

3RD GRADE WRITING PRACTICE TEST

For questions 1 through 4, fill in the circle for the answer you choose.

1. Read the sentence.

She was late again.

Choose the correct way to write the sentence as a question.

- (A) Was she late again?
 - (B) She late again?
 - (C) Again she late?
 - (D) Late she was again?
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2. Which sentence has the correct end punctuation?

- (A) What did he want.
 - (B) Where was the movie.
 - (C) Why did you do that.
 - (D) Please let me see it.
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3. Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- (A) We took a bus to dimond center.
- (B) Joe and i went to the movies.
- (C) Anchorage is a great place to live.
- (D) when can we go ice skating?

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4. Read the paragraph. The sentences are out of order.

¹I jumped when I heard the knock at the door. ²I opened the door and gave my grandmother a big hug. ³Mom had warned me never to open the door to a stranger. ⁴I got a stool and looked through the peek-hole in the door.

If the sentences were placed in the correct order, which sentence would be **last**?

- (A) Sentence 1
- (B) Sentence 2
- (C) Sentence 3
- (D) Sentence 4

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Read the story. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the story to answer questions 5 through 10.

¹Every weekend I walk over to my grandmother’s house for our special time together. ²Together we go through her cookbook and choose what kind of cookies that we will make for the coming week?

³Grandmother spreads out the recipe book; it is my job to measure all the flour, sugar, spices, and raisins or chocolate chips. ⁴Grandmother starts the mixer and when it is time i pour in the right amount of each ingredient. ⁵When the dough is ready we put it on the cookie sheets and then Grandmother slides them into the oven. ⁶I set the timer so we will know when to take the cookies out of the oven? ⁷I love peeking in the oven and watching the cookies bubble up and turn a beautiful Golden Brown. ⁸When the timer dings Grandmother carefully removes them from the oven and slides in the next cookies sheets. ⁹Then she slips the cookies onto cooling racks as the smell of fresh baked cookies fills the air. ¹⁰When we finish our cooking and cleaning up, we sit down together to share a snack of our homemade cookies and milk.

5. Read the sentence.

I get to help her make the cookies that she takes with her to the Senior Center.

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 1
- (B) after Sentence 3
- (C) after Sentence 5
- (D) after Sentence 7

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6. Which change should be made to Sentence 2?
- (A) Change the word cookbook to Cookbook.
 - (B) Change the word cookies to Cookies.
 - (C) Change the question mark (?) to a period (.).
 - (D) No change is needed.

7. Read Sentence 4.

Grandmother starts the mixer and when it is time i pour in the right amount of each ingredient.

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Which part of the sentence has a mistake?

- (A) Part 1
 - (B) Part 2
 - (C) Part 3
 - (D) Part 4
8. Choose the **best** sentence to add to the end of the story.
- (A) I love my family and my many friends a lot.
 - (B) I love this time Grandmother and I spend together every weekend.
 - (C) My mom has a beautiful smile and a great laugh.
 - (D) My friends love to eat cookies and milk.
9. Which change should be made to Sentence 6?
- (A) Change the question mark (?) to a period (.).
 - (B) Change the word timer to Timer.
 - (C) Change the word cookies to Cookies.
 - (D) No change is needed.

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10. Read Sentence 4.

I love peeking in the oven and watching the cookies bubble up and

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turn a beautiful Golden Brown.

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Which part of the sentence has a mistake?

- (A) Part 1
- (B) Part 2
- (C) Part 3
- (D) Part 4

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For questions 11 through 12, fill in the circle for the answer you choose.

11. Which sentence is written correctly?

- (A) When snow conditions are good, we like riding our snow machines.
 - (B) When snow conditions are good, we like riding our snow machines?
 - (C) When Snow conditions are good, we like riding our Snow Machines?
 - (D) When Snow conditions are good, we like riding our Snow Machines.
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12. Which sentence has the correct end punctuation?

- (A) I didn't know his name or address?
- (B) How did you get to school this morning?
- (C) I asked if I could borrow his pencil?
- (D) I wondered if there would be school today?

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Read the story. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the story to answer questions 13 through 18.

¹Everyone always assumed it would be Susan Butcher who would be the first woman to win Alaska’s greatest dogsled race. ²She had proven lots of times that women were capable of competing with and defeating men in the Iditarod? ³Many people felt that if a moose hadn’t hurt 13 and killed two of her Dogs in 1985, that Susan would have been the first woman to win The Last Great Race on Earth.

⁴That same year, a raging storm outside of Shaktoolik, helped Libby Riddles become the first woman to win the Iditarod. ⁵Libby lived and trained on Alaska’s Western Coast where she and her dogs were used to fighting strong winds, cold temperatures, blowing snow, and poor visibility. ⁶In a daring move, Libby mushed her dogs out into the blizzard while all the other mushers were forced to stay in town? ⁷Three days later Libby reached nome and became the first woman to win Alaska’s greatest dogsled race.

13. Read the sentence.

Susan showed she could beat the men by being the first woman to finish the Iditarod in the top 20, the top 10, and the top five.

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 2
- (B) after Sentence 4
- (C) after Sentence 5
- (D) after Sentence 6

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14. Which change should be made to Sentence 2?

- (A) Change the word women to Women.
- (B) Change the word men to Men.
- (C) Change the question mark (?) to a period (.).
- (D) No change is needed.

15. Read Sentence 3.

Many people felt that if a moose hadn't hurt 13 and killed two of her Dogs in 1985,

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that Susan would have been the first woman to win The Last Great Race on Earth.

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Which part of the sentence has a mistake?

- (A) Part 1
- (B) Part 2
- (C) Part 3
- (D) Part 4

16. Read the sentence.

By mushing out into that dangerous snowstorm Libby and her dogs built up a lead that no other musher could beat.

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 4
- (B) after Sentence 5
- (C) after Sentence 6
- (D) after Sentence 7

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17. Which change should be made to Sentence 6?
- Ⓐ Change the word blizzard to Blizzard.
 - Ⓑ Change the word mushers to Mushers.
 - Ⓒ Change the question mark (?) to a period (.
 - Ⓓ No change is needed.
18. Choose the **best** sentence to add to the end of the story.
- Ⓐ She smiled at the dogs as they howled at the moon.
 - Ⓑ The girls really love mushing dogs across the tundra.
 - Ⓒ She looked at the dogs running around in circles.
 - Ⓓ She shocked everyone with her daring win.

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21. Read the sentence.

They are here already.

Choose the correct way to write the sentence as a question.

- (A) Here they are already?
- (B) Are they here already?
- (C) Already they are here?
- (D) They already here?

22. Read the paragraph. The sentences are out of order.

¹My thirst was quenched, my throat felt cool and wet. ²I thought I would die of thirst after our big basketball game. ³Each time I ran up and down the court my throat was dry and burning. ⁴When Sam's mom set the box of juice on the floor and said, "Have at it, kids!" I drank the whole thing at once and felt so relieved.

If the sentences were placed in the correct order, which sentence would be **last**?

- (A) Sentence 1
- (B) Sentence 2
- (C) Sentence 3
- (D) Sentence 4

23. Which sentence has the correct end punctuation?

- (A) I didn't know which school he went to?
- (B) Did you see him at the park yesterday?
- (C) She said we would go when it got dark?
- (D) She asked if the tardy bell had rung?

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24. Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- Ⓐ They rode their bikes to the Northway Mall.
- Ⓑ what kind of candy do you like best?
- Ⓒ George and i took our time walking to school.
- Ⓓ I love going swinging at the west high pool.

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Read the story. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the story to answer questions 25 through 30.

¹My mother and I sat on the couch reading together. ²The snow outside slowly drifted to the ground but the fire on the hearth kept us warm and toasty inside?

³Suddenly, the house shook and a loud thumping and bumping noise sounded from downstairs. ⁴THUMP, BUMP, THUMP! ⁵My mother jumped up and ran downstairs shouting, “Oh No, not again!”

⁶I cautiously followed my mother downstairs. ⁷I found her in the laundry room bent over the open washing machine. ⁸She was muttering to herself, “These blankets always do this!” ⁹When I asked her what had made that awful banging noise? ¹⁰She explained that the load of sheets and blankets in the washing machine had gotten out of balance, during the spin cycle, causing the washing machine to bump and bang loudly. ¹¹She showed me how to rearrange the load so that it was more evenly balanced. ¹²When we shut the lid on the washing machine a quiet hum greeted our Ears.

25. Read the sentence.

I leaned my head back and closed my eyes to get a clearer picture, in my mind, of words my mother was reading.

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 2
- (B) after Sentence 6
- (C) after Sentence 8
- (D) after Sentence 10

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26. Which change should be made to Sentence 2?

- (A) No change is needed.
- (B) Change the question mark (?) to a period (.).
- (C) Change the word cookbook to Outside.
- (D) Change the word hearth to Hearth.

27. Read Sentence 4.

My mother jumped up and ran downstairs shouting, “Oh No, not again!”
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Which part of the sentence has a mistake?

- (A) Part 1
- (B) Part 2
- (C) Part 3
- (D) Part 4

28. Choose the **best** sentence to add to the end of the story.

- (A) My mother and I were soon snuggled on the couch reading.
- (B) My family and I have fun together on the weekends.
- (C) My father and I enjoy spending quiet time together.
- (D) My friends and I love to go snowboarding together.

29. Which change should be made to Sentence 9?

- (A) Change the word what to What.
- (B) Change the word banging to Banging.
- (C) Change the question mark (?) to a period (.).
- (D) No change is needed.

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30. Read Sentence 12.

When we shut the lid on the washing machine a quiet hum greeted our Ears.

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Which part of the sentence has a mistake?

- (A) Part 1
- (B) Part 2
- (C) Part 3
- (D) Part 4

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For questions 31 through 33, fill in the circle for the answer you choose.

31. Read the paragraph. The sentences are out of order.

¹I shook the box to see if I could tell what was inside. ²I ripped off the big bow and tore open the wrapping paper. ³When Mom handed me my birthday present I couldn't wait to open it. ⁴When I open the lid I shouted, "It's just what I wanted!"

If the sentences were placed in the correct order, which sentence would be **first**?

- (A) Sentence 1
- (B) Sentence 2
- (C) Sentence 3
- (D) Sentence 4

32. Which sentence has the correct end punctuation?

- (A) He didn't know where to find his pencil?
- (B) He asked if he could use the restroom?
- (C) He wondered what we were having for lunch?
- (D) How did he feel after eating his lunch?

33. Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- (A) Where was the class going on their Field Trip?
- (B) When is the play at West High School?
- (C) They saw Snow on the mountain tops.
- (D) They took the bus down tudor road.

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Read the story. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the story to answer questions 34 through 39.

¹Last year in science I learned some interesting things about worms. ²I learned that worms stay underground so that they can keep their skin from drying up. ³I discovered their skin is covered with slimy, slippery mucus that lets them breathe and drink through their skin.

⁴When I was little, my Brother told me that if I saw a dead worm in a puddle after it rained that the worm had drowned. ⁵The book said that those worm's skin had been hurt by the sunlight and that the sun's rays had killed them.

⁶This year, I read a book that said Ants are very strong for their size. ⁷Last year, though, I remember reading that worms are actually one of strongest animals around for their size. ⁸I read that worms can move pebbles and rocks that are up to Fifty times their own weight.

34. Read the sentence.

The book I read said that is not true.

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 2
- (B) after Sentence 4
- (C) after Sentence 6
- (D) after Sentence 8

35. Which change should be made to Sentence 4?

- (A) Change the word When to when.
- (B) Change the word Brother to brother.
- (C) Change the period (.) to a question mark (?).
- (D) No change is needed.

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36. Read Sentence 6.

This year, I read a book that said Ants are very strong for their size.

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Which part of the sentence has a mistake?

- (A) Part 1
- (B) Part 2
- (C) Part 3
- (D) Part 4

37. Read the sentence.

Wow, that is strong!

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 2
- (B) after Sentence 4
- (C) after Sentence 6
- (D) after Sentence 8

38. Which change should be made to Sentence 8?

- (A) Change the word Fifty to fifty.
- (B) Change the period (.) to an exclamation mark (!).
- (C) Change the period (.) to a question mark (?).
- (D) No change is needed.

39. Choose the **best** sentence to add to the end of the story.

- (A) I see many worms.
- (B) I see worms wiggle.
- (C) I like worms.
- (D) I wish I were that strong.

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For questions 40 through 44, fill in the circle for the answer you choose.

40. Read the paragraph. The sentences are out of order.

¹I pushed off and glided across the ice. ²I sat down on the bench and looked out at the frozen pond. ³I pushed my toes into my new ice skates. ⁴My fingers trembled as I laced up my skates.

If the sentences were placed in the correct order, which sentence would be **last**?

- (A) Sentence 1
- (B) Sentence 2
- (C) Sentence 3
- (D) Sentence 4

41. Read the sentence.

We will go now.

Choose the correct way to write the sentence as a question.

- (A) We go now?
- (B) Go now will we?
- (C) Will we go now?
- (D) Now go we will?

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42. Read the paragraph. The sentences are out of order.

¹I washed my hands with soap and water. ²I rushed to the table and slid into my chair. ³Mom had cooked my favorite meal and I couldn't wait to dig in. ⁴When Mom called me into supper I was starving.

If the sentences were placed in the correct order, which sentence would be **first**?

- (A) Sentence 1
 - (B) Sentence 2
 - (C) Sentence 3
 - (D) Sentence 4
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43. Which sentence has the correct end punctuation?

- (A) will you finish your homework in time.
 - (B) When was the talent show going to start.
 - (C) Did you feel safe under the covers.
 - (D) His two favorite colors were red and blue.
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44. Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- (A) where was their favorite place to go camping?
- (B) Sarah and i went to 5th Avenue Mall together.
- (C) They looked both ways before crossing the street.
- (D) I saw lots of Eagles soaring above the river.

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Read the story. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the story to answer questions 45 through 50.

¹Summer is my favorite time of year. ²I love going camping. ³I enjoy helping my family load up our old pop-top camper van. ⁴Once we are on the road, I can't wait until it's my turn to choose the music that we get to listen to.

⁵When we finally pull into the campground at King Mountain, I can't wait to finish setting up our favorite campsite. ⁶I love the special view of the river from my bed in the top of the camper and the sound of the water rushing by. ⁷I really enjoy going down the riverbank and having rock skipping contests with my Brother and Sister. ⁸I'm getting better and better at finding the flattest rocks and flipping them across the water.

⁹I like gathering wood for our evening fire. ¹⁰After we stuff ourselves with hot dogs and some more, I enjoy just watching the flames dance across the logs. ¹¹I get a warm feeling inside as we sit around the campfire singing songs and telling stories. ¹²When I finally crawl into my sleeping bag, in the loft of the van, I feel cozy and warm.

45. Read the sentence.

I adore singing along to my favorite tunes.

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 1
- (B) after Sentence 2
- (C) after Sentence 3
- (D) after Sentence 4

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50. Read Sentence 12.

when I finally crawl into my sleeping bag, in the loft of the van,

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I feel cozy and warm.

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Which part of the sentence has a mistake?

- (A) Part 1
- (B) Part 2
- (C) Part 3
- (D) Part 4

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For questions 51 through 53, fill in the circle for the answer you choose.

51. Read the paragraph. The sentences are out of order.

¹I begged my mother all week to go swimming. ²Finally, she had said, “Yes!” ³I smiled as the water surrounded me. ⁴I hurriedly changed into my swimsuit, shuffled into the shower, and happily closed my eyes.

If the sentences were placed in the correct order, which sentence would be **last**?

- (A) Sentence 1
- (B) Sentence 2
- (C) Sentence 3
- (D) Sentence 4

52. Which sentence has the correct end punctuation?

- (A) Will they get to go out to recess today?
- (B) They wondered who their teacher would be?
- (C) They asked if they could leave early?
- (D) They didn't know the words to the song?

53. Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

- (A) Have you been to fairbanks yet?
- (B) The Teacher heard her class talking.
- (C) She begged to go swimming at H₂Oasis.
- (D) The bus driver turned onto minnesota drive.

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Read the story. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the story to answer questions 54 through 59.

¹When I got out of bed this morning there was a moose in my backyard. ²I was amazed at the hugeness of the moose’s velvety, palm-shaped antlers. ³His long spindly legs had obviously allowed him to step over the chain length fence that ran around our backyard. ⁴When he folded his front legs so that he could munch on the Crab Apples laying in the grass he looked like a priest in prayer. ⁵His hind-end raised high in the air however, made him look funny. ⁶I couldn’t help but laugh, to myself, at the sight of this majestic creature in such undignified position. ⁷As he knelt in the grass his bell, that soft flap of skin and fur that hung from his throat, brushed the ground. ⁸His lips would curl around the juicy fruit. ⁹He would raise his head slightly to look and listen alertly to the dogs in our neighbor’s backyard, as he chewed his tasty treats. ¹⁰When he got tired of eating the apples he ambled over to the mountain ash in the corner of the yard. ¹¹Where he stood on his hind legs to reach up and grab the ripe red berries? ¹²He then dosed happily in the morning sun, ears twitching every now and then at the sounds of the neighborhood.

54. Read the sentence.

The tangs on his antlers looked like short, pointed fingers.

Choose the **best** place to add the sentence.

- (A) after Sentence 1
- (B) after Sentence 2
- (C) after Sentence 3
- (D) after Sentence 4

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58. Which change should be made to Sentence 11?
- Ⓐ Change the question mark (?) to a period (.).
 - Ⓑ Change the words hind legs to Hind Legs.
 - Ⓒ Change the words red berries to Red Berries.
 - Ⓓ No change is needed.
59. Choose the **best** sentence to add to the end of the story.
- Ⓐ The moose took a flying leap over the fence.
 - Ⓑ I like to see moose rolling around in the grass.
 - Ⓒ I like to run and play in my beautiful backyard.
 - Ⓓ The moose was the perfect picture of watchful contentment.

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For question 60, fill in the circle for the answer you choose.

60. Read the paragraph. The sentences are out of order.

¹I crossed the laces and pulled them tight. ²I pushed my toes into my new tennis shoes. ³I made 'rabbit ears' just like my dad had showed me. ⁴I tied the rabbit ears together and ran out to play with my friend.

If the sentences were placed in the correct order, which sentence would be **first**?

- (A) Sentence 1
- (B) Sentence 2
- (C) Sentence 3
- (D) Sentence 4

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