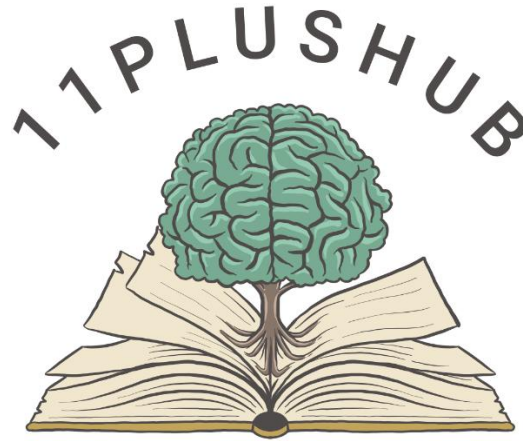


Ten Minute Tests



Before beginning the test, set a 10-minute timer.

You must use your time carefully, being sure to answer the questions as quickly as possible.

If you get stuck on a question, skip it and come back to it.

If you really don't know the answer to a question, use deduction to eliminate any incorrect options, and guess from the options that remain.

It's important that you try your best to answer **ALL** questions.

When you have finished the test, use any remaining time to check through your answers.

When the time has passed, go straight to the video solutions and check through your answers.

Good Luck!

English 1

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

Emilia crouched behind the heavy red curtain, her breath catching in her throat like a hiccup she couldn't release. Beyond the velvet folds, the school auditorium pulsed with muffled chatter. Her name was next. She glanced down at her poem—creased, crumpled, but memorised like a lullaby. “Be brave,” she mouthed silently. The moment arrived. She stepped forward. The light from the stage was blinding, the silence deafening. But something inside her—small, determined—rose like a tide. She spoke.

1. What does the phrase “her breath catching in her throat like a hiccup she couldn't release” suggest about Emilia?

- A) She had a sore throat
- B) She was about to cough
- C) She was extremely nervous
- D) She was hiding from someone

2. Why is Emilia's poem described as “creased, crumpled, but memorised like a lullaby”?

- A) She forgot the words and had to fold it
- B) She had practised it many times despite its condition
- C) She didn't care about the poem
- D) It had been written by her teacher

3. What effect does the phrase “the silence deafening” have on the reader?

- A) It shows the hall was noisy
- B) It emphasises the tension of the moment
- C) It explains that the microphone was broken
- D) It suggests the audience was angry

4. Which word best describes Emilia's character based on the passage?

- A) Boastful
- B) Anxious
- C) Indifferent
- D) Lazy

5. The sentence “something inside her—small, determined—rose like a tide” is an example of which literary device?

- A) Simile
- B) Alliteration
- C) Hyperbole
- D) Onomatopoeia

6. What is most likely to happen next in the story?

- A) Emilia forgets her lines and runs off
- B) The audience boos her performance
- C) Emilia begins to read her poem confidently
- D) A teacher interrupts her recital

7. Choose the word closest in meaning to “reluctant”:

- A) Eager
- B) Unwilling
- C) Grateful
- D) Confused

8. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A) I enjoy reading writing and to drawing.
- B) Emilia whispered “I’m ready,” before stepping out.
- C) The dog barked loudly, it woke the whole street.
- D) Although it was raining, we still went to the park.

9. Choose the sentence that uses the word “elaborate” as a verb:

- A) The castle had an elaborate design.
- B) Please elaborate on your answer.
- C) Her costume was very elaborate.
- D) The painting was elaborate and detailed.

10. Which of these is a synonym for “vivid”?

- A) Dull
- B) Clear
- C) Quiet
- D) Harsh

***Remember to make sure you have answered all questions and use any time remaining to check through your answers.**

***When you have finished, check your answers by watching the video solutions.**