Language Conventions Year 10 — Practice Exam 1 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 15 questions in the free preview.

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1. B. The course covers writing clearly, editing carefully and researching thoroughly.
Items in a list should share a grammatical form. Only this option uses three matching "-ing" phrases; the others mix participles, nouns and infinitives.

2. Answer: entrepreneur
The correct spelling is "entrepreneur". Entre-pre-neur: there is an r after the second p.

3. B. elicit
“Elicit” means to draw out. “Illicit” means not allowed by law.

4. Answer: anonymous
The correct spelling is "anonymous". Anonymous: a-non-y-mous.

5. A. The committee's decision surprised everyone.
Turning "decided" into "decision" (a nominalisation) creates a more formal, concise tone typical of academic writing.

6. Answer: sequence
The correct spelling is "sequence".

7. A. to focus on the process rather than the person
The passive voice keeps attention on what happened, which suits the objective tone of scientific writing.

8. Answer: liaise
The correct spelling is "liaise". Liaise has an i on both sides of the a: l-i-a-i-s-e.

9. A. Because the storm was approaching, the ship returned to port.
A sentence fragment is missing an independent clause; only the first option has both a subordinate and a main clause.

10. Answer: idiosyncrasy
The correct spelling is "idiosyncrasy". Idiosyncrasy ends in -crasy, not -cracy.

11. C. fewer
Items can be counted, so formal English uses “fewer”.

12. Answer: criticised
The correct spelling is "criticised".

13. A. Furthermore
The second point adds another problem to the first, so an adding connective fits: Furthermore.

14. Answer: rhetoric
The correct spelling is "rhetoric". Rhetoric starts with rh-.

15. B. The novel, which won the prize, has been translated into nine languages.
The clause "which won the prize" adds non-essential information, so it takes a comma at both ends. Opening the pair without closing it, or the reverse, is an error.

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