

PRACTICE EXAM 14: TX PACT ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (700) (126 QUESTIONS)

This full-length practice exam contains 126 selected-response questions aligned to Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Work each question independently, select the best answer, and use the answer key and explanations to review your reasoning. This practice set does not include the official constructed-response task.

1. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: In the sentence, 'The committee's tentative plan was revised after public comments,' tentative most nearly means

- A. not final
- B. well funded
- C. widely praised
- D. carefully hidden

2. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: A writer describes a library as 'a quiet harbor in a noisy city.' This comparison mainly emphasizes that the library is

- A. located beside a river
- B. difficult for visitors to find
- C. designed for travelers
- D. a refuge from surrounding activity

3. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: A report begins with local water-use data, then explains how residents can reduce consumption. The primary purpose is to

- A. entertain readers with a personal story
- B. argue that data collection should end
- C. inform readers and encourage conservation

D. describe the history of city plumbing

4. For an online community guide, determine the best response: Which detail would best support the claim that a school garden improves student engagement?

- A. The garden fence was painted green.
- B. The garden opened during spring.
- C. Several teachers owned houseplants.
- D. Students voluntarily stayed after class to record plant growth.

5. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: An author lists both benefits and limitations of remote work before offering a conclusion. This organization is primarily

- A. chronological narration
- B. compare-and-contrast
- C. problem-and-solution
- D. definition by example

6. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: If an article quotes a scientist, identifies the study, and links to the original data, the article is most strengthened by

- A. credible, verifiable evidence
- B. emotional language
- C. a longer introduction
- D. an unnamed source

7. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: The phrase 'the proposal gained traction' most nearly means the proposal

- A. became physically heavier
- B. received increasing support

- C. was withdrawn from debate
- D. required legal approval

8. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: A passage explains that a town planted trees, then notes lower summer temperatures nearby. The relationship is best described as

- A. sequence and contrast
- B. definition and classification
- C. cause and effect
- D. problem and anecdote

9. For an online community guide, determine the best response: Which statement is an inference rather than a directly stated fact? A notice says the museum closes at 5:00 p.m. and visitors should allow two hours.

- A. The museum closes at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Visitors should allow two hours.
- C. The notice is posted at the entrance.
- D. A 4:30 visitor may not finish the museum.

10. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: A writer uses the word 'frugal' instead of 'cheap' to describe a shopper. The word choice most likely conveys

- A. careful spending without a negative judgment
- B. an inability to make decisions
- C. a desire to impress others
- D. a dislike of all purchases

11. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: In an argument, which evidence is most relevant to a claim that later school start times improve attendance?

- A. A principal's favorite class schedule
- B. A list of school mascots
- C. A map of bus routes from 1990
- D. Attendance records before and after a district changed start times

12. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: A passage presents a counterargument and then responds to it with evidence. The response mainly serves to

- A. address a possible objection
- B. repeat the opening sentence
- C. introduce an unrelated topic
- D. replace evidence with opinion

13. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: Which source is most appropriate for verifying the number of residents in a city?

- A. A travel blog comment
- B. An official census report
- C. An anonymous social-media post
- D. A fictional short story

14. For an online community guide, determine the best response: The sentence 'Although the trail was steep, the hikers continued steadily' signals a relationship of

- A. cause
- B. example
- C. contrast
- D. definition

15. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: A paragraph begins with a general claim and follows with three specific examples. The examples primarily

- A. develop the claim
- B. contradict the claim
- C. change the topic
- D. establish a timeline

16. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: A graph shows sales rising each quarter except the third. Which statement is best supported?

- A. Sales rose every quarter.
- B. Sales were highest in the first quarter.
- C. Sales declined during the third quarter.
- D. Sales will certainly decline next year.

17. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: When evaluating a persuasive article, which question best tests the reliability of its evidence?

- A. Is the headline written in all capitals?
- B. Are the sources identified and qualified to make the claims?
- C. Does the article use short paragraphs?
- D. Is the topic popular online?

18. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: The word 'conspicuous' in 'a conspicuous sign marked the exit' most nearly means

- A. difficult to translate
- B. likely to move
- C. made of metal
- D. easy to notice

19. For an online community guide, determine the best response: A speaker says, 'We can either repair the bridge now or watch repair costs grow.' This statement is mainly an appeal to

- A. personal nostalgia
- B. a definition of engineering
- C. practical consequences
- D. a humorous comparison

20. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: Which revision would make a paragraph's sequence easiest to follow?

- A. Replace all verbs with nouns.
- B. Remove the topic sentence.
- C. Add an unrelated quotation.
- D. Add transitions that signal the order of the steps.

21. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: A passage gives a definition, followed by a real-world illustration. The illustration helps readers

- A. question the topic
- B. apply the definition
- C. ignore the definition
- D. identify the narrator

22. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: An author states that public transit is valuable, then discusses access, cost, and traffic. These details are

- A. reasons supporting the central claim
- B. unrelated descriptions
- C. a chronological history
- D. definitions of transit

23. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: The phrase 'the evidence was scant' indicates that the evidence was

- A. conclusive
- B. limited
- C. surprising
- D. confidential

24. For an online community guide, determine the best response: A text written for new volunteers would most likely include

- A. clear procedures and practical examples
- B. specialized research without explanation
- C. a personal diary entry
- D. a debate between historians

25. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: Which detail most clearly reveals an author's point of view?

- A. The article has four paragraphs.
- B. The article names a street.
- C. The article uses quotation marks.
- D. The author calls the policy 'a sensible first step.'

26. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: A table compares monthly rainfall in two cities. To determine which city had the wetter spring, a reader should

- A. find the largest single monthly total
- B. compare only January values
- C. add the rainfall totals for the spring months
- D. count the number of table columns

27. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: The phrase 'the issue is not black and white' means the issue

- A. concerns printed colors
- B. can be solved immediately
- C. has important complexities
- D. has only two possible facts

28. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: Which sentence is most likely a thesis statement?

- A. Last Saturday, I visited a garden.
- B. Community gardens strengthen neighborhoods by improving access, learning, and connection.
- C. The garden has six raised beds.
- D. Tomatoes are red when ripe.

29. For an online community guide, determine the best response: A writer includes a statistic immediately after making a claim. The statistic most likely functions as

- A. evidence
- B. a counterclaim
- C. a transition
- D. a definition

30. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: A reader notices that an editorial uses loaded words but provides no sources. The reader should conclude that the editorial

- A. is automatically false
- B. is a scientific report
- C. contains no opinion
- D. may be persuasive but needs corroboration

31. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: Which choice best distinguishes a fact from an opinion?

- A. A fact always sounds formal.
- B. An opinion contains no words.
- C. An opinion is always dishonest
- D. A fact can be checked against evidence.

32. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: The word 'mitigate' in 'shade trees can mitigate summer heat' most nearly means

- A. measure
- B. reduce
- C. predict
- D. increase

33. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: A passage describes a problem, proposes several actions, and evaluates each. The passage is organized as

- A. spatial description
- B. fictional dialogue
- C. problem and solution
- D. alphabetical listing

34. For an online community guide, determine the best response: Which source would be least reliable for a claim about a medication's side effects?

- A. An uncited manufacturer advertisement
- B. A government safety notice
- C. A peer-reviewed medical study
- D. A pharmacist's official guidance

35. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: A heading reads 'From Seed to Harvest.' It most likely signals that the section will be organized

- A. by opposing arguments
- B. by geographic regions
- C. by definitions only
- D. in time order

36. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: A writer uses 'however' at the start of a sentence primarily to

- A. introduce a list
- B. show a cause
- C. signal a contrast with the previous idea
- D. repeat a definition

37. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: If a passage says a candidate 'acknowledged the concern but rejected the conclusion,' the candidate most likely

- A. accepted the issue while disagreeing with its implication
- B. ignored the issue entirely
- C. changed the subject permanently
- D. proved the conclusion correct

38. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: A reader compares two accounts of the same event. The best first step is to identify

- A. which account is longer
- B. each author's purpose and evidence
- C. which title is more dramatic
- D. which author uses more commas

39. For an online community guide, determine the best response: A paragraph's main idea is best described as

- A. the first word in the paragraph
- B. the central point the details develop
- C. the most unusual example
- D. a fact unrelated to the topic

40. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: A writer repeats a key phrase at the end of successive sentences. This repetition most likely creates

- A. a shift to a new topic
- B. a numerical comparison
- C. an objective summary
- D. emphasis and cohesion

41. A campus newsletter asks readers to analyze this situation: Which evidence best supports a claim that a recycling program reduced landfill waste?

- A. Measured landfill totals from before and after the program
- B. A poster encouraging recycling
- C. A list of recycling colors
- D. One resident's favorite container

42. In a civic-information article, consider the following question: The sentence 'The mayor's remarks were measured rather than exuberant' suggests the remarks were

- A. angry
- B. confusing
- C. restrained
- D. unplanned

43. A teacher preparing a reading workshop asks: When a writer acknowledges a limitation in a proposal, the writer may be trying to

- A. avoid providing reasons
- B. remove the topic sentence
- C. present a balanced and credible argument
- D. replace facts with humor

44. For an online community guide, determine the best response: A caption beneath a chart should primarily

- A. introduce a new argument
- B. replace every data label
- C. state the author's biography
- D. clarify what the chart displays

45. While reviewing an informational passage, answer this question: A sentence that summarizes the key points without adding a new claim is most likely part of a

- A. counterargument
- B. conclusion
- C. definition
- D. setting description

46. In a draft intended for a school audience, Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

- A. The list of supplies is on the desk.
- B. The list of supplies are on the desk.
- C. The supplies list are on the desk.
- D. The list of supplies were on the desk.

47. For a concise professional communication, Choose the sentence with correct pronoun agreement.

- A. Each applicant submitted their completed form.

- B. Each applicant submitted our completed form.
- C. Each applicant submitted its completed form.
- D. Each applicant submitted a completed form.

48. When revising an informational paragraph, Which revision is the most concise?

- A. The team had a meeting in order to discuss the budget.
- B. The team met to discuss the budget.
- C. The team met together for a budget discussion meeting.
- D. The budget was discussed by the team during a meeting.

49. In standard written English, Which sentence correctly uses a semicolon?

- A. The forecast predicted rain; the picnic was postponed.
- B. The forecast predicted rain; and the picnic was postponed.
- C. The forecast predicted rain,; the picnic was postponed.
- D. The forecast; predicted rain, the picnic was postponed.

50. For an academic writing task, Which sentence correctly uses a comma after an introductory phrase?

- A. After the meeting Jordan, sent the notes.
- B. After, the meeting Jordan sent the notes.
- C. After the meeting, Jordan sent the notes.
- D. After the meeting Jordan sent, the notes.

51. In a draft intended for a school audience, Which revision best combines the ideas without a run-on sentence?

- A. Mia studied the map she chose the shorter route.
- B. Mia studied the map, she chose the shorter route.
- C. Mia studied the map; and she chose the shorter route.

D. Mia studied the map, and she chose the shorter route.

52. For a concise professional communication, Which sentence uses parallel structure?

- A. The job requires planning, communicating, and revising.
- B. The job requires planning, to communicate, and revision.
- C. The job requires to plan, communicating, and revise.
- D. The job requires planning, communication, and to revise.

53. When revising an informational paragraph, Which word best completes the sentence? 'The coach praised Lena for ____ careful preparation.'

- A. she
- B. hers
- C. her
- D. herself

54. In standard written English, Which sentence avoids a misplaced modifier?

- A. Walking to school, the new mural was noticed by me.
- B. Walking to school, I noticed the new mural.
- C. The new mural, walking to school, was noticed.
- D. I noticed, walking to school, the new mural was new.

55. For an academic writing task, Which transition best signals a result?

- A. For example
- B. Therefore
- C. Meanwhile
- D. Similarly

56. In a draft intended for a school audience, Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- A. The teacher's lounge were renovated.
- B. The teachers lounge's was renovated.
- C. The teachers' lounge was renovated.
- D. The teachers' lounge were renovated.

57. For a concise professional communication, Which revision maintains a formal tone?

- A. The results were totally wild.
- B. The results were kind of strange.
- C. The results were super surprising.
- D. The results were unexpected.

58. When revising an informational paragraph, Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A. The speaker asked, 'Are we ready to begin?'
- B. The speaker asked 'Are we ready to begin?'”
- C. The speaker asked, Are we ready to begin?
- D. The speaker asked 'Are we ready to begin?'

59. In standard written English, Which sentence uses 'its' correctly?

- A. The organization revised it's mission statement.
- B. The organization revised its' mission statement.
- C. The organization revised its mission statement.
- D. The organization revised it is mission statement.

60. For an academic writing task, Which sentence best introduces a paragraph about reducing food waste?

- A. My refrigerator has a light inside.
- B. Food comes in many colors and sizes.
- C. Yesterday I saw a grocery store.
- D. Small changes at home can significantly reduce food waste.

61. In a draft intended for a school audience, Which sentence corrects the fragment?

- A. Because the bus was late.
- B. We arrived late because the bus was delayed.
- C. And because the bus was late.
- D. The bus late because.

62. For a concise professional communication, Which choice provides the clearest order for procedural instructions?

- A. First gather materials, then complete each step, and finally review the result.
- B. Finally review the result, first gather materials, then complete each step.
- C. Complete each step, finally gather materials, and first review the result.
- D. Review the result first, then materials, then steps.

63. When revising an informational paragraph, Which sentence uses a colon correctly?

- A. Bring: these items a notebook, a pen, and a calculator.
- B. Bring these: items, a notebook, a pen, and a calculator.
- C. Bring these items, a notebook: a pen, and a calculator.
- D. Bring these items: a notebook, a pen, and a calculator.

64. In standard written English, Which revision eliminates redundancy?

- A. The outcome was unexpected.
- B. The unexpected outcome was a surprise.
- C. The outcome was an unexpected surprise result.
- D. The outcome was surprising and unexpected in nature.

65. For an academic writing task, Which sentence has correct capitalization?

- A. My Aunt moved to el paso last june.
- B. My aunt moved to El paso last June.
- C. My aunt moved to El Paso last June.
- D. My aunt moved to El Paso last june.

66. In a draft intended for a school audience, Which word best completes the sentence? 'The principal ____ the award to the student.'

- A. present
- B. presented
- C. presenting
- D. presents yesterday

67. For a concise professional communication, Which sentence correctly uses a comma in a series?

- A. We packed water snacks, maps and jackets.
- B. We packed water, snacks maps, and jackets.
- C. We packed water, snacks, maps, and jackets.
- D. We packed water snacks maps and jackets.

68. When revising an informational paragraph, Which revision best supports a claim with specific evidence?

- A. Survey data showed 62 of 80 students read weekly.

- B. Many students probably read a lot.
- C. Reading is clearly the best activity.
- D. Everyone knows students enjoy books.

69. In standard written English, Which sentence uses the correct comparative form?

- A. This route is more shorter than the old route.
- B. This route is shortest than the old route.
- C. This route is short than the old route.
- D. This route is shorter than the old route.

70. For an academic writing task, Which choice best concludes an email requesting information?

- A. Anyway, let me know something.
- B. Thank you for your time; I look forward to your response.
- C. That is all I have to say about it.
- D. You should answer this immediately.

71. In a draft intended for a school audience, Which sentence uses 'who' correctly?

- A. The student whom volunteered organized the materials.
- B. The student who volunteered organized the materials.
- C. The student who's volunteered organized the materials.
- D. The student which volunteered organized the materials.

72. For a concise professional communication, Which revision corrects the verb tense?

- A. Yesterday, the class completed the experiment.
- B. Yesterday, the class completes the experiment.
- C. Yesterday, the class will complete the experiment.
- D. Yesterday, the class completing the experiment.

73. When revising an informational paragraph, Which sentence is free of a comma splice?

- A. The store closed early, we returned the next day.
- B. The store closed early, returning the next day.
- C. The store closed early, the next day we returned.
- D. The store closed early, so we returned the next day.

74. In standard written English, Which phrase best replaces 'a lot of' in formal writing?

- A. tons of
- B. a bunch of
- C. many
- D. loads of

75. For an academic writing task, Which sentence correctly uses a dash to add emphasis?

- A. One detail - surprised us all the lake had frozen overnight.
- B. One detail surprised us all - the lake had frozen overnight.
- C. One detail surprised - us all the lake had frozen overnight.
- D. One detail surprised us all the lake - had frozen overnight.

76. In a draft intended for a school audience, Which revision best maintains consistent point of view?

- A. A driver should check your mirrors before changing lanes.
- B. You should check a driver's mirrors before changing lanes.
- C. Drivers should check his mirrors before changing lanes.
- D. A driver should check mirrors before changing lanes.

77. For a concise professional communication, Which sentence correctly uses 'fewer'?

- A. Less visitors attended on Monday.
- B. Fewer traffic attended on Monday.
- C. Fewer visitors attended on Monday.
- D. Less people attended on Monday.

78. When revising an informational paragraph, Which topic sentence best fits a paragraph describing three benefits of exercise?

- A. Regular exercise supports physical health, mood, and focus.
- B. Exercise can occur indoors or outdoors.
- C. My neighbor owns running shoes.
- D. Some people like sports.

79. In standard written English, Which sentence corrects an unclear pronoun reference?

- A. After Ava spoke with Priya, Ava sent the schedule.
- B. After Ava spoke with Priya, she sent the schedule.
- C. After she spoke with Priya, Ava sent it.
- D. After Ava spoke with her, she sent it.

80. For an academic writing task, Which sentence is most appropriate for an academic report?

- A. The data totally prove practice is awesome.
- B. The data are pretty cool and obvious.
- C. The data suggest a relationship between practice time and accuracy.
- D. The data make everyone happy about practice.

81. In a draft intended for a school audience, Which revision best corrects the sentence? 'Neither the coach nor the players was prepared.'

- A. Neither the coach nor the players is prepared yesterday.
- B. Neither the coach nor the players be prepared.
- C. Neither the coach nor the players has prepared.
- D. Neither the coach nor the players were prepared.

82. What is 25% of 210?

- A. 42.5
- B. 52.5
- C. 62.5
- D. 72.5

83. A \$80 item is discounted 15%. What is the sale price?

- A. 12.0
- B. 79.85
- C. 92
- D. 68

84. Solve: $4x + 7 = 35$.

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 8
- D. 10

85. What is the mean of 11, 15, 19, and 23?

- A. 15
- B. 18
- C. 17

D. 23

86. A rectangle is 9 units long and 6 units wide. What is its area?

A. 54

B. 15

C. 30

D. 66

87. A bus travels 250 miles in 5 hours. What is its average speed?

A. 50

B. 40

C. 60

D. 250

88. What is $\frac{4}{10}$ expressed as a decimal?

A. 0.5

B. 0.3

C. 0.4

D. 0.8

89. What is the perimeter of a square with side length 10?

A. 20

B. 30

C. 100

D. 40

90. A recipe needs 3 cups of flour for one batch. How many cups are needed for 4 batches?

- A. 7
- B. 12
- C. 9
- D. 15

91. Convert 2.7 kilometers to meters.

- A. 270
- B. 27
- C. 27000
- D. 2700

92. What is the value of 2^4 ?

- A. 12
- B. 16
- C. 8
- D. 17

93. A \$49 bill is split equally among 7 people. How much does each person pay?

- A. 7
- B. 5
- C. 9
- D. 42

94. A triangle has angles of 45 degrees and 60 degrees. What is its third angle?

- A. 65
- B. 85
- C. 75
- D. 105

95. A tank holds 90 liters and is $\frac{6}{10}$ full. How many liters are in it?

- A. 54
- B. 36
- C. 45
- D. 144

96. What is the slope of a line through (3, 4) and (7, 16)?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 12
- D. 3

97. What is 30% of 240?

- A. 62.0
- B. 82.0
- C. 72.0
- D. 92.0

98. A \$90 item is discounted 20%. What is the sale price?

- A. 18
- B. 72
- C. 89.8

D. 108

99. Solve: $5x + 8 = 53$.

A. 7

B. 9

C. 10

D. 12

100. What is the mean of 12, 16, 20, and 24?

A. 18

B. 16

C. 19

D. 24

101. A rectangle is 10 units long and 7 units wide. What is its area?

A. 17

B. 34

C. 70

D. 82

102. A bus travels 330 miles in 6 hours. What is its average speed?

A. 45

B. 65

C. 330

D. 55

103. What is $\frac{5}{10}$ expressed as a decimal?

- A. 0.6
- B. 0.4
- C. 0.5
- D. 1

104. What is the perimeter of a square with side length 11?

- A. 22
- B. 33
- C. 121
- D. 44

105. A recipe needs 4 cups of flour for one batch. How many cups are needed for 5 batches?

- A. 20
- B. 9
- C. 16
- D. 24

106. Convert 3.7 kilometers to meters.

- A. 370
- B. 3700
- C. 37
- D. 37000

107. What is the value of 2^5 ?

- A. 15
- B. 16
- C. 32
- D. 26

108. A \$64 bill is split equally among 8 people. How much does each person pay?

- A. 6
- B. 10
- C. 56
- D. 8

109. A triangle has angles of 48 degrees and 62 degrees. What is its third angle?

- A. 60
- B. 70
- C. 80
- D. 110

110. A tank holds 100 liters and is $\frac{7}{10}$ full. How many liters are in it?

- A. 70
- B. 30
- C. 50
- D. 170

111. What is the slope of a line through (4, 5) and (8, 21)?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5

D. 16

112. What is 35% of 270?

A. 84.5

B. 104.5

C. 114.5

D. 94.5

113. A \$100 item is discounted 25%. What is the sale price?

A. 25

B. 99.75

C. 75

D. 125

114. Solve: $6x + 9 = 75$.

A. 11

B. 9

C. 12

D. 14

115. What is the mean of 13, 17, 21, and 25?

A. 19

B. 17

C. 20

D. 25

116. A rectangle is 11 units long and 8 units wide. What is its area?

- A. 19
- B. 38
- C. 88
- D. 100

117. A bus travels 420 miles in 7 hours. What is its average speed?

- A. 50
- B. 70
- C. 420
- D. 60

118. What is $\frac{6}{10}$ expressed as a decimal?

- A. 0.7
- B. 0.6
- C. 0.5
- D. 1.2

119. What is the perimeter of a square with side length 12?

- A. 48
- B. 24
- C. 36
- D. 144

120. A recipe needs 5 cups of flour for one batch. How many cups are needed for 6 batches?

- A. 11
- B. 25
- C. 35
- D. 30

121. Convert 4.7 kilometers to meters.

- A. 470
- B. 4700
- C. 47
- D. 47000

122. What is the value of 2^6 ?

- A. 18
- B. 32
- C. 64
- D. 37

123. A \$81 bill is split equally among 9 people. How much does each person pay?

- A. 9
- B. 7
- C. 11
- D. 72

124. A triangle has angles of 51 degrees and 64 degrees. What is its third angle?

- A. 55
- B. 65
- C. 75

D. 115

125. A tank holds 110 liters and is $\frac{8}{10}$ full. How many liters are in it?

A. 22

B. 55

C. 88

D. 198

126. What is the slope of a line through (5, 6) and (9, 26)?

A. 4

B. 6

C. 20

D. 5

Practice Exam 14: Answer Key and Explanations

1. A — A is the best answer because it follows directly from the language and structure of the passage. Strong reading answers are supported by stated details or reasonable inferences, rather than by an appealing but unsupported association. The other choices either overstate the evidence, focus on a minor detail, or introduce an idea the passage does not establish.

2. D — D is the best answer because it follows directly from the language and structure of the passage. Strong reading answers are supported by stated details or reasonable inferences, rather than by an appealing but unsupported association. The other choices either overstate the evidence, focus on a minor detail, or introduce an idea the passage does not establish.

3. C — C is the best answer because it follows directly from the language and structure of the passage. Strong reading answers are supported by stated details or reasonable inferences, rather than by an appealing but unsupported association. The other choices either overstate the evidence, focus on a minor detail, or introduce an idea the passage does not establish.

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reasonable. The other options reflect common errors such as reversing an operation, using only one part of the information, or confusing related units or formulas.

122. C — C is correct because the relevant quantities must be represented with the stated operation before any arithmetic is performed. Estimating the result can help check whether the computed value is reasonable. The other options reflect common errors such as reversing an operation, using only one part of the information, or confusing related units or formulas.

123. A — A is correct because the relevant quantities must be represented with the stated operation before any arithmetic is performed. Estimating the result can help check whether the computed value is reasonable. The other options reflect common errors such as reversing an operation, using only one part of the information, or confusing related units or formulas.

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