



Introduction

This diagnostic assessment is designed to evaluate the understanding and application of basic creative writing elements among 11-12 year old students. The assessment consists of three sections: Multiple Choice, Short Answer, and Essay.

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Section 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. What is the main purpose of a plot in a story?
- a. To introduce characters
 - b. To develop the setting
 - c. To create conflict and tension
 - d. To resolve the story

2. Which of the following is an example of a character trait?
- a. Happy
 - b. Tall
 - c. Blue eyes
 - d. Loves reading

3. What is the role of setting in a story?
- a. To introduce characters
 - b. To develop the plot
 - c. To create mood and atmosphere
 - d. To resolve the story

4. What is the main theme of a story?
- a. The main event
 - b. The main character
 - c. The underlying message
 - d. The setting

5. What is the importance of grammar and spelling in writing?
- a. To create a good impression
 - b. To convey meaning and ideas
 - c. To follow rules and conventions
 - d. To make the writing look nice



Section 2: Short Answer Questions

Answer each question in 1-2 paragraphs.

1. Describe a character's motivation in a story. What drives them to make certain decisions? (Please provide an example from a story you have read.)

2. Explain the importance of setting in a story. How does it contribute to the plot and character development? (Please provide an example from a story you have read.)

3. Identify and explain a theme in a given text. How is it developed throughout the story?

4. Write a short paragraph using descriptive language to describe a place or object.

5. Edit the following sentence for grammar and spelling errors: "The techer gave us alot of homework tonight."

Section 3: Essay Question

Write a short story (approx. 150-200 words) using the following prompt: "Imagine you are an object in a room. Describe your surroundings and what you see, hear, and feel."

Marking Guide

The marking guide is as follows:

- Multiple Choice: 1 mark for each correct answer
- Short Answer: 2-3 marks for each question, depending on the quality of the answer
- Essay: 10 marks, awarded for content knowledge, application of writing elements, clarity and coherence of writing, and creativity and originality

Implementation Guidelines

The implementation guidelines are as follows:

- Time allocation: 30 minutes
- Administration tips:
 1. Ensure students have a quiet and comfortable workspace
 2. Provide clear instructions and examples for each section
 3. Encourage students to read the questions carefully and answer to the best of their ability

Differentiation Options

The differentiation options are as follows:

- For students with learning difficulties:
 1. Provide extra time to complete the assessment
 2. Offer a reader or scribe to assist with reading and writing
- For English language learners:
 1. Provide a bilingual dictionary or glossary to support vocabulary development
 2. Offer extra time to complete the assessment
- For gifted and talented students:
 1. Provide additional challenges, such as writing a longer story or creating a poem

Teaching Tips

The teaching tips are as follows:

- To support students in developing their writing skills, provide regular opportunities for writing practice and feedback
- Encourage students to read widely and often, and to discuss their reading with peers and teachers

Answer Key

The answer key is as follows:

- Multiple Choice:
 1. c) To create conflict and tension
 2. d) Loves reading
 3. c) To create mood and atmosphere
 4. c) The underlying message
 5. b) To convey meaning and ideas
- Short Answer: (Answers will vary depending on student responses)
- Essay: (Answers will vary depending on student responses)

