

Critical Reading Final Test M.4

Part 1 Writer's Purpose and Drawing Conclusion (1-20) 20 marks

(1-5) Read each of the following writings and decide whether the author's purpose is to: persuade, inform, or entertain

1. Katina and her brother, Jess, were playing with the water hose outside one day. Jess was hiding from Katina so she wouldn't squirt him with the water. The back door opened and Katina pointed the water hose toward the door. It was mom and she was dripping wet!

What is the author's purpose of this writing?_____.

2. The Slim-O-Matic will cause you to lose pounds and inches from your body in one month. This amazing machine helps you to exercise correctly and provides an easy video to show you the proper way to exercise. Send \$75.99 and begin exercising today.

What is the author's purpose of this writing?_____.

3. The Underground Railroad was a secret organization which helped slaves escape to freedom. Many slaves were able to escape because of the conductors and station masters. The northern states were free states and slaves were free once they arrived in the north. Secret codes and signals were used to identify the conductors and station masters.

What is the author's purpose of this writing?_____.

4. HAMSTERS FOR SALE: Braxton Pet Store, Northwood Mall: We have a large selection of hamsters for sale this week. They are interesting pets and you will enjoy having one. They are only \$ 17.99 this week. Come and buy yours today!

What is the author's purpose of this writing? _____

5. Calligraphy is a form of handwriting. A special pen must be used. Letters are formed using up and down strokes. Old documents are usually written in this form. Diplomas, certificates and other awards are written in calligraphy. It is an interesting form of handwriting.

What is the author's purpose of this writing?_____.

(6-20) Choose the best answer.

6. The creature was enormous! The way it was gracefully gliding through the water was spectacular. Although it wasn't a mammal to fear, it wouldn't be a good idea to swim near it because of its size. The animal is most likely:

a. a shark

b. a whale

c. a starfish

7. The sun was shining on the flowers, and the grass was a pretty shade of green. There weren't any clouds in the sky, and the butterflies looked beautiful as they fluttered around.

It is most likely :

a. early in the morning

b. a spring day

c. evening time

8. Andy's dog was covered in mud. Andy's mom was very upset and told Andy he needed to help clean up before he could go play.

You can tell :

- a. Andy's dog got the house muddy
- b. Andy's mom doesn't like dogs
- c. Andy's favorite animal is a dog

9. The marching band looked amazing on the football field. Each member played their instruments perfectly. The audience loved the performance.

You can tell :

- a. The football field was big
- b. The marching band practiced a lot
- c. The audience was quiet

10. Jenny held her stomach and leaned back on the sofa. She grabbed a blanket and curled up in a ball. All she could think about was that big funnel cake she ate earlier.

Jenny probably :

- a. hasn't slept in a while
- b. wants another funnel cake
- c. has a stomachache from the cake

11. Sam woke up late, spilled toothpaste on his shirt, and missed the bus. His sister accidentally took his lunch to school, instead of her own.

Sam probably feels :

- a. frustrated
- b. calm
- c. lonely

12. It was a great day for fishing. Eric and Allen took the boat to the lake to enjoy the day. Eric caught five fish before noon, and Allen only caught one.

Allen probably feels :

- a. discouraged
- b. proud
- c. successful

13. Tabitha slipped the second she put one foot outside the door. She fell down and hurt her wrist, and her fingers started to sting from the cold.

It is probably :

- a. rainy outside
- b. icy outside
- c. dark outside

14. The sounds scared Kelley. She did not want anyone putting any of those scary looking tools in her mouth. What if they hurt her?

Kelley is probably :

- a. about to get her hair cut
- b. not a happy person
- c. at the dentist

15. First, his arm started to sting. Then, Neo noticed it was starting to turn red and form a small bump. Before long, Neo's arm was itching like crazy!

Neo probably :

- a. broke his arm
- b. got a bug bite on his arm
- c. cut his arm

16. Kaden found a quarter under the coffee table. Now he had \$44.25. It had taken a long time, but he was almost to his goal of \$45.00.

Kaden is probably :

- a. someone who spends a lot of money
- b. good at finding things
- c. responsible about saving money

17. I am so excited! I have on my new dress and dancing shoes that make a fun noise each time I take a step. Today is going to be a great day! I just hope I don't mess up!

You can infer :

- a. I am about to go to a birthday party
- b. I am wearing my favorite dress
- c. I am going to perform a dance today

18. Macie hadn't studied very hard for her spelling test. She was very worried she wouldn't do well. Her eyes widened when her teacher handed back her test with a 100% written on the top.

Macie most likely feels :

- a. surprised
- b. upset
- c. embarrassed

19. The tornado winds blew through the town with a fury. Trees were knocked down and some roofs were blown off of homes. Tim and his mom walked outside their house when the storm settled and just hugged each other tightly.

Tim and his mom most likely:

- a. feel thankful they are okay
- b. haven't ever been in a tornado
- c. can't find their cat

20. Lisa grabbed her bat, glove, and helmet. She tied her shoes and straightened her hat. Good thing her mom reminded her to get her water bottle before she left the house!

Lisa is probably :

- a. going to watch a baseball game
- b. going to play in a baseball game
- c. going to run a race

Part 2 Vocabulary (21-40) 10 marks

Check Your Vocabulary]

The highlighted words are from the unit articles. Guess the meanings of the highlighted words. Then match the words with their definitions.

- _____ Lions and tigers are the two largest *carnivores* in Africa.
- _____ The zebras and gazelles ran through the *plains* of Kenya.
- _____ Visitors can see the ancient dinosaur *fossil* on display in the museum.
- _____ In Egypt, scientists were working on a new *dig*, where they hoped to find old bones.

- a. a special place where scientists dig up and find ancient fossils
- b. the remains of an animal preserved inside an ancient rock
- c. a meat or flesh-eating animal, bird or fish
- d. a flat expanse of dry land with little vegetation

- _____ I have an *advantage* in basketball because I'm so tall.
- _____ Sound waves do not travel in a *vacuum* like space.
- _____ People who use their voice a great deal are prone to have nodules on their *vocal chords*.
- _____ There was a *disturbance* in our neighborhood that kept us from sleeping.
- _____ I forgot to put the ice back in the freezer and it quickly melted into *liquid* water.

- a. an interruption or alteration(usually negative)
- b. a space with no air or gas in it
- c. the state of matter between gas and solid
- d. the part of your throat that produces sound or speech
- e. gain or benefit from something

- _____ The girls had an *impulse* to go shopping at the mall.
- _____ Lying on his surfboard, the *surfer* swam out to the big waves.
- _____ The *conservationists* were trying to protect the gray whales by criticizing whale hunting.
- _____ The rare Beluga caviar is a *delicacy* and prized food in Russia.

- a. a person who rides a surfboard on the ocean waves
- b. someone who is dedicated to saving the environment
- c. a very special and often delicious food that is usually rare
- d. making a quick decision based on an urge or desire

- _____ The wrestler's grip on his opponent was *rock-like* and solid.
- _____ The three-day-old apple had started to *rot* after lying on the kitchen counter.
- _____ Some of the earliest *prehistoric* dinosaurs were fish that learned to walk on land.
- _____ Going to a *buy and sell* website is a great way to find old items at good prices.

- a. the act of purchasing and selling goods
- b. to decay or break down by the action of bacteria
- c. relating to the period before history was recorded
- d. having the consistency or similar features of a rock

- _____ Oil prices *nosedived* to around \$80.
- _____ Out of the corner of her eye, she *perceived* that another person was approaching her.
- _____ Inside the engine, a small part came loose and was *vibrating*, shaking against the side.

- a. to go down suddenly or rapidly fall in value
- b. to make small movements back and forth
- c. to notice or understand something