

## Day 2 Author's Use of Language

Do you want to add years to your life and feel better? Here are a few tips. First, to decrease your chance of a heart attack, eat a handful of nuts each day. Also, to ease the effects of arthritis, be sure to include some citrus, such as orange juice in your diet. Finally, exercise on a regular basis.

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5. The tone of this passage is –

- A. Funny/Humorous
- B. Sad
- C. Insulting

Whether you are starting or continuing on the academic road to success, there are a series of markers that will help keep you on the path. First, you must believe. Believe in yourself, believe in others, and believe in the process of life. You are here for a purpose. Second, keep an open mind. Be aware of things that are working and things that are not. Be willing to make changes. Third, know when you need help and be willing to ask for it. There are many people who can assist you; be specific when you ask for help. Fourth, use your resources: people, books, nature, experiences, events, travel-that which is seen and that which is unseen. Fifth, remember who you are and why you are here. Remind yourself what it is that you want to accomplish. Sixth, balance your life. There is a weariness that occurs when life's energies are out of harmony. Body, mind, and spirit need nurturing on a daily basis. Lastly, remember that storms never last.

6. Which word best describes the author's attitude towards continuing on the "academic road to success"?

- A. Optimistic
- B. Neutral
- C. Pessimistic
- D. Doubting

The presentation was about to begin. The audience anxiously waited in their metal chairs and talked to one another about what they were going to learn. The presenter walked to the front of the room, introduced herself. The audience clapped for the presenter. The presenter repeated what the audience already knew, that a passing quiz score on the information would be required by the end of the day for continued employment in the company. The audience immediately took out note pads and pens, tablets, and recorders. The presenter, then, pointed to the screen at the front of the room and pushed a button on her laptop. Suddenly, the screen went blank. The audience members shifted uncomfortably in their seats as the presenter worked to solve the problem. Some members of the audience tried to help. Phone calls were made by the presenter as the audience waited while looking nervously at their watches.

7. The overall feeling of the paragraph can be described as –

- A. Remorseful
- B. Apprehensive
- C. Mocking
- D. Vindictive

8. Although volunteer work may gratify the needs in a community, it also can satisfy a need in the volunteer to do something of value.

- A. discipline
- B. surrounded
- C. please
- D. control

9. When I finally get around to cleaning out my refrigerator, I always find vile remnants at the back of a shelf, such as moldy fruit, or a container of old smelly chicken wings.

- A. waste
- B. recent
- C. cold
- D. disgusting

10. Every habitat in the world, from volcano tops to icebergs, can support some sort of life.

- A. nation
- B. environment
- C. practice
- D. housing

More than a century before rap exploded onto the American music scene, West African musicians were telling stories rhythmically, with just the beat of a drum for accompaniment. Meanwhile, folk artists from the Caribbean Islands were also telling stories in rhyme. Indeed, these singing poets from Africa and the Caribbean lay the foundation for modern-day American rap music.

Rapping essentially involves the speaking or chanting of rhyming lyrics, often set to a beat. The rhyming created by rappers is considered by many to be one of the most sophisticated styles of poetry. What's more, these rhymes often address provocative subjects such as sex, violence and socio-political issues. Rapping first gained popularity in the U.S. in the 1970s as a kind of street art, especially among African American teenagers. But it wasn't until 1979, when the Sugarhill Gang released their breakaway hit, 'Rapper's Delight,' that record producers took notice of this emerging musical genre. Once they did, numerous rap acts, including Run-DMC and N.W.A., surfaced, and rap's audience began to swell. It wasn't just African American male rappers getting in on the act, either: By the 1980s, white rap bands such as the Beastie Boys and female rap bands such as Salt-n-Pepa were reaching the top of the charts. By the 1990s, rap matured from an old-school-style – which was based on relatively simple lyrics – to a new-school-style, which was louder and included more complex lyrics. Artists such as The Notorious B.I.G., Snoop Dogg and Tupac ruled the charts during this time, as did Eminem – one of the most popular white rappers of all time. Rap has stood the test of time and its popularity rages on with today's artists such as 50 Cent, Ludacris and Jay-Z churning out hit after thought-provoking hit. The beat truly does go on.

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11. In this paragraph, the word *provocative* most nearly means –

- A. thoughtful
- B. enjoyable
- C. stimulating
- D. criminal

12. 13. The word *genre* as it is used in the paragraph means –

- A. style
- B. genius
- C. sensation
- D. band

13. In this paragraph, the word churning most nearly means –

- A. growing
- B. tossing
- C. chanting
- D. grabbing