened.  
C. Criminals immediately pay for their crimes.  
D. Accused individuals are not given right and just treatment.

For items 20-24, carefully read the stanzas taken from Still I Rise and answer the questions.

**Still I Rise**  
by Maya Angelou

**You** may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
**You** may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise...

**You** may shoot me with your words,  
**You** may cut me with your eyes,  
**You** may kill me with your hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise...

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise. I rise. I rise.

Angelou, M. (1978). *Still I rise*. Poetry Foundation. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46446/still-i-rise>

20. In the first stanza, what substance does the persona use to compare with herself?
- A. history                      C. lies  
B. air                             D. dust
21. The persona addresses a "you" in the poem. For whom is the message of the persona?
- A. her supporters            C. her oppressors  
B. the slaves                   D. the historians
22. According to the poem, how is the persona being treated by others? She is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. loved                         C. respected  
B. discriminated             D. humiliated
23. What is the central idea of the poem?
- A. Hate will be transformed into love.  
B. Those who were once slaves shall rise and be rulers.  
C. Revenge will be done to those who enslaved others.  
D. People will continue to fight for freedom and equality until they are achieved.
24. Which virtue does the persona best exhibit in the poem?
- A. resilience                   C. integrity  
B. honesty                      D. bravery
25. Which of the following best defines bias?
- A. mistreatment of someone vulnerable  
B. belief that a race is inherently superior

- C. an act of disregarding someone's rights  
D. an inclination of temperament or outlook

26. What kind of prejudice is revealed in the situation below?

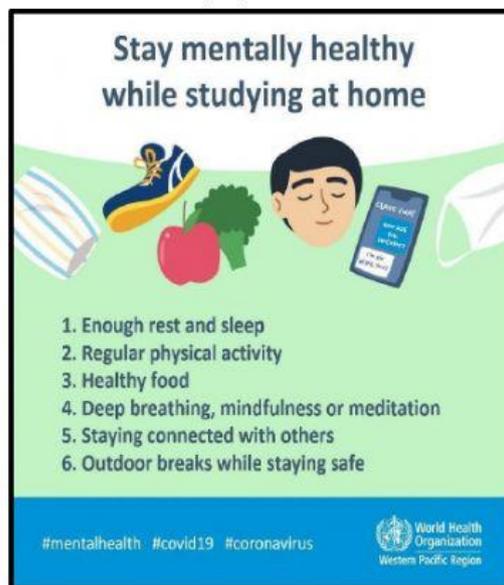
The Youngers, a black family, plans to buy a nice house in a white neighborhood. The residents of the area offered to give them money if they choose not to live in their community.

- A. Ageism                      C. Gender Discrimination  
B. Racism                       D. Religious Discrimination

27. Which of the following instances shows **PREJUDICE**?

- A. Anna prefers watching anime over K-drama.  
B. Mr. Rey does not hire women in her company because he thinks that they are weak.  
C. Jane chooses to donate goods to her community instead of giving it somewhere else.  
D. Toto personally knows a certain mayor, so he always speaks positively about the city official.

For items 28-30, examine the infographic and answer the follow up questions.



(Source: WHO)

28. What does the infographic discuss? It is about \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. distance learning and its modalities  
B. the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic  
C. tips on how to succeed in school classes  
D. ways to stay mentally healthy while studying

29. Which of the following statements is TRUE based on the illustration?
- Healthy diet and regular exercise also help in improving mental health.
  - Physical health is more important than mental health.
  - Connection with others always leads to good health.
  - Studying is difficult and stressful.

30. Does the infographic present reliable information?
- Yes, it gives correct information from a reliable source.
  - Yes, it is well-structured and concise.
  - No, it is not from a trustworthy source.
  - No, the information is outdated.

For items 31-33, examine the infographic and answer the follow up questions.



(Source: WHO)

31. What does the infographic discuss? It is about \_\_\_\_\_.
- COVID-19 pandemic
  - alcohol's effectivity in cleaning surfaces
  - effective disinfectants that prevent COVID-19
  - protecting one's hands when using bleach for cleaning.
32. Which of the following statements is TRUE based on the illustration?
- Bleach is good for the skin.
  - Immediately use bleach to wipe dirty surface.
  - Diluted bleach is ineffective in removing fungi.
  - Sodium hypochlorite can kill bacteria, fungi, and virus.

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34. Which of the following criteria is **NOT** a main consideration in choosing a reliable source?
- evidence validity
  - logical structure
  - emotional impact
  - up-to-date source

For items 35-40, carefully read the speech excerpt and answer the following questions.

<sup>1</sup>My message is that we'll be watching you.

<sup>2</sup>This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you!

<sup>3</sup>You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!

<sup>4</sup>For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight.

<sup>5</sup>You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not.

*-Greta Thunberg, a teenage climate activist, at the 2019 U.N. Climate Action Summit*

35. In which paragraph does the speaker begin to state the problem?
- 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
36. What is the speaker's overall tone in her speech?
- sad
  - angry
  - happy
  - hopeful

37. To whom is the speaker addressing the message?
- Students and teachers
  - Teenagers and children
  - Political and economic leaders
  - Environmental leaders and activists
38. What critical social issue is highlighted in the speech?
- Poverty
  - Climate Change
  - Health Crisis
  - Abuse of Power
39. What is the speaker's central message to her listeners?
- Be hopeful.
  - The youth will have their revenge.
  - She will observe the actions of the audience.
  - Stop ignoring the issue and start implementing solutions.
40. Which of the following does NOT describe the speech?
- emotional
  - clear
  - unstructured
  - relevant

For items 41-43, carefully read the play review excerpt and answer the following questions.

<sup>1</sup>The character of Laura is tragic. <sup>2</sup>Her character has two flaws, and I thought the actress portrayed her convincingly. <sup>3</sup>Laura is crippled, physically, in walking. But she is also crippled socially, by severe shyness. <sup>4</sup>Her anxiety leads to a major plot development, the rising action in the play: Laura was being sent to the Rubicam Business College to learn secretarial skills.

<sup>5</sup>As the play unfolds, Amanda and the audience learn that Laura hasn't actually been attending the business classes, she couldn't stand being around unfamiliar people and was struggling to learn. <sup>6</sup>This causes the audience to feel sympathy for Laura; most of us can relate to being afraid of not fitting in.

<sup>7</sup>When the facts of her absence from classes at the Business College become known, Amanda decides that since her daughter Laura hasn't learned a skill to support herself, Laura must get married. <sup>8</sup>This leads to the scene that is the climax of the play, the scene in which Jim, the "gentleman caller" Tom arranges to visit Laura, reveals that he is engaged to marry another woman.

<sup>9</sup>The last scene in the play was very touching, and overall, the play made me feel that my time invested in hearing this story was emotionally rewarding.

*Sample Theater Paper. Retrieved from [https://www.uair.edu/Irholzer/Scholars3310/Sample\\_Theatre\\_Paper.pdf](https://www.uair.edu/Irholzer/Scholars3310/Sample_Theatre_Paper.pdf)*

41. In which of the following sentences does the writer use words or phrases to directly signal his opinion?
- 2
  - 4
  - 5
  - 7
42. In what sentence can the writer's general impression be found?
- 1
  - 6
  - 7
  - 9
43. Which of the following thesis statements is best supported by the given excerpt?
- Laura's character makes the play relatable.
  - Laura is portrayed in a way that will touch the audience.
  - Laura's tragic character makes the play emotionally rewarding.
  - Laura is portrayed as physically and socially crippled in the play.

For items 44-50, carefully read the synopsis of Death of a Salesman and answer the following questions.

After many years on the road as a traveling salesman, Willy Loman realizes he has been a failure as a father and a husband. His sons, Happy and Biff, are not successful—on his terms (being "well liked") or any others. His career fading, Willy escapes into dreamy reminiscences of an idealized past. In the play's climactic scene, Biff prepares to leave home, starts arguing with Willy, confesses that he has spent three months in jail, and mocks his father's belief in "a smile and a shoeshine." Willy, bitter and broken, his illusions shattered, commits suicide.

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