

7th GRADE WRITING PRACTICE TEST

Mark your answers on the answer sheet provided at the back of the test.

1. Which sentence is written correctly?
- A The rock banned played songs that were band from the dance.
 - B During his physical, Alex growned to learn how little he had groan.
 - C I am allowed to leave class after I say my speech aloud.
 - D Grandma kneads someone to help her need the dough.
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2. Which sentence has an error in spelling?
- A The zoo houses several species of monkeys.
 - B After robbing the bank, the thieves ran down the street.
 - C We watched the deer drink from a stream.
 - D Over a campfire, we roasted some potatoes.
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3. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.
- A “When the bell rings,” stated Ms. Rogers. “You are dismissed.”
 - B “When the bell rings,” stated Ms. Rogers, “you are dismissed.”
 - C “When the bell rings,” Stated Ms. Rogers, “you are dismissed.”
 - D “When the bell rings, stated Ms. Rogers, you are dismissed.”
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4. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.
- A Marcy asked, “In what state is Yosemite National Park?”
 - B Marcy asked “In what state is Yosemite National Park?”
 - C Marcy asked, “in what state is Yosemite National Park?”
 - D Marcy asked, “In what state is Yosemite National Park.”

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5. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.
- A It has started to snow announced Brian.
 - B “It has started to snow” announced Brian.
 - C “It has started to snow.” Announced Brian.
 - D “It has started to snow,” announced Brian.
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6. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A The class enjoyed the story about ravens.
 - B John’s father played football for the Baltimore Ravens.
 - C My favorite poem is The Raven by Edgar Alan Poe.
 - D Sarah cut her raven black hair.
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7. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A We will celebrate the Fourth of July at Chris’ house.
 - B Mom’s necklace is made of silver.
 - C The carpenters’ convention was held in Minnesota.
 - D This Saturday is Laura’s birthday.
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8. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A Do you know whose purse that is?
 - B It’s been fun riding on your snow machine.
 - C We’ll lock the door when it’s time to leave.
 - D They’re going to paint you’re motorcycle.

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9. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A I'd like to swim at the water park this weekend.
 - B Sheila will clean her room when theres enough time.
 - C On Monday we'll watch the baseball game.
 - D Where's the dog whose house is in the backyard?
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10. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A There are I believe many ways to write an introduction.
 - B By the way, here is the hammer I borrowed.
 - C Finding the car on fire, Pat called for help.
 - D Tryouts, we were told, begin next week.
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11. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A Her little sister was born in Portland, Oregon last March.
 - B We'll be traveling to Miami in July 2008.
 - C Tori lives at 111 Oak Road, Paradise, CA, 95969.
 - D My parents' anniversary is Saturday, December 22.
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12. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A Ray finished the race, but he didn't win.
 - B Did you see the shooting star or did you miss it?
 - C Tina finished the novel and wrote an essay.
 - D The car is for sale, and it's listed at a low price.

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13. Which sentence has an error in capitalization?
- A We caught five trout in the creek near my house.
 - B Megan’s father is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
 - C To get to San Diego, we traveled on Interstate 5.
 - D I would like to visit the lincoln memorial in Washington, D.C.
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14. Which sentence has an error in capitalization?
- A The Boston Red Sox won the world series.
 - B In history, we have to memorize the Declaration of Independence.
 - C On New Year’s Eve we watched fireworks.
 - D Is there a middle school near St. James Hospital?
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15. Which sentence has an error in capitalization?
- A That Irish folk dancing group performed last weekend.
 - B My father speaks English at work and Spanish at home.
 - C The museum is displaying the crown of a British king.
 - D After studying Spanish Art, Blaine will travel to Madrid.
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16. Which sentence has an error in capitalization?
- A *Seventeen* is my favorite magazine.
 - B Do you ever watch reruns of *Law and Order* on television?
 - C The theater is showing *The Fox And The Hound* for two more weeks.
 - D While caroling, we sang “Frosty the Snowman.”

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17. Which sentence has an error in capitalization?
- A The train will leave London at 8:30 a.m.
 - B The Egyptians built the Pyramids around 3000-2500 B.C.
 - C In A.D. 1830, the sewing machine was invented.
 - D At 5:15 P.M. we will be eating dinner at Joe's house.
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18. Which sentence is **not** a complete sentence?
- A In school, we watched a video of an oil spill.
 - B Our sand castle has a moat and a bridge.
 - C My nerves were truly on edge.
 - D Strode off to the fields with the men's lunches.
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19. Which sentence is **not** a complete sentence?
- A His uncle lives in upstate New York.
 - B Many birds flock to the waters of.
 - C One farmer's fields were dry and barren.
 - D The job of a gardener can be difficult.
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20. Which sentence has an error in subject-verb agreement?
- A Everything on the shelf looks dusty.
 - B In the hallway a family portrait hangs.
 - C There was several reasons why we missed our flight.
 - D Anyone on our team is eligible to compete in the game.

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21. Which sentence has an error in subject-verb agreement?
- A The lights on the tree were replaced last year.
 - B Erin and her sister works at the department store.
 - C I need help with my algebra assignment.
 - D You are going to be painting the mural.
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22. Which sentence has an error in subject-verb agreement?
- A Only one of these clocks have the correct time.
 - B Around the hive swarm the bees.
 - C Here is the singer from the band.
 - D You are the winner of the photography contest.
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23. Which sentence has an error in subject-verb agreement?
- A My big sister usually prepares dessert.
 - B There go the new high school principal.
 - C That ramp at the skate park sounds awesome.
 - D Weren't there any other Halloween decorations?
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24. Which sentence has an error in subject-verb agreement?
- A Through the window shines the sun.
 - B Into the night creeps a small creature.
 - C Stephanie and her cousin play volleyball.
 - D Neither you nor Julie appear nervous.

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25. Read the sentence.

After work Mom drives to the bank, shopped for groceries, and checking the mail.

Choose the correct way to write the sentence.

- A After work Mom drove to the bank, shopped for groceries, and checked the mail.
 - B After work, mom drove to the bank, shops for groceries, and checks the mail.
 - C After work, mom drives to the bank, shopping for groceries, and checked the mail.
 - D After work Mom drives to the bank, shops for groceries, and checked the mail.
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26. Read the sentence.

The children need to exited the building, lining up in a row, and wait quietly.

Choose the correct way to write the sentence.

- A The children need to exit the building, lined up in a row and waits quietly.
 - B The children need to exit the building, line up in a row, and wait quietly.
 - C The children need to exited the building, lines up in a row, and waited quietly.
 - D The children need to exiting the building, line up in a row, and wait quietly.
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27. Read the sentence.

Clapping their hands, stomped their feet, and cheers loudly, the fans supported their team.

Choose the correct way to write the sentence.

- A. Claps their hands, stomps their feet, and cheering loudly, the fans supported their team.
- B. Clapping their hands, stomped their feet, and cheered loudly, the fans supported their team.
- C. Clapping their hands, stomping their feet, and cheering loudly, the fans supported their team.
- D. Clapped their hands, stomping their feet, and cheers loudly, the fans supported their team.

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28. Read the paragraph.

¹ In the Middle Ages, even educated people believed that the sun revolved around the Earth. ² We still do not know whether life exists on other planets. ³ Later, people learned that our planet revolves around the sun. ⁴ Today we have more detailed knowledge than the people did in the old days. ⁵ Yet there are many things we do not understand about outer space.

How could this paragraph be improved?

- A Place Sentence 2 after Sentence 5.
 - B Place Sentence 4 before Sentence 3.
 - C Place Sentence 1 after Sentence 5.
 - D Place Sentence 5 after Sentence 2.
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29. Read the paragraph.

¹ We need to raise money for the arts program, because there have been deep budget cuts. ² Principal Davis strongly supports the arts. ³ It will be held on February 26th. ⁴ He suggested we have a music and art fair featuring talented students. ⁵ The fair is a great idea, since it will raise money and showcase talent. ⁶ Please support the fair.

How could this paragraph be improved?

- A Place Sentence 1 before Sentence 6.
- B Place Sentence 4 before Sentence 3.
- C Place Sentence 5 after Sentence 2.
- D Place Sentence 6 before Sentence 1.

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30. Read the sentence.

The level of the river rose as the rains continued, which caused the roads to turn into streams.

Which detail **best** follows the sentence?

- A The office of the mayor issued a warning.
 - B It's been raining for two days straight.
 - C The rain is forecasted to continue through the week.
 - D Some predict the rain will set a precipitation record.
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31. Read the sentence.

A pond is a complete ecosystem, where plants and animals exist in a delicate balance.

Which detail **best** follows the sentence?

- A Many types of fish live in the pond.
 - B Skipping rocks in the pond is a fun activity.
 - C The movie, *On Golden Pond*, is very interesting.
 - D Pollution can disturb this fragile ecosystem.
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32. Read the sentence.

Track star, Wilma Rudolph, suffered from scarlet fever and polio early in her life.

Which detail **best** follows the sentence?

- A Wilma Rudolph died at home after being diagnosed with brain cancer.
- B There are many books that explain the effects of scarlet fever.
- C Her disabilities did not prevent her from becoming an Olympian gold medalist.
- D The children received a polio vaccination.

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33. Read the sentences.

Our neighbor called the fire department. An engine was already on its way.

Choose the **best** way to combine the sentences.

- A Our neighbor called the fire department, an engine was already on its way.
 - B Our neighbor called the fire department, but an engine was already on its way.
 - C Our neighbor called the fire department and an engine was already on its way.
 - D Our neighbor called the fire department so an engine was already on its way.
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34. Read the sentences.

Aunt Martha invited her nephews over. Aunt Martha baked cookies for them.

Choose the **best** way to combine the sentences.

- A Aunt Martha invited her nephews over and she baked cookies for them.
 - B Aunt Martha invited her nephews over, she baked cookies for them.
 - C Aunt Martha invited her nephews over then she baked cookies for them.
 - D Aunt Martha invited her nephews over and baked cookies for them.
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35. Read the sentences.

Sam had been hospitalized. Sam had been bitten on the leg by a dog.

Choose the **best** way to combine the sentences.

- A Sam had been hospitalized, because he had been bitten on the leg by a dog .
- B Sam had been hospitalized and he had been bitten on the leg by a dog.
- C Sam had been hospitalized, he had been bitten on the leg by a dog.
- D Sam had bee hospitalized, and had been bitten on the leg by a dog.

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36. Read the sentences.

We sat huddled in the blankets. The blankets were thick and warm.

Choose the **best** way to combine the sentences.

- A We sat huddled in the blankets and they were thick and warm.
 - B We sat huddled in the thick and warm blankets.
 - C We sat huddled in the blankets, they were thick and warm.
 - D We sat huddled in the blankets that were thick and warm.
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37. Read the sentences.

The mouse darted across the salad bar. This happened during the party.

Choose the **best** way to combine the sentences.

- A The mouse during the party darted across the salad bar.
- B During the party the mouse darted across the salad bar.
- C During the party, the mouse darted across the salad bar.
- D The mouse darted across the salad bar, it happened during the party.

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Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 38 through 40.

¹ The American West is famous for its cowboys. ² Wow! Didn't you know that there are cowboys in other countries too? ³ Wherever there are cattle ranches, there must be people to care for the cattle. ⁴ Cowboys in Argentina are called gauchos. ⁵ Gauchos are known for they're exceptional riding skills.

38. Which sentence is an example of informal language?
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 5
39. Which sentence has an error in spelling?
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 3
 - C Sentence 4
 - D Sentence 5
40. Choose the best way to combine the information in Sentences 4 and 5.
- A Cowboys in Argentina are called gauchos who are known for their exceptional riding skills.
 - B Cowboys in Argentina called gauchos have exceptional riding skills.
 - C Gauchos cowboys in Argentina, have exceptional riding skills.
 - D Cowboys in Argentina, called gauchos, are known for their exceptional riding skills.

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Read the friendly letter. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 41 through 43.

Dear Arlene,
¹ Can you guess what my birthday present is? ² It's riding lessons!
³ Lessons are commencing at Lowrys Stable, and I am pleased about this opportunity. ⁴ I have to sign up by this Saturday. ⁵ I hope I can ride a palomino, because I think they're neat.

Your pal,
Sherri

41. Choose the **best** detail to add to the friendly letter.
- A Add who gave riding lessons as a present to Arlene.
 - B Add a description of a palomino.
 - C Add what day Arlene's birthday is.
 - D Add details about Arlene's birthday party.
42. Choose the sentence that does **not** belong in the letter.
- A Sentence 2
 - B Sentence 3
 - C Sentence 4
 - D Sentence 5
43. Which sentence contains an error in punctuation?
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 4

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Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 44 through 46.

¹ The ancient Greeks built a statue of the god Zeus for their temple. ² The statue reached almost to the ceiling. ³ It was a magnificent accomplishment. ⁴ Later, the statue was shipped to constantinople. ⁵ Unfortunately, the statue was destroyed long ago. ⁶ Today we can see only the ruins where the beautiful temple once stood.

44. Read the sentence.

The structure was covered carefully with ivory and gold.

Where does the sentence **best** fit in the paragraph?

- A after Sentence 1
 - B after Sentence 3
 - C after Sentence 4
 - D after Sentence 5
45. Choose the **best** way to combine the information in Sentences 2 and 3.
- A The statue reached almost to the ceiling; it was a magnificent accomplishment.
 - B The statue reached almost to the ceiling and it was a magnificent accomplishment.
 - C The statue reached almost to the ceiling it was a magnificent accomplishment.
 - D The statue a magnificent accomplishment reached almost to the ceiling.
46. Which sentence contains an error in capitalization?
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 3
 - C Sentence 4
 - D Sentence 6

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Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 47 through 49.

¹ By the third inning, our team had gave up. ² Our best hitters had hit only foul balls. ³ The angry crowd threw peanuts at the field. ⁴ The coach knew this game was not like our other games. ⁵ He already had thrown up his hands in despair. ⁶ “Elena, you have taken up space on the bench long enough; it’s time for you to bat,” the coach announced. ⁷ i marched up to the plate and got a base hit.

47. Which sentence contains an error in usage?
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 3
 - C Sentence 4
 - D Sentence 6
48. Which detail could **best** be added to the paragraph?
- A A foul ball is his so that it lands outside fair territory.
 - B The peanuts thrown were very salty.
 - C Elena hit a triple and knocked in two runs.
 - D Her coach threw up his hands very high.
49. Which sentence contains an error in capitalization?
- A Sentence 2
 - B Sentence 3
 - C Sentence 6
 - D Sentence 7

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Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 50 through 52.

¹ When visitors come to town, they always notice our public library. ² It was designed by a well known architect after fire destroyed the original library. ³ The building is constructed of fine marble, and it also features wonderful wood carvings. ⁴ There is a small lake at the edge of town. ⁵ If you come to Oakdale, you should tour this structure. ⁶ When you visit, note the hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Saturday, 1:00-4:00 P.M. ⁷ Make sure that you visit these areas: the children’s room, the reading room, and the lobby.

50. Choose the **best** way to write Sentence 1.
- A When visitors come to town they always notice our public library.
 - B When visitors come to town, they always noticed our public library.
 - C When visitors come to town, they always notices our public library.
 - D It is correct as is.
51. Which sentence has an error in punctuation?
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 4
 - D Sentence 6
52. Which sentence does not belong in the passage?
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 4
 - D Sentence 7

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Read the paragraph. It has mistakes that need to be corrected. Use the paragraph to answer questions 53 through 55.

¹ Our choir isn't the best one in the city, but we love to sing. ² We've been singing together for nearly three years. ³ Hour friends and families always come to our performances, and they've given us encouragement over the years. ⁴ Unless you've performed before a large audience, you can't imagine the thrill! ⁵ For me, its the greatest pleasure in the world.

53. Which sentence contains an error in punctuation?

- A Sentence 2
- B Sentence 3
- C Sentence 4
- D Sentence 5

54. Read the sentence.

I'd rather sing than do anything else, I think.

Where does the sentence **best** fit in the paragraph?

- A Before Sentence 1
- B Before Sentence 2
- C Before Sentence 3
- D Before Sentence 5

55. Which sentence contains an error in spelling?

- A Sentence 1
- B Sentence 2
- C Sentence 3
- D Sentence 5

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56. Which sentence has an informal voice?
- A Performers will spend years perfecting their techniques.
 - B Go to the market and purchase some English muffins.
 - C Many islands have active volcanoes.
 - D The crowd went bananas when the goalie stopped the puck.
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57. Which sentence has an informal voice?
- A The princess was a well-educated woman.
 - B Sheila is psyched to read another romance novel.
 - C Behind the statue is a covered garden.
 - D My computer is a good source in information.
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58. Which sentence has an informal voice?
- A After the speech let's get outta here.
 - B Make a hot cup of tea for grandma.
 - C The item will arrive the day after tomorrow.
 - D Each cabinet has an oak wood top.
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59. Which sentence has an informal voice?
- A Slow down when you see a yellow light,
 - B You can charter a boat for eight hours.
 - C The shoes cost an arm and a leg.
 - D Once a year the restaurant hosts a fundraiser.

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60. Which sentence has an informal voice?
- A Let's keep the secret hush hush.
 - B Every town needs a good hardware store.
 - C Camping requires specific equipment.
 - D The company has an excellent reputation.

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