

Post-test**Part 1: Basic Elements of Writing**

Questions 1–12: Read each sentence and look at the underlined part. It may contain a mistake in word usage, capitalization, or punctuation. Choose the best way to write the underlined part of the sentence. If there is no mistake, choose answer **d**, “Correct as it is.”

- 1 All of my friends looks forward to summer vacation.
(a) is looking
(b) look
(c) looking
(d) Correct as it is
- 2 Most of my friend’s families like to visit national parks.
(a) friend’s family
(b) friends’ families
(c) friends families
(d) Correct as it is
- 3 Last week, Keyshawn telled us about his trip to Yellowstone Park.
(a) told
(b) tell
(c) telling
(d) Correct as it is
- 4 Sara is going to Spain and will definitely enjoy themselves.
(a) itself
(b) herself
(c) themselves
(d) Correct as it is
- 5 Of all the trips we have taken, this one is the better.
(a) well
(b) good
(c) best
(d) Correct as it is
- 6 The Grand Canyon was more deep than I imagined.
(a) deeper
(b) deepest
(c) most deep
(d) Correct as it is
- 7 Vacations in the mountains are fun, so hiking up them can be exhausting.
(a) but
(b) if
(c) for
(d) Correct as it is
- 8 Juan says that one of his favorite places are Georgia.
(a) be
(b) is
(c) were
(d) Correct as it is

- 9 I was total surprised by how blue the water is in the Gulf of Mexico.
- (a) total surprise
 - (b) totally surprising
 - (c) totally surprised
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 10 Jing Mai like to go swimming every morning.
- (a) like going
 - (b) likes to go
 - (c) like to goes
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 11 Mr. Garcia spent two weeks camping in the desert.
- (a) along the desert
 - (b) on the desert
 - (c) at the desert
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 12 Esperanza travels most often than Alex does.
- (a) very often
 - (b) more often
 - (c) oftener
 - (d) Correct as it is

Questions 13–18: Read each question and choose the best answer.

- 13 Which is a complete sentence written correctly?
- (a) First visit to the moon before I was born.
 - (b) Reflecting the sun's light, the moon seen from Earth.
 - (c) When the moon is closest to Earth, it is about 226,000 miles away.
 - (d) The moon, being Earth's closest neighbor in space.
- 14 Which is a run-on sentence and should be written as two sentences?
- (a) We need to recycle more of our trash, pollution affects our environment.
 - (b) We recycle only about 14.1% of our trash.
 - (c) We burn 15.2% of the garbage and pile tons of it in enormous heaps.
 - (d) Unfortunately, 70.7% ends up in the landfills.
- 15 Which is the best way to combine these two sentences?

The first person to step on the moon was Neil Armstrong. He stepped on the moon on July 20, 1969.

- (a) Neil Armstrong the first person to step on the moon on July 20, 1969.
- (b) On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first person to step on the moon.
- (c) On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon first.
- (d) Neil Armstrong on July 20, 1969, the first person to step on the moon.

Part 2: Proofreading and Editing

Questions 21–30: Read the passage and the letter. Look carefully at the underlined parts. They may contain mistakes in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, or word usage. Choose the best way to write each underlined part.

One way to make your writing more exsiting is to use similes? A simile is

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a figure of speech that compares two things using either *like* or *as*. For example, you could write “The branches of the tree hit my window.” But to add imagery to your writing, try this: “The branches tapped at my window like bony fingers.”

Famous boxer Muhammad Ali liked to used similes when he described how he

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fought in the ring. He once said, ‘I float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.’ By

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adding imagery, plane old writing can become something more.

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- 21 (a) egsiting
(b) excited
(c) exciting
(d) Best as it is

- 22 (a) Similes!
(b) similes.
(c) similes,
(d) Best as it is

- 23 (a) his
(b) it
(c) him
(d) Best as it is

- 24 (a) I float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.
(b) (I float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.)
(c) “I float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.”
(d) Best as it is

- 25 (a) plan
(b) plain
(c) plains
(d) Best as it is

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Dear Mr Smith:

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I have always been one of your most faithful customers. I love your granola. However, I do have a complaint. I recently bought a box of your best granola. The box said that it contained crunchy granola with raisins, chocolate chips, and almonds. The rest of the granola was fine. Unfortunately, there were no almonds in the mix at all!

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Imagine my shock and disappointment. I know that youve been in business for many years but I will think twice before buying one of your products again.

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Regards,
 Stella Amaral

- 26 (a) Hershey, Pa 17033
 (b) Hershey. PA 17033
 (c) Hershey, PA 17033
 (d) Best as it is

- 29 (a) you've been
 (b) you're been
 (c) you've been
 (d) Best as it is

- 27 (a) Mr. Smith:
 (b) mr. Smith:
 (c) Mr. smith
 (d) Best as it is

- 30 (a) years: but
 (b) years, but
 (c) years; but
 (d) Best as it is

- 28 (a) raisins chocolate chips, and almonds
 (b) raisins, chocolate chips, and, almonds
 (c) raisins chocolate chips, and, almonds
 (d) Best as it is