

ACADEMIC WRITING PRACTICE TEST

I Cross out the unnecessary word(s) in the following sentences:

1. As we have already noted in Section 4.2.1, the presence of x can influence y.
2. The results obtained highlight that $x = y$.
3. Paint samples, as described previously, normally contain mixtures of different substances.
4. This paper review is absolutely essential.
5. This author introduced the Sociolinguistic Theory for the first time.

II Replace the underlined phrasal verbs with the ones that are more appropriate for academic texts:

1. A primary education system was set up throughout Ireland as early as 1831.

2. This will cut down the amount of drug required to and so the cost of treatment.

3. The press could influence opinion and reinforce the existing attitudes, but it did not come up with new forms of entertainment. _____
4. Cole (2009) puts forward some fascinating theories on the development of language.

5. Greene points out that the increase in life expectancy has lead to certain economic problems. _____

III Paraphrase the following sentences to make them more effective in academic texts:

1. She did not want to perform the experiment incorrectly.

2. The research as not successful.

3. It was concluded by the editors that the data had been falsified by the authors.

4. The data confirm that there is an association between vegetables and cancer.

5. The first visible-light snapshot of a planet circling another star has been taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope.
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IV Read the following paragraph carefully. Then select the most appropriate TOPIC SENTENCE for the paragraph from the choices provided.

_____ . In the United States, for example, women are expected to live an average of 80.4 years, while men live only 75.2 years. Sociologists attribute many factors to this trend. For example, men have higher testosterone levels than women, which may make men more likely to abuse alcohol and tobacco, drive aggressively, and engage in other life-threatening behaviors. Men also choose riskier types of work and become involved in wartime aggression, which are connected to men's decreased life expectancy. Studies also show that women are less likely to experience life-threatening illnesses and health problems than men are.

- a) There is an important correlation between testosterone and age.
- b) Older men die before older women virtually everywhere in the world.
- c) In the USA, women are generally healthier than men.

V Read the following paragraph and select the choice that best represents the content of the paragraph.

Many people look back to the 1950s as the golden age of the traditional family, but was it really? Teenage pregnancy rates were higher in the 1950s than they are today, although a higher proportion of teenage mothers were married (primarily due to "shotgun weddings," a colloquialism that developed from the idea that many fathers of pregnant girls had to force, possibly with a weapon, a man to marry his daughter once she became pregnant). Many families were unable to survive the traumas of war and its aftermath, and the divorce rate rose from one in six in 1940 to one in four marriages in 1946. Although many families prospered in the years following World War II, many others suffered from economic hardship. In 1948, Newsweek reported that most of the 27 million schoolchildren in the United States were badly in need of medical or dental care, while more than 900 thousand children were malnourished.

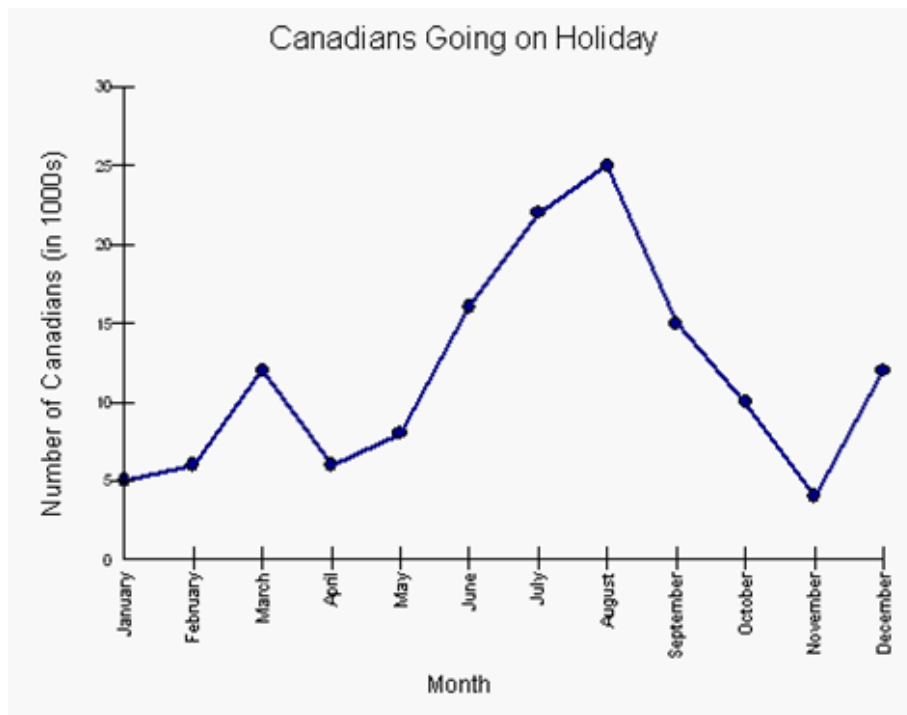
—Kunz, THINK Marriages & Families, p. 8

- a. teenage pregnancy rates
- b. the effect of war on divorce
- c. family problems in the 1950s
- d. golden age

VI Choose the best linking word or expression for the following sentences.

1. The team hasn't been playing too well. _____, they are expected to win this afternoon.
2. _____ in nearly every country in the world they drive on the right, in England they insist on driving on the left.
3. _____ to the north, which will remain warm and sunny, the south will become cloudy during the early morning.
4. I'm not tired at all. _____, I'm feeling full of energy.
5. I know we agreed to raise the issue at the next meeting _____ we simply won't have the time to discuss it.

VII Describe the following graph:



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