

# Test Booklet

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1 Which sentence conveys its meaning most vividly?

- A An old woman used her cane as she left her house.
- B A girl walked into the big building to visit somebody.
- C The steely-eyed drill sergeant barked an order at the quaking young recruit.
- D The children took all the toys into the backyard and began playing with them.

2 (1) The library was crowded when we arrived. (2) Gwen searched the alcoves for an unoccupied table, and we unpacked our books in a nook beneath the stairwell on the second floor. (3) I am extremely nervous about tomorrow's test. (4) We studied until the library closed.

Which sentence does not maintain the verb tense used in the rest of the paragraph?

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

3 The moonlight created a bright darkness, casting a silver glow on objects normally invisible in the night.

The underlined words above are an example of which literary device?

- A irony
- B oxymoron
- C alliteration
- D symbolism

4 Which visual aid would best help readers comprehend a report about the devastation caused by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake?

- A a bar graph comparing the cost of equipment that measures earthquake strength to the cost of radar equipment that pinpoints severe storms
- B a chart showing the number of earthquakes recorded throughout California between 1850 and 2000
- C a chain of cause-and-effect relationships demonstrating how earthquake damage occurs
- D a map of the San Andreas Fault line in California

5 Which sentence is **correct**?

- A Because Jo, my best friend, will not give me a ride, I have to walk home.
- B As a result of all the problems and all the frustration that happened.
- C Neither Lynen but also Cally tried very hard on their experiment.
- D The principal gave Martin his award then he went home.

6 Which statement is **most** accurate?

- A Figurative language is used only in poetry.
- B A writer must consider his or her audience.
- C Metaphors should be included in any writing.
- D A writer should not worry about purpose or form.

- 7 Which sentence uses the **most** appropriate language and tone for a letter of application?
- A I have enclosed personal recommendations.
  - B Check out my personal Web site to learn more.
  - C Let's get together tomorrow to talk over my qualifications.
  - D Here's some stuff I have learned to do that meets your needs.
- 8 Which sentence uses commas **correctly**?
- A "I'd like a hamburger and a glass of ice water", I said.
  - B For her birthday, my sister Ruby asked for a bike a CD and a new jacket.
  - C Fred, Jenny's husband, teaches fourth grade at Stony Point Elementary School.
  - D "Imogene please hand me a screwdriver," my dad said from behind the disassembled furnace.