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### CHALLENGE THE

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# AUTHOR'S PURPOSE, TONE, AND POINT OF VIEW

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## *AUTHOR'S PURPOSE*

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Authors always have a purpose (motive) when they write. The purpose could be to inform the reader about certain information or ideas, to entertain the reader with something funny, mysterious, or scary, or to persuade the reader to buy or do something.

### EXAMPLES

#### *Purpose – to inform*

Rabies, a deadly disease to both animals and humans, is on the increase in many areas of Florida. In fact, the number of reported human exposures to rabies has not been this high since the 1940's. This particular strain of rabies was brought to Florida by Texas coyotes. Truckloads of these coyotes are imported into the state by hunting clubs and used in fox hunts. The disease has always been found among wild animals, but the real problem is that fewer than half of all dogs, cats, and farm animals have been vaccinated against it. In 1994, twenty cats, ten dogs, and three horses contracted rabies, an increase of 500% in the last five years. Domestic animals must be vaccinated, for they are the ones most likely to have contact with humans.

#### *Purpose – to entertain*

A lonely worm had been trying to find a friend for weeks and weeks. After a long search, he found one in the very garden where he lived.

“Hello,” he said. “I’ve never seen you before.”

“Well then, you haven’t looked around very much,” said his new friend.

“Why do you say that?” asked the worm.

“Because,” the second worm laughed, “I’m your other half!”

#### *Purpose – to persuade*

South Carolina is the best state in the United States. It has a coastal plain that is flat and broken by many streams and rivers. Its piedmont contains a belt of many manufacturing establishments. The mountainous area is heavily forested and beautiful. With all this variety, who could ask for a better place to live?

**PRACTICE**

Decide whether the author's purpose is to inform, entertain, or persuade.

1. Many Native American peoples lived in South Carolina. About 900 years ago, the Mississippian culture called the Mound Builders flourished. They built great temple mounds. In 1600, the Cherokee, Catawba, and the Yamasil were major nations in the state.
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2. British ships began pounding Fort McHenry with rockets and bombs in September 13, 1814. Francis Scott Key, a Washington lawyer, watched the battle. He knew the fort had not surrendered as long as the American flag flew. Francis Scott Key watched "the rockets" red glare, the "bombs bursting in air" all night long. He wrote down what he saw and felt in a poem called "The Star-Spangled Banner." This poem was set to music and later became our national anthem.
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3. On August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. The invasion was swift, and Saddam Hussein, Iraq's president, announced that Kuwait was not part of Iraq. President Bush led a worldwide effort to help drive the Iraqi forces from Kuwait. General Colin Powell, head of the US armed forces, prepared for war. Powell was the first African-American to head this high military position. The war lasted six weeks, and Saddam Hussein's forces left Kuwait.
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4. Once there was a shoemaker who was very poor. He had nothing left but enough leather to make one pair of shoes. He cut out the shoes at night so that he could make them in the morning. He went to bed and in the morning went in to work on the shoes. He was surprised to find that the shoes were already finished.
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5. There is no better place to visit than Disney World. There are rides and entertainment for adults and children. It is nonstop fun. Plan your vacation to Florida today.
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6. Nike designed shoes appealing to joggers and 15–22 year olds. The results of Nike's efforts were an expanded market of 20 million walkers and joggers and 30% of the teenage and young adult buyers in the United States.
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7. Suddenly, a howl rose in the still air. At this, Maska and Imala turned and saw, from a distant valley, a dark line of creatures moving in their direction. Although the creatures were still nearly a mile away, they were advancing rapidly, parting the sea of red grass as they rode. Just then, Imala thought of the howl. It had not come from the distant creatures, but was quite near, perhaps arising from a cavern at their very feet!

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8. Determining the causes of allergies is a complex part of patient diagnosis. A case history of the patient aids investigation since a person's occupation, environment, diet, and general habits may aggravate allergies. For example, a husband's irritability was traced to his wife's make-up. Far more common than conjugal allergy is exposure to tobacco smoke. The condition of asthmatic children living with parents who smoke worsened in 65% of the cases. Another common diagnostic tool for finding allergies is the patch test. This procedure involves scratching minute amounts of various materials into the skin and then reading the reaction. An immediate swelling at the scratch point indicates a positive test and suggests an allergy.

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9. A lantern-fish is a deep sea bony fish. It is 1–6 inches long. It has a large mouth and eyes and many light-producing organs in its head, underside, and base of the tail.

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10. Work weeks should only consist of four days, Monday through Thursday. Workers are so stressed that they need more days off to rest. If they had three-day weekends instead of two-day weekends, more work would be accomplished during the work week.

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11. I watched the alien ship land in the field of wheat. Slowly, the hatch opened, and a group of small, thin, scaly creatures descended the platform. Their orb-shaped eyes were staring into mine. Why are they here? What do they want? Was I safe?

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12. Donald McKay was a US clipper shipbuilder born in Canada. In 1845, he owned his own shipyard in Boston. He became known as the builder of the fastest and the largest clipper ships. The shipyard closed in 1873 with the popularity of the iron steam-powered ships.

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13. When you are driving:

- Drive with doors locked and windows rolled up.
  - When you park, lock car doors and trunk and take your key.
  - Store valuables out of sight in a locked trunk or glove compartment.
  - Don't pick up hitchhikers.
  - Check inside and underneath the car before getting in and park in well-lit areas.
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14. Martha Everett is the best candidate for the School Board of Blount County. Martha has taught school for fifteen years, has three children in the school system, has worked six years with the local PTA Board, and has the ability to make drastic changes for better education. Vote for Martha Everett on Election Day!

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15. The Lofoten Islands are a large group of islands off the northwest coast of Norway near the Arctic Circle. These islands are home to many cod and herring fisheries.

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16. What do you need to enter cyberspace? All you need is a personal computer, a modem, which is a telephone line for computers, and an on-line computer service such as CompuServe, America Online, or Prodigy. Then you'll be ready to travel, join discussion groups, go shopping around the world, and make new friends, too.

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17. There are many sporting events in South Carolina's yearly calendar. Trial, steeplechase, and harness races are contested in March during the Triple Crown in Aiken. Sailboat regattas are held in June, July, and August. On Labor Day, a stock-car race is run at the Darlington racetrack.

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18. Good schools should be a part of our children's education. You may ask, how do we build good schools? First, we must meet the basic needs of children. Parents must provide the emotional and physical foundation at home. Young single mothers should be taught parenting skills. Secondly, parents should add the building blocks of love. They should spend time helping their children with homework and doing something enjoyable together. Finally, parents and children should worship together at a church of their choice. The bottom line is that spiritual help is the roof that shelters families from harm. Then, good schools will exist in every community.

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19. Our English-speaking ancestors borrowed many words from other languages. Over the last 2000 years, words from Latin, Greek, German, French, Spanish, and African languages have enriched English. Particularly important for high school are words or parts of words taken from Latin or Greek. In fact, well over 50% of our vocabulary comes from these classical languages.

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20. Neither candidate has spoken to reporters. In this regard, they are very similar. It's time that both candidates debate the issues on television. Otherwise, the voters will not be able to see how they differ in their beliefs.

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21. I left the front door open so all the neighbors could hear. She usually rested her smile until late afternoon when her women friends dropped in and Miss Glory, the cook, served them cold drinks on the front porch.

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22. I think our first priority should be taking care of our own people. Our tax money should be spent on our own citizens. If you just stop and look around, you can see people in our cities who are going hungry and don't have a place to live.

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23. There were quiet, lyrical days on end under blue, unthreatening skies. There were the red-wing blackbirds on the corral fence, and the scent of moss flowers in the spring.

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## AUTHOR'S TONE

The author's tone is his or her use of emotion when writing. The emotion that the author uses gives you a positive, negative, or neutral feeling about the topic.

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| <b>Negative tone</b> | In conveying a negative tone, the writer makes you have bad feelings about the topic (unhappiness, anger, sadness, bitterness, etc.).   |
| <b>Positive tone</b> | In conveying a positive tone, the writer makes you have good feelings about the topic (silliness, happiness, humor, love, pride, etc.). |
| <b>Neutral tone</b>  | In conveying a neutral tone, the writer makes you have no feelings, good or bad. Everything is impartial, the facts, neutral.           |

### PRACTICE

Choose the correct tone (negative, positive, neutral) for each.

1. Dr. North left his secret mark upon the neighborhood—as all of us do, for good or for ill, upon our neighborhoods, in accordance with the strength of that character which abides within us. For a long time I did not know that it was he, though it was not difficult to see that some strong good man had often passed this way. I saw the mystic sign of him deep-lettered in the hearthstone of a home; I heard it speaking bravely from the weak lips of a friend; it is carved in the plastic heart of many a boy. No, I do not doubt the immortalities of the soul; in this community, which I have come to love so much, dwells more than one of John North's immortalities—and will continue to dwell. I, too, live more deeply because John North was here.  
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2. Mr. Smallwood had lost his job at the tire factory. He had used all of his benefits from the employment agency, and he did not know what would become of him and his family. There is no health insurance to cover his sick son's hospital bill, there is no food in the pantry, and there is no money to pay the rent or electricity bills.  
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3. Carolyn's wedding is this afternoon. When she looked out the window this morning, dark clouds were forming in the West. She had a beautiful outdoor wedding planned in the gardens of her former university. She started to worry that rain would ruin all of her plans for a glorious wedding. How would she handle all of the guests indoors?  
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4. Lima is the capital of Peru. It is in the eastern part of the country near the port of Callao. Founded in 1535 by Pizarro, it became the main base of Spanish power in Peru.  
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5. Marie cracked her ankle bone last week. She has been in bed since that day. Even though she is enjoying all of the attention, she cannot work, skate, swim, or even go to school yet. She is in a terrible mood. Nothing can cheer her up.  

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6. At six feet nine inches, Magic Johnson could bump shoulders and leap with anyone. He could slam, shovel, hook, and fire from three-point range—all with deadly accuracy. As for free throws, he led the All-National Basketball Association players in shooting percentages. His famous “no-look” surprised everyone with its precision. Magic loves popcorn and coke while he watches baseball on television.  

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7. We mark'd the slaves we had bought in the breast, or shoulder, with a hot iron, ... which caus'd but little pain, the mark being usually well in four or five days... When our slaves were come to the seaside,... the longboat convey'd them aboard ship, where the men were all put in irons, two by two shackled together, to prevent their mutiny, or swimming ashore... We had about 12 slaves did wilfully drown themselves, and others starv'd themselves to death; for 'tis their belief that when they die they return home to their own country and friends again... Some commanders have cut off the legs and arms of the most wilful, to terrify the rest, for they believe if they lose a member, they cannot return home again.  

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8. Women of this day were restricted in many ways: (a) they could not vote; (b) they had very limited rights in court; (c) a married woman's property became her husband's; (d) educational and economic opportunities were limited at best and nonexistent at most; (e) they had no legal responsibility for their children.  

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9. Charles meant well. He had entered the casino with his last ten dollars. He hoped to win enough money to buy his wife the beautiful bracelet she stared at in the jewelry store window. Now he walked dejectedly to his home. He could only wish his wife a happy birthday. He wished he had bought the roses he had seen for ten dollars in the street cart.  

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10. Marilyn jumped in the air, the envelope floating to the floor. Tears ran down her face as she yelled loudly, “Mother, I won first prize in the poetry contest!”  

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11. South Carolina's average January temperatures range from less than 40°F in the extreme northwestern part of the state to more than 50°F in the southern coastal areas.  

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12. My best friend in the whole world moved to another state today. I watched the moving van as it went slowly down the street and out of sight. A tear rolled down my cheek. What would I do without Janet?
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13. The U.S. has always been a land of immigrants. Over a period of time the sources of immigration have changed. Since 1965 most new immigrants have not been from Europe, but from Asia and Latin America. Many of the Asian immigrants were Vietnamese and Cambodians fleeing their country. They have achieved a great deal of success. The high value they placed on education has continued in the U.S. The infusion of new immigrants has increased the cultural diversity of the U.S. Some of these foreign traditions have become mainstream. Egg rolls and tacos now join pizza and hot dogs.
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14. Many people believe that the most harmful aspects of our food are the food additives or pesticide residues in our foods. But for humans, food-borne illnesses caused by microorganisms, especially bacteria, cause far more illnesses and deaths than all other concerns combined. It is estimated that food-borne illnesses caused by microorganisms are responsible for more than 10 million illnesses and over 10,000 deaths per year. Most food-borne illnesses result from improper sanitation, improper cooking, or improper holding temperatures after the food is prepared. Most food-borne illnesses can be prevented by proper food preparation and storage techniques.
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15. Weight Watchers, founded by a self-described Brooklyn housewife in 1963, is the oldest of the weight-loss programs. It holds an overwhelming market share. It was chosen by 43 percent of those who used professional help to lose weight, far more than the number using any other program. Those who chose Weight Watchers were also significantly more satisfied than those who went to any of its competitors.
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16. Although Columbus was a hardheaded observer of the winds and waves, on the crucial question of where he had arrived, he remained the slave of his hopes. He was determined to find signs everywhere that he had reached the fringes of Asia.
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17. Give me a nickel for every resolution I've made, and I'll drive home in a Jaguar. I'm like the ever-hopeful Charlie Brown, running up once again to kick the football only to have Lucy pull it away one more time. In this analogy, unfortunately, I am Lucy as well as Charlie. The obvious resolutions I make and break every few days, rather than once a year. Exercise is like Remembrance of Things Past—I'll get back to it just as soon as I have some extra time. I swear I'll write those letters just as soon as this show is over.
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18. Perhaps the most serious problem the sellers face is one they themselves created, the barrage of advertising that assaults us every day. Between 1965 and 1990, the number of commercials shown on network TV tripled. We encounter an estimated 3,000 marketing messages daily. In 1990, L.L. Bean alone mailed 114 million catalogs. Every day, by one reckoning, more than 18 million of us get a call from a telemarketer trying to sell us something by phone.

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19. People are different. It would seem that the kindest teaching behavior would be to instruct students in this regard—let them know that the world is not always “fair.” Prepare them for the suffering they will endure because of others’ mistakes. Let them realize from the beginning that their efforts are not always evaluated fairly. Help them understand that in a democracy the group often suffers from the actions of a few. Teach them to understand that justice is an idea, less often a reality.

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20. Printing presses must be licensed, and publications deemed “prejudicial to the national interest” are banned. Anyone engaged in activities considered unsavory can find his or her career or education plans derailed.

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21. My hopes soared when George Bush became president. I admire his intelligence and self-assurance. I was impressed with the job he did as governor of Texas, and I felt sure our country would be under great leadership.

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22. Scenery is as symbolic as the makeup and costumes. Water is represented by banners on which are painted waves and fish. A man with an oar will signify a boat. A table covered with a black cloth might represent a wall or a mountain. Properties in Chinese drama are often changed by two attendants dressed in black. These attendants are considered to be “invisible” to the audience.

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23. In the first half of 1931 economic indicators rose, renewing hopes for an upswing. Then, as recovery beckoned, another shock fell. In May 1931 the failure of Austria’s largest bank triggered panic in central Europe. On June 20, to stop the domino effect of spreading defaults, President Hoover proposed a one-year halt on both reparations and war-debt payments. The United States, meanwhile, slid into the third bitter year of depression.

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24. We, the British, happen to be the best people in the world, with the highest ideals of decency and justice and liberty and peace, and the more of the world we inhabit, the better it is for humanity.

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25. At the close of the Civil War the United States embarked on a new adventure and never looked back. The new adventure was the U.S. version of the Industrial Revolution. The U.S. possessed all of the prerequisites needed, such as abundant natural resources, capital to finance the venture, and a labor force. The United States produced inventors by the dozens and made them American heroes. Immigrants poured into the country to fill its factories, and transportation was improved by the expansion of railroads. The growing population provided the markets that were needed.
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26. Money that was being loaned was not being used for solid investments like housing construction and new industrial equipment. The money went to get-rich-quick schemes like the Stock Market. When the Federal Reserve decided to raise interest rates to stem inflation, investors pulled out of the Stock Market. People began to panic as more and more people sold their stock and prices plummeted. The lower the prices fell, the more people wanted to get rid of their stock. The Stock Market crashed, leaving many financially ruined and bankrupt.
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27. South Carolina's economy was dependent on agriculture until well into the 20th century. When industry finally came into the state, it was largely low-wage manufacturing firms. The average manufacturing wage is among the lowest in the U.S. The leading contributor to South Carolina's gross product are the manufactures of nondurable goods, retail trade, and government services.
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## ***AUTHOR'S POINT OF VIEW***

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Authors choose a way in which to tell a story (point of view). The story can be told in first person (I, me, my, mine), telling what happens to the writer, or in third person (she, he, him, her, his), telling what has happened to someone else.

### **PRACTICE**

In what person (first or third) are the sentences written?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. She searched and searched for her missing jewelry case.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I am interested in reading for the star role in the play.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Accidentally, I stepped on the firecracker, and it exploded.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. She was crazy about swimming and swam several laps each day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. His arm was broken, his eye was bloodied, and he could not stand.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I had packed all of the proper clothing for my trip to Alaska.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I never thought that I would hurt someone's feelings. I forgot to mail my best friend an invitation to my party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sarah knew that she could not attend the concert next week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Mr. Weeks thought that he could read the newspaper before he left for work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. From my window, I could see for several blocks to the south.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. My uncle will not let me go to cheerleading camp this summer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. His car was parked under the garage beside his boat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Walking down the street one day, I met a man who was walking eight dogs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Her store is located in the lower level of the mall.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. She had a need for space to work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. My temper was getting the best of me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Eva thought that her work was completed at noon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. I never thought that this could happen to me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. His collarbone was broken during the baseball game.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Annette made two dresses for her mother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. I took down the tree the day after Christmas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. His name was in bold print on the front page of the newspaper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. This blouse is the correct color for her pale skin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. I could not find a kennel to keep my pets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. The boat pulled up to the docks, and he jumped onto the pier.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Her friends were going camping next month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Billy was working on his car after school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. I had been in the hospital for several days.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Her parents were taking her to Germany this summer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. He went with him to the shopping center.

**REVIEW**

Read each passage and answer the “purpose, tone, and point of view” questions.

*A WEEKEND TRIP*

When Josh got home, he'd pack the tent, sleeping bags, food, and cooking gear in the truck. Then he'd pick up his son, David. They'd be together for the whole weekend in a secluded mountain woodland with no one around for miles. They'd fish the streams and rivers with fly rods. The cool air and water would refresh his mind and spirit. Josh could already smell the freshly-caught trout sizzling over an open fire.

1. What is the purpose of this paragraph?
  - (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.
2. What tone does the author use?
  - (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above
3. From what point of view is this paragraph written?
  - (A) first person
  - (B) second person
  - (C) third person
  - (D) he

*PILGRIMS*

When the Pilgrims landed in November of 1620 in what is now Massachusetts, they needed to provide food and shelter if they were to survive. There were no stores and markets for buying things and no houses for the Pilgrims to move into. They had to meet their own needs, and even the smallest hands contributed to that effort.

The Pilgrims overcame many hardships to establish a colony. The winter was long and cold, and much work had to be done for spring planting. Their hard work that first year was rewarded with a bountiful harvest in the autumn of 1621, and the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving as a time of gratitude.

Over the next several years, Plymouth grew into a successful community of 180 colonists. By 1627, more than one-third of them were age 16 or younger. There were no schools, but the children were always learning. They learned by working.

4. What tone does the author use in this passage?
  - (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above
5. What is the purpose of this passage?
  - (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.

*MY FIRST CAR*

I'll never forget my first car. It was a blue and white Mercury two-door. It had bucket seats and was really sporty.

All of my friends were jealous. None of them had a new car. So I took all of them with me when I went out. We had a great time "cruising" the streets.

I enjoyed this car for several years. Even though I have had many cars since this one, I will never forget it.

6. From what point of view is this passage written?
- (A) I
  - (B) first person
  - (C) second person
  - (D) third person
7. What is the purpose of this story?
- (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.
8. What tone is used by the author in this story?
- (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above

*20,000 LEAGUES*

Here was our situation. Two miles to starboard rose Gueboroar Island, whose coast extended from north to west like an immense arm. Toward the south and east, we could already make out the tops of several coral formations which the ebb tide was beginning to uncover. We had gone aground at high tide, which would make it difficult to refloat the Nautilus. Nevertheless, the ship had suffered no damage, for her hull was solidly joined. But even though it could never sink or spring a leak, there was a serious danger of its remaining grounded forever on these reefs, and that would be the end of Captain Nemo's submarine.

—Jules Verne

9. What is the purpose of this paragraph?
- (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.
10. What tone is used in this paragraph?
- (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above

*500 POUND ALLIGATOR*

For the past 20 years, hunting dogs have been disappearing in the Blackwater River State Forest. Their owners thought people were stealing their expensive animals. The thief, it turns out, was a 500-pound alligator that turned a game trail into his private diner, grabbing dogs as they ran across Coldwater Creek in pursuit of foxes or deer. Their barking apparently was his dinner bell. At least six hunting dogs met their fate in the gator's jaws. One of the final victims was Flojo, Rufus Godwin's \$5,000 Walker fox-hunting hound. The dog disappeared a few weeks ago in the forest about 45 miles northeast of Pensacola. The last Godwin heard of her was her bark as she chased an animal, probably a deer. The 10-foot, 11-inch reptile was captured August 15 by state-contracted gator hunters.

11. What tone is used by the author in this article?
  - (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above
12. What is the author's purpose?
  - (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.

*THE EARTH'S MOVEMENT*

To the Most Holy Lord, Pope Paul III—I may well presume...that certain people, as soon as they hear that in this book...I ascribe movement to the earthly globe, will cry out that... I should at once be hissed off the stage... Reflecting thus, the thought of the scorn which I had to fear on account of the novelty and incongruity of my theory, well-nigh induced me to abandon my project. These misgivings and actual protests have been overcome by my friends... They insisted that, though my theory of the Earth's movement might at first seem strange, yet it would appear admirable and acceptable when the publication of my comment should dispel the mists of paradox.

13. What is the purpose of this passage?
  - (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.
14. From what point of view is this passage written?
  - (A) I
  - (B) first person
  - (C) second person
  - (D) third person
15. What tone does the author use?
  - (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above

*DRESS CODES*

High schools shouldn't make students follow a dress code. We're old enough to decide how to dress. Our parents taught us how we should dress. Anyway, most teenagers are going to dress like their friends, so everyone will look pretty much the same.

Maybe you think we're going to come to class in rags and embarrass the teacher. There's no way I would do that.

Some of you may believe we're going to sit in class naked or just in tank tops and shorts. It's too cold for that.

If we had a dress code, people would try to break the rules, but if we had no dress code, there would be freedom. So no one would break any rules, and we'd all be happy. Then, too, most students want to dress like their friends or movie stars. Those folks always look great. So, what's the big deal? Just let us dress the way we want and we'll be better students. We'll impress our friends and teachers, too.

16. What kind of impact does the author want to make on the reader? [2]

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17. What is the tone of this passage?

- (A) positive
- (B) negative
- (C) neutral
- (D) none of the above

*BLOWN DIET*

As she left to shop, Sue sipped a can of diet cola. Fantasies about guzzling a chocolate shake drifted in and out of her head. She felt herself weakening after she parked in the shopping center. Passing the bakery was too much. The sweet smells of freshly baked donuts and cakes greeted her senses. Rows of pies, sweet rolls, and cookies beckoned her on. This was a rendezvous with old friends. The diet was over.

18. What is the purpose of this passage? [2]

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19. What is the tone of this passage?

- (A) positive
- (B) negative
- (C) neutral
- (D) none of the above

20. From what point of view is this passage written?

- (A) I
- (B) first person
- (C) second person
- (D) third person

*BLACK HAIR*

In the bleachers I was brilliant with my body.  
Waving players in and stomping my feet,  
Growing sweaty in the presence of white  
shirts.  
I chewed sunflower seeds, I drank water,  
and bit my arm through the late innings.

21. What is the tone of this poem?
- (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above
22. What is the purpose of this poem?
- (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.
23. From what point of view is this poem written?
- (A) I
  - (B) first person
  - (C) second person
  - (D) third person

*SHALL I COMPARE THEE TO A  
SUMMER'S DAY*

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of  
May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course  
untrimmed;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest,  
Nor shall Death brag thou wanderest in his  
shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou growest;  
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to  
thee.

24. What is the purpose of this poem?
- (A) to entertain
  - (B) to inform
  - (C) to persuade
  - (D) There is no purpose.
25. From what point of view is this poem written?
- (A) I
  - (B) first person
  - (C) second person
  - (D) third person
26. What tone does the author use?
- (A) positive
  - (B) negative
  - (C) neutral
  - (D) none of the above

*IS THE MOON TIRED?*

Is the moon tired? She looks so pale  
Within her misty veil;  
She scales the sky from east to west,  
And takes no rest.

Before the coming of the night  
The moon shows papery white;  
Before the dawning of the day  
She fades away.

27. What is the purpose of this passage? [2]

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28. From what point of view is this passage written?

- (A) she
- (B) first person
- (C) second person
- (D) third person

29. How does the author get the reader's sympathy for the moon? [2]

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