Language Conventions Year 10 — Practice Exam 3 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 15 questions in the free preview.

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1. D. The witnesses’ accounts differed from one another.
More than one witness gave an account, so the apostrophe follows the plural "witnesses". Option B would mean a single witness.

2. Answer: colleague
The correct spelling is "colleague". Colleague ends in -eague, like league.

3. C. The tour visits Hobart, Tasmania; Cairns, Queensland; and Broome, Western Australia.
When list items already contain commas, semicolons separate the items so each city stays with its state.

4. Answer: inadmissible
The correct spelling is "inadmissible".

5. D. a pair of commas
Dashes, commas and brackets can all set off extra information in the middle of a sentence.

6. Answer: deterrent
The correct spelling is "deterrent". Double the r: deter, deterrent.

7. C. The council must act immediately.
“Must” expresses the strongest degree of obligation and certainty.

8. Answer: gauge
The correct spelling is "gauge". Gauge: the a comes before the u.

9. D. be
After verbs like “recommend” or “insist”, formal English uses the base form of the verb (the subjunctive): that every member be present.

10. Answer: connoisseur
The correct spelling is "connoisseur". Double n and double s: co-nn-oi-ss-eur.

11. A. The candidate who was selected by the panel withdrew.
"Who" is correct when it is the subject of the verb that follows — here "who was selected". "Whom" would be needed only where it is the object.

12. Answer: pronunciation
The correct spelling is "pronunciation". Pronounce loses its o in pronunciation: pro-nun-ci-a-tion.

13. A. a man-eating shark
The hyphen joins “man-eating” into one description of the shark. Without it, it reads as a man eating a shark.

14. Answer: perseverance
The correct spelling is "perseverance".

15. D. The data indicates a significant correlation.
Formal academic writing avoids contractions and colloquial phrasing.

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