

FreedomProject Academy

12TH GRADE ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

Instructions:

1. Print the entire test. Printing the accompanying literature selection is optional. You may open the document and read it on your computer.
2. All work must be completed only by the student. It is imperative for us to see the student's own work for accurate placement. No outside sources are to be used including but not limited to the following: textbooks, dictionaries, notes, text messages, Internet sources, smart phones, tablets, parents, family, or friends. EXCEPTION: [Students may use research sources for the Writing section only on the final page.](#)
3. Be sure to include the student's name and note the time it took to complete the test at the top of the first page.
4. Scan completed test and email to tests@fpeusa.org .

Name _____ Date: _____ Time to complete: _____
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GRAMMAR

Classify the following sentences as declarative (DEC), interrogative (INT), imperative (IMP), or exclamatory (EXC). Add the appropriate end mark.

- _____ 1.) Please hold my umbrella for a minute
- _____ 2.) The umpire called a strike
- _____ 3.) What a wonderful day we had yesterday
- _____ 4.) Where did you park your car

Look at the words in italics. Label each as a noun (n), pronoun (pro), adjective (adj), verb (v), adverb (adv), preposition (prep), conjunction (conj), or interjection (int).

After months [1] *of* drought, the [2] *storm* clouds build up in the [3] *sky* and the torrential deluge [4] *begins*. [5] *Well*, it is April in India, [6] *monsoon* season. In India [7] *and* neighboring Bangladesh, the monsoon [8] *usually* continues from [9] *late* spring to early fall. During that time [10] *it* brings heavy rains [11] *that* are beneficial to crops, but some monsoons can be [12] *deadly* if their rains are abnormally heavy.

Correct the errors in usage in the following sentences.

- 1.) Tara might of come with us, but she had to baby-sit.
- 2.) Their the best players on the team this season.
- 3.) Her new apartment is bigger then her last one.
- 4.) I hope that you will except my apology.

Correct the errors in the use of modifiers.

- 1.) When the treasurer presented the annual report, the statistics showed that the company had done badder this year than last.
- 2.) Megan shoots free throws so good that she has already made the varsity team.
- 3.) Last night the weather forecaster announced that this has been the most wet spring season the area has had in the past decade.

Identify each group of italicized words as an Independent Clause (I) or a Subordinate Clause (S).

- 1.) *As you enter the school*, the principal's office is the third room on your right.
- 2.) Does each of you know *how you can protect yourself* if a tornado strikes our area?
- 3.) Advertisements encourage people to want products, and *many people cannot distinguish between their passing wants and their essential needs*.

Identify each sentence as simple (S), compound (CD), complex (CX), or compound-complex (CD-CX).

- _____ 1.) Phoebe Jeter led a platoon during the Persian Gulf Conflict in 1991.
- _____ 2.) Jeter will always remember the tense January night when she heard the words "Scud Alert!"
- _____ 3.) On her orders, thirteen Patriot missiles were fired, and at least two Scud missiles were destroyed.

Make corrections to the following sentences to show proper subject-verb agreement or pronoun-antecedent agreement.

- 1.) Half of the members of my history class this year is in the National Honor Society.
- 2.) Over one thousand miles of tunnels travels through El Teniente, the largest copper mine in the world.
- 3.) If you see either Veronica or Sabrena in the cafeteria, will you please tell them that I won't be able to go to the mall?

Identify each italicized word as a subject (S), verb (V), direct object (DO), indirect object (IO), predicate nominative (PN), or predicate adjective (PA).

- 1.) *The National Science Foundation* is relatively *small* compared with other government agencies.
- 2.) The foundation supports *education* and *literacy* in science and mathematics.
- 3.) Physicist Walter Massey has shown *hundreds* of students the excitement of physics, chemistry, biology, and other sciences.
- 4.) In fact, in 1995 Dr. Massey *returned* to his alma mater, Moreland College, and its students, who historically have been *African Americans*.

On the blank, identify each italicized phrase as a Prepositional (Prep), a Participial (Part), a Gerund (Ger), an Infinitive (Inf), or an Appositive (App) phrase.

- _____ 1.) *Working on the school newspaper* has taught me responsibility.
- _____ 2.) Today's crossword puzzle is difficult *to complete correctly*.
- _____ 3.) *Delayed by the snowstorm*, the flight from Chicago to Seattle was finally cleared for takeoff.
- _____ 4.) The emu, *a flightless bird from Australia*, is similar to the ostrich.
- _____ 5.) Franklin's history report was *about Booker T. Washington*.

Circle each letter that should be capitalized.

- 1.) one of the earliest cars made by henry ford was called the model t.
- 2.) the british poet ted hughes was married to sylvia plath, who was an american writer.
- 3.) when aunt janice visited england last summer, she toured buckingham palace and tried to catch a glimpse of queen elizabeth.

Insert the correct punctuation in each of the sentences below.

- 1.) Several people whom I respect think Raintree County by Ross Lockridge Jr is a fantastic novel
- 2.) Well I don't know Lauren said Where do you think all this soot comes from
- 3.) Biographical movies well researched ones anyway are a good way to learn about famous people

LITERATURE: VOCABULARY / COMPREHENSION

Answer the comprehension questions after reading the separately attached passage from Dante's *Inferno*, Canto XXVI. (NOTE: The character speaking is Ulysses.) For vocabulary, circle the letter of the correct answer. Please answer all other questions in complete sentences by hand in cursive. (30 pts.)

- 1.) "Could conquer in me the restless itch to **rove**

And rummage through the world exploring it,"

In the lines above, **rove** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. yearn
- b. attempt
- c. wander
- d. emigrate

- 2.) "And steadily gaining on the **larboard** side."

In the line above, **larboard** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. left side of the boat
- b. right side of the boat
- c. front of the boat
- d. rear of the boat

- 3.) "Five times we had seen the light **kindle** and grow

Beneath the moon, and five times wane away,"

In the lines above, **kindle** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. dim
- b. rise
- c. ignite
- d. set

- 4.) "Think of your breed; for brutish ignorance

Your **mettle** was not made; you were made men,"

In the lines above, **mettle** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. weakness
- b. intelligence
- c. strength
- d. resilience

5.) “Making our oars wings to the **witless** flight,”

In the line above, **witless** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. gallant
- b. foolish
- c. daring
- d. attempted

6.) “The **ubiquitous** red ants were stinging the campers.” (Not from the text sample)

In the line above, **ubiquitous** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. annoying
- b. dangerous
- c. large
- d. ever-present

7.) “The speaker made several **disingenuous** statements to persuade the voters to elect him.”
(Not from the text sample)

In the line above, **disingenuous** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. funny
- b. insincere
- c. alarming
- d. encouraging

8.) “The retired couple were **ambiguous** about accepting an invitation to travel abroad.”
(Not from the text sample)

In the line above, **ambiguous** means which of the following? (1 pt.)

- a. undecided
- b. excited
- c. conscientious
- d. distraught

Please answer all of the remaining questions in **complete sentences** by hand in **cursive**.
Points will be deducted if these directions are not followed.

9.) What landmark did the men spot just before they drowned at sea? (2 pts.)

10.) Ulysses says that he undertook his final journey despite his love for three people. Who were those people? (3 pts.)

11.) What exhortation about the nature of mankind does Ulysses make to encourage his men on the journey? (3 pts.)

12.) Why did Ulysses undertake his final journey? (2 pts.)

13.) How many ships did Ulysses take on his journey? (2 pts.)

14.) What birdlike imagery does Ulysses use to describe the oars of his ship(s)? (2 pts.)

15.) Based on Ulysses's description of the night sky, toward what "pole" were the men headed? (3 pts.)

16.) Summarize in your own words the story that Ulysses is telling. (5 pts.)
