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ISAT Sample Questions: Grade 3 Language Usage

1. Kenny has been asked to write a paper that gives step-by-step directions. Which would be the **best** title for his paper?

- A. How Donna Learned to Keep a Secret
- B. How the Rainbow Trout Got Its Name
- C. How Rusty Found the Missing Key
- D. How to Build a Bluebird House

2. Which is **not** a complete sentence?

- A. Does Peg have enough stuffed animals for everyone?
- B. Several important reasons to repair the soccer field.
- C. Armin enjoys reading letters from his grandmother.
- D. Can you finish all the sentences in thirty minutes?

3. Read the sentence.

There are more than two million acres of land in the Sawtooth National forest.

Which word should begin with a capital letter?

- A. million
- B. acres
- C. land
- D. forest

4. Isaac's favorite activities include biking, swimming, and hiking. His brother Patrick prefers reading, stargazing, and drawing.

The ideas in the sentences show

- A. the cause of an event.
- B. how two people are different.
- C. why brothers should get along.
- D. events in the order they happened.



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5. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A. Idaho is famous for its rivers mountains and canyons.
- B. Idaho is famous for its rivers mountains, and canyons.
- C. Idaho is famous for its rivers, mountains, and canyons.
- D. Idaho is famous for its rivers, mountains, and, canyons.

6. Read the report.

(1) Sea stars live in the ocean. (2) They can be blue, red, orange, and many other colors. (3) Some sea stars have only five legs. (4) Others have many more.

Which sentence should follow Sentence 1?

- A. Oceans are big and have waves.
- B. Some birds like to eat sea stars.
- C. They come in many colors and sizes.
- D. Many different animals live in the ocean.

7. Which underlined word is used correctly?

- A. I haven't seen Sam in over a weak.
- B. Did you sea the dress she was wearing?
- C. Did you here the bird singing in the tree?
- D. She has grown two inches in less than a month.

8. Read the paragraph.

The Walker Elementary Book Fair will open on Monday at 9:00 a.m. Children are welcome to come and look for books. The book fair will be open each day until 3:00 p.m. It will close Friday at noon.

The writer uses the details in the paragraph to

- A. tell a story.
- B. give information.
- C. describe a person.
- D. compare two things.



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9. Read the sentence.

Will Kayla meet us at the Pizza Palace.

Which change corrects the mistake in the sentence?

- A. Change meet to meat.
- B. Change us to we.
- C. Change Palace to palace.
- D. Change the period (.) to a question mark (?).

10. Which underlined verb needs to be changed?

- A. Alex gave me his football.
- B. Grandma made a cup of tea.
- C. Mom painted the bedroom blue.
- D. Wilson buyed a pack of baseball cards.

11. Read the sentence.

Our town's libary has a special room with books and movies for children.

Which word in the sentence is spelled wrong?

- A. libary
- B. special
- C. movies
- D. children

12. Read the sentence.

I was glad when I saw the new puppy!

Which word correctly replaces the underlined word in the sentence?

- A. happy
- B. wonderful
- C. good
- D. excitedly



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13. Read the sentence.

I like to meet my friends at the lake.

Choose the **best** place to add the words in the summer to the sentence.

- A. after I
- B. after meet
- C. after at
- D. after lake



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Question #	Correct Answer	Standard/Goal/Objective
1	D	3.1.2
2	B	5.3.1
3	D	5.4.1
4	B	3.1.3
5	C	5.4.2
6	C	3.3.2
7	D	5.2.3
8	B	3.1.4
9	D	3.4.1
10	D	5.3.2
11	A	5.2.1
12	A	3.3.1
13	D	3.3.3