

## The Writing Center Practice PUG exam

Anita, as well as twenty other students, is beginning(1) kindergarten today. She is nervous,(2) her family has just moved to Dallas, Texas (3) from Guatemala. None of her friends from back home is going (4) to be at her school. “Don’t worry, mi corazon”,(5) her mother tells her, “I promise, you will have a wonderful time.” With her backpack, lunchbox and her jacket(6) in tow, she feels badly (7) to leave her sister who is even younger than her (8). After worrying for so long, her bus arrives (9). Her stomach is in knots, however; (10) she climbs the steps and takes a seat.

1. A. No Change  
B. are beginning  
C. have begun  
D. has begun
2. A. No Change  
B. nervous  
C. nervous;  
D. nervous:
3. A. No Change  
B. to: Dallas-Texas  
C. to Dallas, Texas,  
D. to: Dallas, Texas
4. A. No Change  
B. are going  
C. was going  
D. were going
5. A. No Change  
B. *mi corazon*,”  
C. *mi corazon*”  
D. *mi corazon.*”
6. A. No Change  
B. With her backpack, lunchbox, and jacket  
C. With her backpack, lunchbox and jacket  
D. With her back pack, lunch box, and her jacket
7. A. No Change  
B. feels bad  
C. felt badly  
D. felt bad
8. A. No Change  
B. younger then her  
C. younger then she  
D. younger than she
9. A. No Change  
B. long, Anita sees the bus arrive  
C. long; Anita sees the bus arrive  
D. long Anita’s bus arrives
10. A. No Change  
B. knots, however,  
C. knots; however,  
D. knots; however

High school students graduation (11)  
 requirements will change next year  
but school districts (12) are waiting  
 for more clearly-defined (13)  
 direction before finalizing curriculum  
 plans. The House approved HB 5 in  
2013 (14) giving high school students  
 more flexibility in their career paths  
(15). In fall 2014 students (16) will be  
 able to choose the basic foundation  
 program, with a 22-credit program,  
(17) the foundation plan with  
 endorsements (the best bet for those  
who are not going to college); (18)  
 and the distinguished plan. Without  
 more details the state Board (19)  
 must take a wait and see approach  
until they hear (20) more.

11. A. No Change  
 B. student's  
 C. students's  
 D. students'
12. A. No Change  
 B. year, but School Districts  
 C. year but School Districts  
 D. year, but school districts
13. A. No Change  
 B. more clearly defined  
 C. more-clearly defined  
 D. more-clearly-defined
14. A. No Change  
 B. , giving  
 C. ; giving  
 D. . Giving
15. A. No Change  
 a. they're career paths  
 b. his or her career path  
 c. there career path
16. A. No Change  
 B. fall, 2014, students  
 C. fall 2014, students  
 D. fall 2014, students,
17. A. No Change  
 B. 22 credit program,  
 C. 22 credit program;  
 D. 22-credit program;
18. A. No Change  
 B. who are not going to college),  
 C. whom are not going to college);  
 D. whom are not going to college,.)
19. A. No Change  
 B. the state board  
 C. the State Board  
 D. the State board
20. A. No Change  
 B. wait-and-see approach until it hears  
 C. wait-and-see-approach until they  
    hear  
 D. wait- and see-approach until it  
    hears

Because at its December 10 meeting  
(21) the commissioners court (22) of  
Chartwell County discussed:  
approval of (23) the annual report  
from the Office of the Constable,  
cancelling a subdivision plat and  
accepting (24) the plan to renovate  
the old hospital building as part of a  
two to three year plan (25) to develop  
a county historical museum. Road  
and bridge supervisor, Herman  
Effinger, Jr., (26) stated that neither  
the commissioners nor Mayor Lee  
are qualified (27) to manage his  
department (28). According to Mr.  
Effinger, people, who (29) do not  
even drive there own cars,  
because(30) they have chauffeurs  
should not be telling him how to  
manage the roadways.

21. A. No Change  
B. Because at it's December  
10<sup>th</sup> meeting  
C. At its December 10 meeting;  
D. At its December 10 meeting,
22. A. No Change  
B. Commissioners court  
C. commissioner's court  
D. Commissioners' Court
23. A. No Change  
B. discussed approving  
C. discussed: approving  
D. discussed approval of
24. A. No Change  
B. plat and excepting  
C. plat, and accepting  
D. plat, and excepting
25. A. No Change  
B. two to three-year plan  
C. two- to three-year plan  
D. two- to three-year-plan
26. A. No Change  
B. supervisor Herman Effinger, Jr.  
C. supervisor, Herman Effinger Jr.,  
D. supervisor Herman Effinger, Jr.,
27. A. No Change  
B. Mayor Lee is  
C. mayor Lee are  
D. mayor Lee is
28. A. No Change  
B. Mr. Effingers department  
C. Mr. Effinger's department  
D. his or her department
29. A. No Change  
B. Effinger people whom  
C. Effinger people who  
D. Effinger, people who
30. A. No Change  
B. their own cars because  
C. his or her own cars, because  
D. they're own cars because

A friend recently asked me exactly what Kickstarter is and (31) after I explained it as best I could he remarked (32) “So it’s like PBS—if I (33) give the organization \$50, they give me a tote bag.” (34) This is a good analogy: after choosing (35) a project you would like to back, you and a friend selects (36) the level of funding. Each person who donates receive (37) a gift. When we tried it, my husband was more ambitious than me so (38) my project required fewer backers, which suited (39) me fine. However, exceptions exist. A charity, as well as tobacco or alcohol is not fundable. (40)

31. A. No Change  
B. “kickstarter” is, and  
C. Kickstarter is, and  
D. “Kickstarter” is and
32. A. No Change  
B. could, he remarked,  
C. could he remarked,  
D. could, he remarked
33. A. No Change  
B. its like PBS—if I  
C. it’s like PBS, if I  
D. its like PBS, if I
34. A. No Change  
B. \$50, they give me a tote bag”.  
C. \$50, it gives me a tote bag”.  
D. \$50, it gives me a tote bag.”
35. A. No Change  
B. analogy, after choosing  
C. analogy, after you chose  
D. analogy; after you chose
36. A. No Change  
B. back you and a friend selects  
C. back you and a friend select  
D. back, you and a friend select
37. A. No Change  
B. who donates receives  
C. whom donates receives  
D. whom donates receive
38. A. No Change  
B. then me so  
C. than I, so  
D. then I so
39. A. No Change  
B. less backers; which suited  
C. less backers, which suited  
D. fewer backers which suited
40. A. No Change  
B. tobacco or alcohol is not fundable  
C. tobacco or alcohol, is not fundable  
D. tobacco, or alcohol, are not fundable

Though her success story may seem like a fairytail Susie (41) Queue has seen more than her share of trauma, and frighteningly self destructive (42) behavior in her twenty five years' as an actress. (43) "There's no reason I should be so successful," Queue says. (44) "If I am honest—and we should all be honest, I (45) owe much of my good fortune to others talents (46) not my own"! (47) Speaking of Queues good fortune (48) her beagle Penny (49) recently won first place at the recently held (50) Westminster dog show.

41. A. No Change  
 B. like a fairytale Susie  
 C. as if a fairytail Susie  
 D. like a fairytale, Susie
42. A. No Change  
 B. trauma and frighteningly-self-destructive  
 C. trauma, and frighteningly self-destructive  
 D. trauma and frighteningly self-destructive
43. A. No Change  
 B. twenty-five years as an actress  
 C. twenty-five-years as a actress  
 D. twenty-five years' as an actress
44. A. No Change  
 B. so successful", Queue says.  
 C. so-successful," Queue says.  
 D. so-successful", Queue says.
45. A. No Change  
 B. be honest—I  
 C. be honest,—I  
 D. be honest I
46. A. No Change  
 B. others' talents  
 C. others' talents,  
 D. other's talents,
47. A. No Change  
 B. not mine own!"  
 C. not mine own"!  
 D. not my own!"
48. A. No Change  
 B. Queue's good fortune  
 C. Queue's good fortune,  
 D. Queues' good fortune,
49. A. No Change  
 B. I learned that her beagle, Penny,  
 C. I learned that her beagle Penny,  
 D. her beagle, Penny,
50. A. No Change  
 B. first-place at the recently held  
 C. first-place at the recently-held  
 D. first place at the recently-held

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| 1.  | A | 26. | A |
| 2.  | C | 27. | B |
| 3.  | C | 28. | C |
| 4.  | A | 29. | D |
| 5.  | B | 30. | B |
| 6.  | C | 31. | C |
| 7.  | B | 32. | B |
| 8.  | D | 33. | A |
| 9.  | B | 34. | D |
| 10. | C | 35. | A |
| 11. | D | 36. | D |
| 12. | D | 37. | B |
| 13. | B | 38. | C |
| 14. | B | 39. | A |
| 15. | A | 40. | C |
| 16. | C | 41. | D |
| 17. | D | 42. | D |
| 18. | A | 43. | B |
| 19. | C | 44. | A |
| 20. | B | 45. | B |
| 21. | D | 46. | C |
| 22. | D | 47. | D |
| 23. | B | 48. | C |
| 24. | A | 49. | B |
| 25. | C | 50. | A |

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