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Ohio Achievement Tests



Writing Student Test Booklet Half-Length Practice Test

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Directions:

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 7 Half-Length Writing Practice Test. This is a test of how well you write. Two different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice and writing prompt.

There are several important things to remember:

1. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. Look carefully at graphs or diagrams because they will help you understand the question.
2. The writing prompt is worth 13 points. When responding to it, use a pencil to write your answer neatly and clearly in the space provided in the answer document. Any response you write in the Student Test Booklet will not be scored.
3. Each multiple-choice question is worth one point. For multiple-choice questions, shade in the circle next to your choice in the answer document for that test question. Mark only one choice for each question. Darken completely the circles on the answer document. If you change an answer, make sure that you erase your old answer completely.
4. Plan your time to completely respond to the writing prompt because 13 of the 20 total possible points on this test can be earned by your written response. The writing-prompt question is at the end of the test. You may refer to the question as often as necessary while composing your response.
5. Do not spend too much time on one question. Go on to the next question and return to the question skipped after answering the remaining questions.
6. Check over your work when you are finished.

1. Yesterday my older brother cooked for our family. He cooked macaroni and cheese. It tasted delicious.
- Select the sentence that correctly combines the sentences above.
- A. Yesterday my older brother cooked macaroni and cheese tasted delicious and he cooked it for our family.
 - B. Yesterday my older brother cooked macaroni and cheese for our family, that it tasted delicious.
 - C. Yesterday my older brother cooked delicious macaroni and cheese and that was for our family.
 - D. Yesterday my older brother cooked delicious macaroni and cheese for our family.
2. Which sentence below is a thesis statement for an essay about an imaginary book titled *The Amazing Gift*?
- A. *The Amazing Gift* fails to show readers how to recognize their feelings.
 - B. *The Amazing Gift* can be found in most school libraries.
 - C. *The Amazing Gift* was written by a famous author.
 - D. *The Amazing Gift* was made into a movie.
3. You have been told to interview students in your class about what activities they did during summer vacation and then write a report based on the interviews. After the interviews, you compiled this outline for your report.
- I. Family activities
 - A. Camping and fishing
 - B. Going to amusement parks
 - II. Athletic activities
 - A. Swimming
 - B. Playing team sports
 - III. Vacations out-of-state
 - A. Going to national monuments
 - B. Visiting family
 - IV. Relaxation at home
 - A. Reading
 - B. Playing computer games
- In which section would you write about "Sightseeing in Washington, D.C."?
- A. Section I
 - B. Section II
 - C. Section III
 - D. Section IV

4. Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?
- A. Fortunately he did not hurt himself when he had fell during the game.
 - B. Fortunately he did not hurt himself when he falled during the game.
 - C. Fortunately he did not hurt himself when he falls during the game.
 - D. Fortunately he did not hurt himself when he fell during the game.

5. Use the following guidelines to evaluate the paragraph below.

Singing in the shower is one of the best ways in the world to relieve stress. In the morning, if I am worried about a test, I just turn on the faucet and sing loudly while the water pours over my face. I sing almost every type of music, including gospel and country. However, my favorite kind of music is jazz. Last year, I even went to a concert that featured two trombone players and one trumpeter. It was amazing! By the time my shower is finished, my lungs are tired, and I've forgotten what I was anxious about.

Guidelines:

- 1. The paragraph has a topic sentence.
- 2. The paragraph maintains a consistent focus.
- 3. The sentences within the paragraph have varied structures.
- 4. The paragraph contains details.

According to the guidelines above, what does the writer need to improve when revising this paragraph?

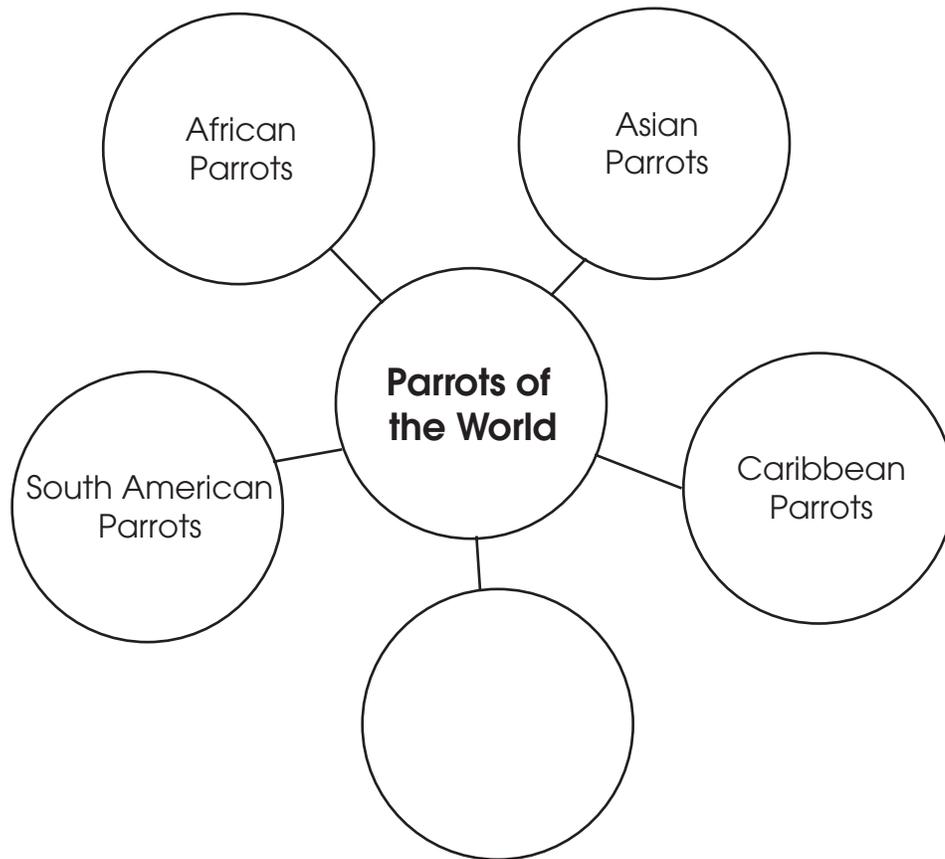
- A. Guideline 1
- B. Guideline 2
- C. Guideline 3
- D. Guideline 4



6. Which sentence uses correct capitalization?
- A. My friend Federico decided to write his social studies class report on the History of the White House in Washington, d.c.
 - B. My friend Federico decided to write his Social Studies class report on the history of the White house in Washington, D.C.
 - C. My friend Federico decided to write his social studies class report on the history of the White House in Washington, D.C.
 - D. My friend Federico decided to write his Social Studies class report on the history of the White house in Washington, d.c.



7. Look at the web below and answer the question.



Molly is going to add a new idea to the empty circle.

Which idea should she put in the circle?

- A. Jungle Parrots
- B. Crested Parrots
- C. Australian Parrots
- D. Seed-Eating Parrots



8. The drama club at your school is holding a car wash to raise money. As the club president, you need to write a letter to the manager of the Golden Egg Supermarket asking to use the supermarket's parking lot for the event. The address of Golden Egg Supermarkets, Inc., is 11526 Don Mills Court, Rockville, OH 57895.

Write a business letter to the general manager, Ms. Cindy Dixon, of Golden Egg Supermarkets. State what you would like the supermarket to do and explain why this would help the drama club. Use appropriate business letter style and formatting. Write your response in the **Answer Document**. (13 points)

Writing Applications Checklist, Business Letter

Check that your response:

- Achieves the purpose for the letter
- Uses the language and format of a business letter
- Is well-organized
- Is written in an engaging style
 - Varies sentence structure
 - Uses effective word choice

Writing Conventions Checklist

Check that your text:

- Uses correct capitalization
- Uses correct punctuation
- Uses correct spelling
- Uses correct grammar

