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### Diagnostic Test for Unit 1

Select True if the following statement is correct and False if it is incorrect.

1. The correct order for the steps in the writing process is (1) prewriting, (2) writing, and (3) rewriting. True or false?

- A) True  
B) False

For each of the following sets of subject, audience, and purpose, select the letter of the most appropriate choice for the blank.

2. Subject: a book club  
Audience: people who like to read but are not members of the club  
Purpose:

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- A) to explain how books are made  
B) to convince people to read a book

C) to persuade readers to join the club

3. Subject: reasons to vote for Mayor Teresa Justice, who is running for reelection in Pleasantview

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Audience:

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Purpose: to convince readers to vote for the mayor

- A) people who have not registered to vote  
B) registered voters of Pleasantview who have already decided how they will vote  
C) registered voters of Pleasantview who have not yet decided how they will vote

4. Subject:

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Audience: college students

Purpose: to explain techniques that will help improve performance on an exam

A) reasons to earn a college degree

B) studying for an exam in a college course

C) topics covered on the driver's license exam

Read the paragraph and then answer the questions that follow by selecting the letter of the correct response.

Use the following to answer questions 5-7:

(1) Tigers should not be made to perform in stage shows. (2) Because even well-trained tigers are dangerous wild animals, they pose a serious risk to the people in the audience. (3) Should a tiger suddenly decide to go astray, leave the stage, and attack someone, it could seriously injure or even kill that person with its teeth and claws before it was brought under control again. (4) These animals are a potential danger to their handlers as well, as the public learned when the world's most famous tiger trainer, Roy Horn, was bitten onstage in Las Vegas by a tiger that had been performing for six years. (5) Horn survived

the attack, but he spent weeks in the hospital in critical condition and then months in physical therapy. (6) In 2006, Horn and Siegfried, his partner, were honored with a star on the Las Vegas Walk of Stars. (7) Finally, tigers should not be forced to perform tricks because making them live in small cages and spend their lives entertaining humans is cruel to these beautiful wild cats. (8) Instead, they should be living free in their natural habitat.

5. The topic sentence of this paragraph is  
 A) sentence 1. B) sentence 2. C) sentence 8.

6. What kind of order is used to organize the details in this paragraph?  
 A) time order B) space order C) order of importance

7. Which sentence does not belong in this paragraph?  
 A) sentence 3 B) sentence 6 C) sentence 7

Use the following to answer questions 8 and 9:

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effect of chronic anger is damage to physical health. Men who engage in frequent angry outbursts are three times more likely than men who keep their anger in check to develop cardiovascular disease. One study showed that the angriest young men are six times more likely to suffer heart attacks by age 55. Another serious effect of chronic anger is damage to relationships. Men who have a “short fuse” often take out their anger on their loved ones, which hurts those people and causes them to become resentful or emotionally withdrawn and sometimes even end the relationship. Yet another serious effect is a severe reduction in quality of life. When men cannot effectively manage their anger, they spend too much time feeling irritated, frustrated, and tense, leading to an overall sense of unhappiness about life.

8. Select the letter of the topic sentence that is most accurate.

- A) Some men have trouble managing their anger.
- B) For men, chronic anger has three damaging effects.
- C) Men who suffer from chronic

anger can learn strategies to cope with their feelings.

9. What pattern organizes the details in this paragraph?

- A) process
- B) cause and effect
- C) classification

The topic sentence is followed by several examples. Select the letter of the example that does not clearly illustrate the topic sentence.

10. English borrows words from many other languages.

- A) The Spanish word *la reata* gives us *lariat*, “a rope.”
- B) *Diss* is a term meaning “disrespect.”
- C) The expression *gung ho* comes from the Chinese *keng ho*, which literally means “more fire.”
- D) *Kimono* is the Japanese word

for “thing for wearing.”

Read the essay below and then answer the questions that follow by selecting the letter of the correct response.

### **Fitness One, Two, Three**

(1) Jamie is a college student with a part-time job. Despite her busy schedule, she manages to make time for three to four brisk, hour-long walks every week. This regular exercise definitely helps her stay healthy by strengthening her heart, helping her control her weight, and relieving stress. However, medical experts would tell Jamie that her exercise routine is not quite adequate. For complete physical fitness, most people need three different types of regular exercise.

(2) The first essential type of exercise is cardiovascular, or aerobic, exercise, which is defined as physical activity that uses the large muscles of the body in continuous motion. Walking, jogging, dancing, swimming, and bicycling are some examples of cardiovascular exercise. Its purpose is to strengthen the heart, lungs,

blood vessels, and muscles to make them all work more efficiently.

Therefore, experts usually advise healthy people to include three to four 30-minute sessions of cardiovascular exercise in their weekly fitness programs.

(3) Another type of needed exercise is flexibility exercise, which stretches the muscles and improves the joints' range of motion. Doing fifteen minutes of these exercises every day helps to prevent joint injury, warm up the muscles for more strenuous exercise, and release tension from the body. Yoga and tai chi are good examples of flexibility exercises.

(4) One last important type of exercise is strengthening exercise. Also known as resistance exercise, these physical activities strengthen muscles so that they can better protect the joints from injury. Each exercise is designed to target an individual muscle, forcing it to work harder and thereby strengthening it. This is usually accomplished by lifting weights or by using the resistance machines typically found in gyms and fitness centers a few times a week.

(5) Jamie, therefore, is getting her cardiovascular exercise by walking several times a week. By taking the time to fit in some stretching and strengthening exercises, she will ensure that her fitness routine is complete and even more beneficial.

11. The thesis statement of this essay is

A) Jamie is a college student with a part-time job.

B) This regular exercise definitely helps her stay healthy by strengthening her heart, helping her control her weight, and relieving stress.

C) However, medical experts would tell Jamie that her exercise routine is not quite adequate.

D) For complete physical fitness, most people need three

- different types of regular exercise.
12. The topic sentence of paragraph 2 is
- A) The first essential type of exercise is cardiovascular, or aerobic, exercise, which is defined as physical activity that uses the large muscles of the body in continuous motion.
- B) Walking, jogging, dancing, swimming, and bicycling are some examples of cardiovascular exercise.
- C) Its purpose is to strengthen the heart, lungs, blood vessels, and muscles to make them all work more efficiently.
- D) Therefore, experts usually advise healthy people to include three to four 30-minute sessions of cardiovascular exercise in their weekly fitness programs.
13. The topic sentence of paragraph 3 is
- A) Another type of needed exercise is flexibility exercise, which stretches the muscles and improves the joints' range of motion.
- B) Doing fifteen minutes of these exercises every day helps to prevent joint injury, warm up the muscles for more strenuous exercise, and release tension from the body.
- C) Yoga and tai chi are good examples of flexibility exercises.
14. The topic sentence of paragraph 4 is
- A) One last important type of exercise is strengthening exercise.
- B) Also known as resistance exercise, these physical activities strengthen muscles so that they can better protect the joints from injury.
- C) Each exercise is designed to target an individual muscle, forcing it to work harder and thereby strengthening it.
- D) This is usually accomplished by lifting

weights or by using the resistance machines typically found in gyms and fitness centers a few times a week.

C) prewriting, writing, rewriting

For each of the following sets of subject, audience, and purpose, select the letter of the most appropriate choice for the blank.

2. Subject: planting a tree

Audience:

— Purpose: to explain the correct procedure for planting a tree

A) experienced gardeners

B) people who want to plant a tree for the first time

C) someone interested in building a tree house

3. Subject: a good new Italian restaurant in town

Audience: people who like Italian food and enjoy eating out

Purpose:

— A) to explain how to make pasta from scratch

B) to persuade readers not to go to the new restaurant

C) to convince diners to try the new restaurant

4. Subject:

— Audience: people who have adopted a puppy  
Purpose: to explain a method of housetraining

A) important reasons for

housetraining a new pet

B) things to consider when

choosing a pet

C) the steps in housetraining a pet

5. Subject: the negative effects of cigarette smoking

Audience:

— Purpose: to persuade people to stop smoking

A) smokers

B) people who have never smoked

C) people who once smoked but quit

6. Subject:

— Audience: people who have never donated blood

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## Unit 1, Chapter 1 Exploring the Writing Process FORM A

Select the letter of the correct answer for the following question.

1. Select the correct order for the steps in the writing process.

A) rewriting, prewriting, writing

B) writing, prewriting, rewriting

Purpose: to persuade people to donate blood

- A) the procedure involved in donating blood
- B) reasons to donate blood
- C) the drawbacks of donating blood

7. Subject: the traditional places for the participants in a wedding ceremony

Audience: the bride, the groom, and members of a wedding party

Purpose:

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- A) to explain where participants should stand during the wedding ceremony
- B) to persuade the bride and groom to get married in a church
- C) to inform married couples about wedding traditions

Read the paragraphs and then answer the questions that follow by selecting the letter of the correct response.

Use the following to answer questions 8-10:

By joining the army, your son or daughter can make a difference in the world and receive many benefits. First, by serving the country and protecting our freedoms, your son or daughter will be building a better future for others and for him- or herself—a future full of pride, honor, and opportunities. The benefits don't end there. No matter where your son's or daughter's interests lie, the Army offers expert training in a wide range of careers: 120 in the Army Reserve and 150 in active Army. Whether he or she chooses to explore a new career or strengthen a current one, hands-on experience will provide an edge. The Army also makes college affordable. Education can be costly, but the Army offers rich benefits that can significantly lessen the financial burden. These include offering money for college, college loan repayment programs and other academic incentives. In addition, your son or daughter will experience personal growth. By joining the Army, he or she will gain

valuable interpersonal skills, such as teamwork, time management, problem-solving skills and professionalism. He or she will be challenged to accept a new sense of discipline and responsibility. Army training can turn your young adult into a Soldier. Fueled by honor, pride, ability and strength, he or she can achieve great things.

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C) assure new Army recruits that they made the right choice.

Use the following to answer questions 11-13:

Casting a vote is really a series of steps, sometimes confusing to the first-time voter. When you get to your polling place, you will probably need to wait in line to check in. The poll worker will ask for your name to see if you're on the list of registered voters in your area. Depending on your area, you may be asked to show a valid photo ID with your name and address at which you are registered, or a photo ID and proof of residency (for example, a utility bill, pay stub, or other government document with your current address). After your residency has been confirmed, you will sign your name on a list. Next, a poll worker will show you to a small booth with a curtain or dividers, which keep your voting experience private. Then, depending on the state where you live, you will fill out a paper ballot, punch a card, or use an electronic voting machine to cast your vote. After

explaining how you should mark your ballot or work the voting machine, the poll worker will leave you to make your selections. When you are finished, the poll worker may check your ballot to make sure that it correctly shows your votes and then have you place it in a sealed box. Finally, at the end of the day, your vote will be counted!

8. This paragraph was written for an audience of  
A) parents. B) teachers. C) people who have joined the Army.

9. The subject of this paragraph is  
A) finding a rewarding career. B) joining the Army. C) helping people.

10. The purpose of this paragraph is to  
A) persuade young adults to join the Army.  
B) persuade parents that the Army is a good career choice for their children.

11. This paragraph was written for an audience of  
A) candidates running for office.  
B) people who have never voted before.  
C) new employees at polling places.

12. The subject of this paragraph is  
A) how to cast a vote.  
B) how to register to vote.  
C) how to work at the polls during an election.

13. The purpose of this paragraph is to  
A) persuade readers about the importance of voting in elections.



B) inform  
readers about  
politics in America.

C) inform  
readers about the  
procedures  
involved in casting  
a vote.

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## Unit 1, Chapter 1 Exploring the Writing Process FORM B

Select the letter of the correct answer for each of the following questions.

1. Clustering is a task that should be completed during which step of the writing process?

- A) prewriting  
B) writing C)  
rewriting

2. Correcting grammar and spelling errors is a task that should be completed during which step of the writing process?

- A) prewriting  
B) writing C)  
rewriting

3. Arranging ideas in a plan or outline is a task that should be completed during which step of the writing process?

- A) prewriting  
B) writing C)  
rewriting

4. Writing a final draft is a task that should be performed during which step of the writing process?

- A) prewriting  
B) writing C)  
rewriting

For each of the following sets of subject, audience, and purpose, select the letter of the most appropriate choice for the blank.

5. Subject: home remedies for the common cold

Audience: people who have a cold

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- A) to persuade sick people that they should stay home from work  
B) to convince people who have a cold to go see a doctor  
C) to explain to those with a cold how they can make themselves feel better

6. Subject: the negative impact of TV violence on young children

Audience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: to persuade readers to limit children's access to violent TV shows

- A) young children  
B) parents  
C) people who don't have children

7. Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Audience: hikers who don't know much about plants

Purpose: to explain the identifying features of a poison ivy plant

- A) the benefits of hiking B) recognizing poison ivy C) reasons to avoid poison ivy

8. Subject: swinging a golf club

Audience: people who have just begun playing golf

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- A) to persuade people to try golf  
B) to explain how to swing a golf club effectively  
C) to inform readers about how golf clubs are made

9. Subject: studying in a group versus studying alone

Audience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: to convince readers that studying in a group is often better than studying alone

- A) college students
- B) college graduates
- C) college professors

10. Subject:

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Audience: people who need to lose weight

Purpose: to convince people to eat foods low in fat

- A) the drawbacks of being overweight
- B) the causes of overeating
- C) the benefits of a low-fat diet

Read the paragraphs and then answer the questions that follow by selecting the letter of the correct response.

Use the following to answer questions 11-13:

Many e-mail users receive annoying amounts of junk mail, or “spam.” Experts recommend five ways to reduce the amount of spam in the in-box. First of all, an e-mail address should not be displayed in public. That includes in

newsgroups, chat rooms, websites, or online services' membership directories. Second, computer users should check the privacy policy when they submit an address to a website to see if it allows the company to sell the address. Opting out of this provision, if possible, or deciding not to submit an address at all to a website that won't protect it are both good ways to prevent spam. Using two e-mail addresses, one for personal messages and one for newsgroups and chat rooms, is a third way to cut down on spam. A separate, disposable e-mail address can forward e-mail to a permanent account. When one of the disposable addresses begins to receive spam, it can be shut off without affecting the permanent address. Fourth, experts recommend using a unique e-mail address. The choice of e-mail addresses may affect the amount of spam received because spammers use “dictionary attacks” to sort through possible name combinations at large Internet Service Providers (ISPs) or e-mail services, hoping to find a valid address. Thus, a common name such as jd51x02oe may get more spam than a more

unique name like jd51x02oe. Fifth and finally, installing an e-mail filter can provide a tool to filter out potential spam or a way to channel spam into a bulk e-mail folder. These options should affect the choice of which ISP to use.

11. This paragraph was written for an audience of

- A) people who send junk e-mail messages (spammers).
- B) computer users.
- C) people who market products.

12. The subject of this paragraph is

- A) e-mail.
- B) the features of spam.
- C) reducing spam e-mail messages.

13. The purpose of this paragraph is to

- A) explain how to reduce spam e-mail messages.
- B) inform readers about spam.
- C) convince spammers to stop sending spam.

Use the following to answer questions 14-16:

When a hurricane is bearing down on your

city, you may find it tempting to ignore the advice of emergency personnel and ride out the storm in your own home. However, if you are in a hurricane's path and have been urged to evacuate, you should always make the choice to leave the area if you are able to do so. Hurricanes are powerful forces of nature with high winds and storm surges that quickly destroy property and sometimes kill thousands of people. You will risk the lives of yourself and your family members if you remain in your home despite orders to evacuate. Even if you do survive the storm and your home is left intact, the storm's damage to your community may create a new set of hardships that put your family's health and safety at risk. You may be without electricity or clean water for days. Stores may be closed, and you may be unable to obtain food or gasoline. Roads and bridges may be washed away, cutting you off from your sources of supplies. If you decide to stay in your home because you're worried about your deserted house being a target for thieves, remember that you can take many of your valuables with you when

you go, and your remaining material possessions should be covered by your homeowners insurance plan. Don't ever risk your life to protect a bunch of things that are replaceable.

14. This paragraph was written for an audience of
- A) emergency personnel who give evacuation orders.
  - B) people who would choose not to evacuate when a hurricane is approaching.
  - C) people who live in the city.
15. The subject of this paragraph is
- A) hurricanes.
  - B) the types of damage caused by hurricanes.
  - C) reasons to evacuate when a hurricane is nearing.
16. The purpose of this paragraph is to
- A) inform people about hurricanes.
  - B) convince people to evacuate when a hurricane is approaching.
  - C) persuade readers to prepare for hurricanes.

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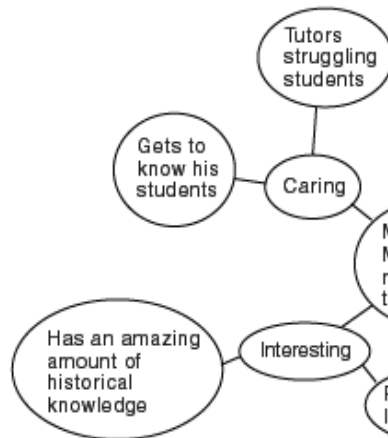
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## Unit 1, Chapter 2 Prewriting to Generate Ideas FORM A

Select the letter of the answer that correctly identifies each type of prewriting.

Use the following to answer question 1:

Use the following to answer question 2:



beach, they play on the hard-packed sand with the strong, salty ocean breezes blowing and new discoveries every day along the sand.

3. The prewriting above is  
A) focused freewriting. B) brainstorming. C) clustering.

Select the letter of the correct answer.

2. The prewriting above is

- Ways I could get more exercise every day  
A) focused freewriting. B) brainstorming. C) clustering.  
Jog—some mornings.  
Walk dog farther every evening.  
Take stairs, not elevator.  
Park car farther away from work.  
Do isometric exercises while driving.  
Stretch while watching TV.  
Spend half my lunch hour walking.

Use the following to answer question 3:

4. Which of the following is characteristic of the freewriting technique?  
A) a list of words and phrases  
B) associations branching out from a topic in the center  
C) nonstop writing in the form of sentences or parts of sentences

1. The prewriting above is  
A) focused freewriting. B) brainstorming. C) clustering.

Summer is my twins' favorite season of the year. They love the long, bright, sunny days and the nights lit with fireflies. They like wearing shorts, T-shirts, and sandals. They even enjoy eating all fresh fruits and vegetables that are available this time of year. Juicy watermelon is one of their favorites. They love to swim and cool off in the pool and at the shore as much as possible. On the

5. Which of the following is a characteristic of the brainstorming technique?  
A) a list of words and phrases  
B) associations branching out from a topic in the center  
C) nonstop writing in the form of sentences or parts of sentences

6. Which of the following is a characteristic of the clustering technique?

A) a list of words and phrases

B) associations branching out from a topic in the center

C) nonstop writing in the form of sentences or parts of sentences

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## Unit 1, Chapter 2 Prewriting to Generate Ideas FORM B

Select the letter of the answer that correctly identifies each type of prewriting.

Use the following to answer question 1:

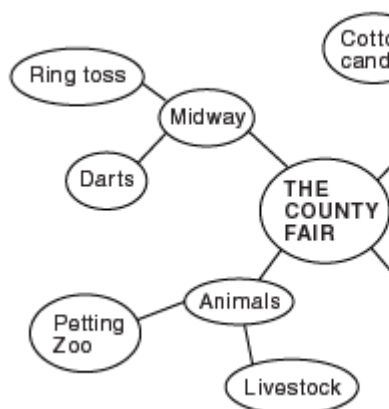
I've made some bad decisions in my life. Made some good ones, too. Moving to California turned out to be a good choice. I love the weather here. Back in Michigan, it was cold, snowy, and gloomy, but here it's almost always warm and sunny. I've got a better job and I've met interesting people, made great friends. I do miss some of my family members, but they like visiting me here so I see them pretty often. My cousin Benito is even thinking about moving out here himself. He should. He'd like it, I think, as much as I do.

1. The prewriting above is  
 A) focused freewriting.  
 B) brainstorming.  
 C) clustering.

stretching  
 relieves stress  
 soft, soothing music  
 instructor calling out poses  
 slow, flowing movements

C)

Use the following to answer question 2:



2. The prewriting above is  
 A) focused freewriting.  
 B) brainstorming.  
 C) clustering.

Use the following to answer question 3:

### My Yoga Class

relaxation  
 improves flexibility  
 dim lighting  
 focus on breathing  
 balance exercises

3. The prewriting above is  
 A) focused freewriting.  
 B) brainstorming.  
 C) clustering.

For each of the following questions, select the letter of the correct answer.

4. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of the freewriting technique?  
 A) writing without stopping  
 B) writing complete sentences using correct grammar and spelling  
 C) writing for five or ten minutes

5. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of the brainstorming technique?  
 A) writing words and phrases  
 B) jotting down ideas in the form of a list  
 C) writing down only the best ideas

6. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of the clustering technique?  
 A) writing down ideas all over the page, in no particular order

B) writing one  
idea or topic in the center  
of the paper

C) making  
associations and  
writing ideas down  
in groups that  
branch out from the  
center