

Communication Arts
Power Standard 7:7 & 7:8 (combined)
Pre-Formative Assessment

1. Which of the following examples of dialogue is punctuated correctly?
 - A. "Why do you want to know," asked Mary.
 - B. "Stop running in the hall!" yelled the principal.
 - C. Bob said: "I need to take a nap this afternoon."
 - D. Sally asked, "Could I borrow a pencil."

2. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
 - A. Fire provided, warmth; but it was also dangerous.
 - B. Fire provided warmth; but it was also dangerous.
 - C. Fire provided warmth, it was also dangerous.
 - D. Fire provided warmth; it was also dangerous.

3. Which of the following examples of dialogue is capitalized correctly?
 - A. "Who fed the dog last night," Asked Dad?
 - B. Dad asked, "who fed the dog last night?"
 - C. "Hey," Dad said, "who fed the dog last night?"
 - D. "Hey," Dad said, "Who fed the dog last night?"

4. Which of the following sentences is written in Standard English?
 - A. Everybody in the violin section moved his or her bow.
 - B. The musicians picked up their instruments and bowed.
 - C. Each of the musicians was grateful for his or her training.
 - D. Each musician has their own special playing style.

Read the following passage and answer questions 5 and 6.

A colossal structure rises from the Egyptian desert near Cairo. It has been there for forty-five centuries. The ancient Greeks regarded it as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. ¹It will amaze future generations.

Scientists have studied this structure, called the Great Pyramid of Khufu. It was constructed of 2 ½ ton blocks of stone. Somehow, without heavy machinery, the Egyptians piled more than 2 million of those huge blocks into a pyramid almost 40 stories high.

²In preparation for building, they have to smooth 13 acres of land into a perfectly level surface. They also had to drag the stone blocks from quarries on sleds. Today, all of the blocks still fit together perfectly. After many centuries, nobody has quite figured out all the techniques they used. The Great Pyramid will probably remain mysterious forever.

5. Which of the following is the best way to write the underlined sentence, number 1?
 - A. It amazes generations.
 - B. It will have amazed future generations.
 - C. It has amazed generations.
 - D. best as is

6. Which of the following is the best way to write the underline sentence, number 2?
 - A. In preparation for building, they will have had to smooth 13 acres of land into a perfectly level surface.
 - B. In preparation for building, they smooth 13 acres of land into a perfectly level surface.
 - C. In preparation for building, they had to smooth 13 acres of land into a perfectly level surface.
 - D. best as is

7. Which of the following words is spelled **INCORRECTLY**?
 - A. impossible
 - B. recieved
 - C. nurseries
 - D. consistently

8. Which of the following words is spelled CORRECTLY?
- A. guarantee
 - B. resturant
 - C. posessed
 - D. considerite
9. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
- A. The dogs were angry but they weren't barking.
 - B. The shopping center was crowded; with cars.
 - C. The school released early, but parents didn't know.
 - D. The actress had a cold; she performed anyway.
10. Which of the following sentences is written in Standard English?
- A. People need to take their dogs to the vet regularly.
 - B. Everyone needs to take their dog to the vet regularly.
 - C. Everybody was enjoying their vacation to Florida.
 - D. Each person enjoyed their vacation to Florida.
11. What is best definition of the word propaganda?
- A. Propaganda is descriptive language, such as imagery, simile, and metaphor.
 - B. Propaganda is written language that uses pronouns and adjectives effectively.
 - C. Propaganda is language that tries to persuade people to act without thinking carefully.
 - D. Propaganda is language an author uses to express his/her viewpoint on a subject.

Read the following two newspaper articles from the *Renville Daily News* and answer question 12.

“Renville’s Art Scene Booming”

In a city report released today, the Cultural Commission announced that Renville’s art scene is booming. Commission chairwoman Maisie Jones told reporters, “Six years ago our city had just one art gallery and a small theater company. Today, Renville is buzzing with creative activity.” Renville is now home to more than two dozen arts-related organizations, including dance groups, a slam poetry project, art galleries, three theater companies, and even a mime troupe.

Not everyone is happy with the change, however. One resident complained, “There are some coffee shops. I simply don’t go to anymore because the art and poetry has taken over. And don’t even get me started on the mimes!”

“New Play a Delight”

Last night I saw the Renville Community Theater’s new play, “Apples for Anna.” It was a delightful evening of entertainment. Playwright Jonah Gould has created witty dialogue and engaging characters. In the leading role of Anna, actress Keisha Jefferson proves that she has great comic timing. I was also impressed by the colorful, creative sets designed by Ichiro Tanaka. In short, my recommendation to theatergoers is to buy your tickets now for “Apples for Anna.” The light-hearted comedy is sure to be a hit for this exciting local theater company.

12. Which of the articles provides the most reliable information?
- A. “Renville’s Art Scene is Booming” is most reliable because it provides two first-hand accounts about the issue.
 - B. “Renville’s Art Scene is Booming” is most reliable because it lists the dozens of art related organizations.
 - C. “New Play a Delight” is most reliable because the author uses a lot of descriptive words such as “colorful, creative sets.”
 - D. “New Play a Delight” is most reliable because the author offers his/her opinion such as “it was a delightful evening of entertainment.”