

## Introduction

*This assessment is designed to evaluate the understanding of basic grammar rules, ability to identify main ideas in a text, demonstration of vocabulary knowledge, and application of reading comprehension skills to simple passages for 11-12 year old students.*

## Section 1: Multiple Choice Questions

*Choose the correct answer for each question.*

1. What is the function of a noun in a sentence?
  - a. To describe a verb
  - b. To describe a person, place, or thing
  - c. To describe an adjective
  - d. To describe an adverb
2. Which of the following sentences is in the correct form of subject-verb agreement?
  - a. The cat and the dog is sleeping.
  - b. The cat and the dog are sleeping.
  - c. The cat and the dog sleep.
  - d. The cat and the dog sleeps.
3. What is the purpose of a comma in a sentence?
  - a. To separate words
  - b. To separate clauses
  - c. To separate sentences
  - d. To separate paragraphs
4. Identify the correct form of the possessive adjective in the following sentence: "The \_\_\_\_\_ book is mine."
  - a. my
  - b. mine
  - c. mys
  - d. mines
5. Which of the following sentences is in the correct form of tense consistency?
  - a. I go to the store, and then I will buy some milk.
  - b. I go to the store, and then I buy some milk.
  - c. I went to the store, and then I will buy some milk.
  - d. I went to the store, and then I buy some milk.

## Vocabulary

*Choose the correct answer for each question.*

1. What is the meaning of the word "nuance"?
  - a. A subtle difference or shade of meaning
  - b. A strong or obvious difference
  - c. A type of fruit
  - d. A type of animal
2. Which of the following words is a synonym for the word "happy"?
  - a. Sad
  - b. Angry
  - c. Joyful
  - d. Depressed
3. What is the meaning of the word "persuade"?

- a. To convince someone to do something
  - b. To force someone to do something
  - c. To ask someone to do something
  - d. To tell someone to do something
4. Which of the following words is an antonym for the word "fast"?
- a. Slow
  - b. Quick
  - c. Rapid
  - d. Speedy
5. What is the meaning of the word "cooperate"?
- a. To work together
  - b. To work alone
  - c. To compete with someone
  - d. To argue with someone

## Section 2: Short Answer Questions

Answer each question in complete sentences.

1. Read the following passage and identify the main idea and supporting details:

"The sun is a star that is located at the center of our solar system. It is the primary source of light and heat for our planet. The sun is about 93 million miles away from the Earth and is about 109 times bigger than the Earth."

2. Read the following passage and identify the main idea and supporting details:

"The water cycle is the process by which water moves from the Earth to the atmosphere and back again. It involves the processes of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation. The water cycle is important because it helps to distribute water around the planet and support life."

## Applying Reading Comprehension Skills

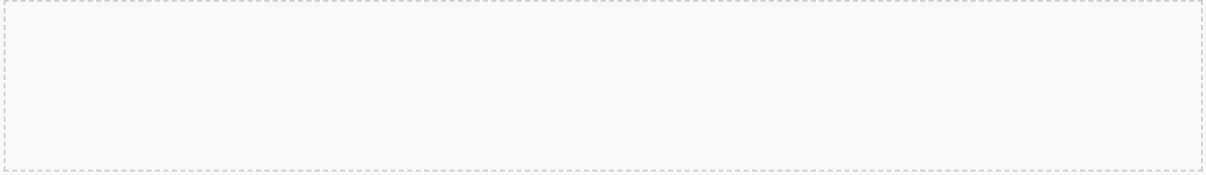
Read each passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. "The city of Paris is the capital of France. It is known for its beautiful architecture, art museums, and romantic atmosphere. The Eiffel Tower is one of the most famous landmarks in Paris and is a popular tourist destination."

- a. What is the capital of France?
- b. What is the Eiffel Tower?
- c. What is Paris known for?

2. "The human body is made up of many different systems that work together to keep us alive. The circulatory system is responsible for transporting blood throughout the body, while the respiratory system is responsible for bringing oxygen into the body. The digestive system is responsible for breaking down food into nutrients that the body can use."

- a. What is the function of the circulatory system?
- b. What is the function of the respiratory system?
- c. What is the function of the digestive system?



### Section 3: Essay Question

*Read the passage and respond to the prompt that follows.*

"The importance of conservation cannot be overstated. The natural world provides us with many benefits, including clean air and water, food, and shelter. However, human activities such as deforestation, pollution, and climate change are threatening the health of our planet. It is up to us to take action to protect the environment and preserve the natural world for future generations."

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. What are some ways that humans can take action to protect the environment?
3. What are some benefits of conservation?

### Answer Key

*Use the answer key to check your work.*

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) To describe a person, place, or thing
2. b) The cat and the dog are sleeping.
3. b) To separate clauses
4. a) my
5. b) I go to the store, and then I buy some milk.
6. a) A subtle difference or shade of meaning
7. c) Joyful
8. a) To convince someone to do something
9. a) Slow
10. a) To work together

### Short Answer Questions

1. Main idea: The sun is a star that is located at the center of our solar system.  
Supporting details: The sun is the primary source of light and heat for our planet, it is about 93 million miles away from the Earth, and it is about 109 times bigger than the Earth.
2. Main idea: The water cycle is the process by which water moves from the Earth to the atmosphere and back again.  
Supporting details: The water cycle involves the processes of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation, and it is important because it helps to distribute water around the planet and support life.

### Essay Question

1. What is the main idea of the passage? The importance of conservation
2. What are some ways that humans can take action to protect the environment? Reduce, reuse, recycle, use public transportation, conserve water and energy

3. What are some benefits of conservation? Clean air and water, food, shelter, preservation of the natural world for future generations

