

## English 10 Final Examination—Practice Test

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**A. Parts of Speech.** Above each of the underlined words indicate whether it is a noun (**N**), pronoun (**Pro**), verb (**V**), adjective (**Adj**), adverb (**Adv**), preposition (**Prep**), or conjunction (**Conj**). One (1) point each.

1. As a young reader, heenjoyed comic books and magazines.
2. The Emancipation Proclamation called for the release of slaves in 1863.
3. Charlie Chaplin was born in the slums of London, and his family struggled to survive.
4. Most of the students in my history class do not listen carefully.
5. My favorite TV show, *Survivor*, continues to be very popular with many viewers.

**B. Subjects and Verbs.** Underline all subjects once and all verbs twice. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

6. Most people can learn to cook if they will follow instructions.
7. The famous paintings and sculptures were difficult to see because the museum wasfull of people.
8. There are millions of people living in Mexico City.
9. A few employees prefer to take their lunch breaks early, but most do not leave until noon.
10. Was the computer system repaired in time for school Monday?

**C. Fragments, Comma splices, and Fused Sentences.** Correct any errors. If the sentence is correct, do nothing to it. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

11. The candidate was a college student, then she ran for governor.

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12. The musician singing the title song from his new album.

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13. Peter is colorblind therefore his clothes are sometimes mismatched.

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14. Feeling secure and lucky, he decided to speak before the Senate.

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15. Although Hortense loved Homer dearly.

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16. The grass was tall and thick she hoped her mower could cut it.

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17. Edward wanted to buy a truck, however, his wife wanted an SUV.

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18. Ask the teacher to turn off the air conditioning.

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19. The exam had not gone well Mike had forgotten to study the War of 1812.

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20. The trial lawyer, thinking about his upcoming case when the phone rang.

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**D. Main and Subordinate Clauses.** There are several different kinds of exercises here. Be sure to follow the directions.

In each of the following sentences, underline any main clause(s) once and any subordinate clauses twice. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

21. Although it was pouring rain, Gary still insisted on riding his bike to school.

22. Barb smiled with pride as her daughter played a piece by John Dowland on her classical guitar.

Write sentences according to the following instructions. Use punctuation where appropriate. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

23. Write a sentence that opens with a subordinate clause followed by a main clause.

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24. Write a sentence that contains two main clauses.

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25. Write a sentence that contains two main clauses and one subordinate clause.

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**E. Verbal (Participial and Infinitive) and Appositive Phrases.** Follow the instructions below. Use punctuation where appropriate. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

26. Write a sentence that opens with a verbal phrase. Underline the verbal phrase.

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27. Write a sentence that includes an appositive phrase. Underline the appositive phrase.

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**F. Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers.** Underline and then correct any misplaced or dangling modifiers in the following sentences. Do nothing if the sentence is correct. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

28. The grizzly bear ignored the cries of the frightened tourist holding a freshly caught salmon in its mouth.

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29. Concerned about his parents' finances, Alex offered to start paying their monthly bills.

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30. Paddling as fast as possible, the canoe raced down the river toward the rapids.

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**G. Subject-Verb Agreement.** Correct any subject-verb agreement errors in the following sentences by crossing out the incorrect verb form and writing in the correct form above it. If the sentence is correct, do nothing. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

31. Here is the cell phones we were looking for.
32. One of the lost children have been found by the police.
33. Jordan realized every television show and movie was terrible last week.
34. The person who repairs old computers call my office every week.
35. The woman with the expensive running shoes seem to float on air as she runs around the track.

**H. Pronoun Errors.** Correct any pronoun errors in the following sentences by crossing out the incorrect pronoun and writing in the correct one above. In some cases you may have to rewrite part of the sentence. If the sentence is correct, do nothing to it. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

36. Unfortunately for the Olympic softball team, its pitcher couldn't throw strikes.
37. Each of the people applying for the job had to fill out forms and explain their background.
38. We wanted to complete the entire worksheet ourself.
39. When someone has to write a paper for English, they should make sure there are no grammar errors in it.
40. As Sharon sat at the computer, she thought about who she had to email.

**I.Commas.** Add commas to the following sentences where necessary. If the sentence is correct, do nothing to it. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

41. Jorge arranged his books poured a cup of coffee and sat down at the kitchen table to study.
42. Although Mary was late for work her boss did not get angry.
43. On June 5 2004 I will be going to Boston Massachusetts to visit my family.
44. The new student center at Palomar College in San Marcos California has a new computer lab but every time I go there the computers are full.
45. Judge Finem who had an angry look on her face would not dismiss my traffic ticket.

**J.Other Punctuation, Capitalization, and Titles.** This is a two-part exercise, so check the instructions carefully for both parts.

For the next three sentences, add periods, exclamation points, question marks, semicolons, colons, quotation marks, or apostrophes (or 's) where necessary. If the sentence is correct, do nothing to it. Do not add or delete any commas. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

46. I need to buy the following items at the grocery store milk, bread, and chips
47. Juan was glad that he saw the film however, he was angry that he did not study  
enough for his English midterm
48. From across the room, my brother yelled, Leave me alone

Fix any incorrect use of capitalization and titles in the following two sentences. If the sentence is correct, do nothing to it. Do not add or delete any commas. Each sentence is worth two (2) points.

49. I borrowed a copy of the novel called the grapes of wrath, but its first chapter was torn out.
50. Last winter I did some hiking in yosemite national park and wrote about it in an essay  
I called beauty and silence.