

End of Semester Review

Practice Test

Section C - Descriptive Writing

-> Read the text and answer the questions below it.

A Forest Storm

The forest shuddered beneath the storm's advance, its tall pines bending like weary soldiers in retreat. Rain hammered the canopy in relentless sheets, turning every leaf into a trembling drum. A sharp, earthy scent rose from the soaked ground, thick and cold in the air.

Flashes of white light pulsed between the trees, carving momentary shapes out of the darkness before swallowing them again. The wind threaded through the branches with a low, mournful whistle, shaking loose needles that spiralled to the forest floor.

Mud churned underfoot, sucking at boots with every step, while distant thunder rolled like boulders tumbling through the sky. All around, shadow and storm tightened their grip, wrapping the forest in a raw, breathless tension.

1. 1. How are the pines first described in the storm?
 - a) As cheerful and lively
 - b) As bright and glittering
 - c) Bending like weary soldiers
2. Which technique is used in the phrase "pines bending like weary soldiers"?
 - a) Simile
 - b) Personification
 - c) Onomatopoeia

3. The description “Rain hammered the canopy in relentless sheets” appeals most to which sense?
 - a) Touch
 - b) Sound
 - c) Taste
4. What device is used in “The wind threaded through the branches with a low, mournful whistle”?
 - a) Simile
 - b) Personification
 - c) Onomatopoeia
5. Which detail shows the ground is difficult to walk on?
 - a) The leaves trembling.
 - b) The pines glowing in the storm.
 - c) The mud sucking at boots.
6. The line “A sharp, earthy scent rose from the soaked ground” suggests the air is:
 - a) Fresh and fragrant
 - b) Thick and pungent
 - c) Warm and sweet
7. Which phrase is an example of visual imagery?
 - a) “flashes of white light pulsed”
 - b) “distant thunder rolled”
 - c) “a low, mournful whistle”
8. What effect does the metaphor “shadow and storm tightened their grip” create?
 - a) It makes the storm seem protective
 - b) It suggests the weather is calming
 - c) It shows the forest becoming more trapped and tense

9. The repetition of storm-related verbs (hammered, rolled, tightened) helps emphasise:
- a) The gentle nature of the weather
 - b) The building intensity of the storm
 - c) The quietness of the forest
10. What overall mood is created by the descriptive passage?
- a) Tense and foreboding
 - b) Joyful and bright
 - c) Calm and relaxing
11. What does the verb “shuddered” suggest about the forest?
- a) It was excited
 - b) It was trembling from the storm
 - c) It was completely still
12. The phrase “relentless sheets” of rain suggests the rain is:
- a) Gentle and light
 - b) Sudden but brief
 - c) Continuous and intense
13. What does the adjective “earthy” in “a sharp, earthy scent” describe?
- a) A smell like soil or nature
 - b) A bright and artificial smell
 - c) A sweet perfume-like smell
14. In the passage, “spiralled to the forest floor” most closely means:
- a) Fell in twisting movements
 - b) Jumped upward
 - c) Disappeared instantly

15. Which phrase best shows the forest is dark and hard to see through?
- a) "momentary shapes out of the darkness"
 - b) "tall pines bending"
 - c) "needles spiralled to the floor"
16. What does "tightened their grip" imply the storm is doing?
- a) Becoming weaker
 - b) Closing in more forcefully
 - c) Helping the forest stay safe
17. Which adjective from the passage best suggests vulnerability?
- a) "weary"
 - b) "sharp"
 - c) "distant"
18. The phrase "boulders tumbling through the sky" is an example of:
- a) Simile
 - b) Hyperbole
 - c) Metaphor