

Due on Monday, September 7, 2026 and will constitute THREE grades.

The Honors English 100 summer assignment will consist of 3 parts: **Grammar, Independent Reading, and Presentation.**

Part I: Grammar

Please print the following Grammar Pre-Test and complete.

Nouns

- 1) Which sentence contains an abstract noun?
 - A) The storm damaged the roof.
 - B) Her honesty impressed the committee.
 - C) The dog barked loudly.
 - D) The river flooded the valley.

- 2) Which sentence uses a possessive noun correctly?
 - A) The teachers lounge was renovated.
 - B) The teacher's lounge was renovated.
 - C) The teachers' lounge was renovated.
 - D) The teacher lounge's was renovated.

- 3) Which word functions as a noun in the sentence below?

Running improves cardiovascular endurance.

 - A) Improves
 - B) Cardiovascular
 - C) Endurance
 - D) Running

4. Which sentence contains both a proper noun and a common noun?
 - A) Birds migrated south for winter.
 - B) Mrs. Jenkins assigned a research paper.
 - C) Courage can inspire others.
 - D) The audience applauded loudly.

5. Which sentence contains a plural possessive noun?
- A) The student's project earned an award.
 - B) The students project earned an award.
 - C) The students' projects earned awards.
 - D) The student projects earned awards.
6. Which sentence uses nouns correctly?
- A) Several criteria were discussed during the meeting.
 - B) Several criterias were discussed during the meeting.
 - C) Several criterions were discussed during the meeting.
 - D) Several criterion were discussed during the meeting.
7. Which sentence contains a collective noun?
- A) The flock flew south for winter.
 - B) The leaves covered the sidewalk.
 - C) She danced gracefully.
 - D) The mountain looked enormous.

Verbs

8. Which sentence uses correct subject-verb agreement?
- A) Neither of the answers are correct.
 - B) Neither of the answers is correct.
 - C) Neither of the answers were correct.
 - D) Neither of the answers have been correct.
9. Which sentence contains a helping verb?
- A) The audience applauded enthusiastically.
 - B) We have completed the assignment.
 - C) The rain poured steadily.
 - D) The students studied quietly.
10. Which sentence uses verb tense consistently?
- A) We entered the theater and buy popcorn.
 - B) She studies every night and earned good grades.
 - C) The storm intensified, and the winds howled violently.
 - D) I finished my homework and will walked the dog.

11. Choose the correct verb:
Each of the novels _____ historical themes.
A) explore
B) explores
C) exploring
D) have explored
12. Which sentence is written in passive voice?
A) Olivia painted the mural beautifully.
B) The students completed the experiment.
C) The mural was painted by Olivia.
D) Marcus solved the equation quickly.
13. Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood correctly?
A) If I was taller, I would join the team.
B) If I were taller, I would join the team.
C) If I am taller, I would join the team.
D) If I be taller, I would join the team.
14. Which sentence contains a gerund?
A) Running daily improves endurance.
B) The athlete ran daily.
C) The runner sprinted quickly.
D) To run requires discipline.
15. Which sentence contains a linking verb?
A) The dog barked loudly.
B) She became anxious before the speech.
C) The athletes practiced daily.
D) We played basketball outside.

Adjectives and Adverbs

16. Which sentence contains a predicate adjective?
A) The exhausted hikers rested beside the trail.
B) The hikers appeared exhausted after the climb.

- C) The hikers climbed carefully.
- D) The trail seemed dangerously steep.

17. Which sentence uses modifiers correctly?

- A) She wore a silk elegant scarf.
- B) She wore an elegant silk scarf.
- C) She wore elegant a silk scarf.
- D) She wore a scarf elegant silk.

18. Which sentence contains both an adjective and an adverb?

- A) The talented pianist performed brilliantly.
- B) The pianist practiced scales.
- C) Music filled the auditorium.
- D) The audience applauded enthusiastically.

19. Which sentence uses the comparative form correctly?

- A) This route is more safer than the highway.
- B) This route is safer than the highway.
- C) This route is safest than the highway.
- D) This route is more safest than the highway.

20. Which sentence uses the superlative form correctly?

- A) Maya is the most quickest runner on the team.
- B) Maya is quickest than the others.
- C) Maya is the quickest runner on the team.
- D) Maya is more quickest than the others.

21. Which sentence contains an adverb modifying another adverb?

- A) The athlete ran exceptionally quickly.
- B) The athlete trained daily.
- C) The athlete was extremely talented.
- D) The athlete completed the race.

22. Which sentence uses “well” correctly?

- A) She sings good during performances.
- B) She sings well during performances.

- C) She sings more better during performances.
- D) She sings bestly during performances.

23. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?
- A) Walking through the museum, the paintings fascinated us.
 - B) Walking through the museum, we admired the paintings.
 - C) The paintings fascinated the visitors.
 - D) We carefully examined the artwork.

Capitalization

24. Which sentence is capitalized correctly?
- A) My uncle teaches History at eastern university.
 - B) My Uncle teaches history at Eastern University.
 - C) My uncle teaches history at Eastern University.
 - D) My uncle teaches History at Eastern University.
25. Which sentence uses capitalization correctly?
- A) We studied the civil war in American history.
 - B) We studied the Civil War in American history.
 - C) We studied the Civil war in American History.
 - D) We studied the civil War in American History.
26. Which sentence is written correctly?
- A) The President addressed Congress on Monday.
 - B) The president addressed congress on Monday.
 - C) The President addressed congress on monday.
 - D) The president addressed Congress on monday.
27. Which sentence uses capitalization correctly?
- A) My favorite novel is to kill a mockingbird.
 - B) My favorite novel is To Kill a Mockingbird.
 - C) My favorite Novel is To Kill A Mockingbird.
 - D) My favorite novel is To kill a mockingbird.

28. Which sentence is capitalized correctly?
- A) We celebrate thanksgiving in November.
 - B) We celebrate Thanksgiving in november.
 - C) We celebrate Thanksgiving in November.
 - D) We celebrate thanksgiving in november.

Punctuation

29. Which sentence uses commas correctly?
- A) Before the concert began the audience grew restless.
 - B) Before the concert began, the audience grew restless.
 - C) Before, the concert began the audience grew restless.
 - D) Before the concert, began the audience grew restless.
30. Which sentence uses semicolons correctly?
- A) I enjoy science; however, math remains my favorite subject.
 - B) I enjoy science however; math remains my favorite subject.
 - C) I enjoy science, however; math remains my favorite subject.
 - D) I enjoy science however math remains; my favorite subject.
31. Which sentence uses quotation marks correctly?
- A) "Please submit your essays by Friday," instructed Ms. Chen.
 - B) "Please submit your essays by Friday", instructed Ms. Chen.
 - C) Please "submit your essays by Friday," instructed Ms. Chen.
 - D) "Please submit your essays by Friday" instructed Ms. Chen.
32. Which sentence uses apostrophes correctly?
- A) The teachers lounge was renovated recently.
 - B) The teacher's lounge was renovated recently.
 - C) The teachers' lounge was renovated recently.
 - D) The teachers lounge's was renovated recently.
33. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
- A) After reviewing the evidence the jury reached its verdict.

- B) After reviewing the evidence, the jury reached its verdict.
- C) After reviewing, the evidence the jury reached its verdict.
- D) After reviewing the evidence the jury, reached its verdict.

34. Which sentence correctly uses a colon?

- A) The recipe required: flour, sugar, eggs, and butter.
- B) The recipe required the following ingredients: flour, sugar, eggs, and butter.
- C) The recipe: required flour, sugar, eggs, and butter.
- D) The recipe required flour: sugar, eggs, and butter.

35. Which sentence avoids a comma splice?

- A) The storm intensified, the roads flooded quickly.
- B) The storm intensified the roads flooded quickly.
- C) The storm intensified; the roads flooded quickly.
- D) The storm intensified, therefore the roads flooded quickly.

36. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A) Lets go to the game tonight.
- B) Let's go to the game tonight.
- C) Lets' go to the game tonight.
- D) Lets go to the game tonight!

37. Which sentence correctly uses parentheses?

- A) The concert (which lasted three hours was incredible.
- B) The concert which lasted three hours) was incredible.
- C) The concert (which lasted three hours) was incredible.
- D) The concert which (lasted three hours was incredible).

Vocabulary Usage

38. Which word best completes the sentence?

The detective searched for additional _____ before making an accusation.

- A) evident
- B) evidence

- C) evidently
- D) evidential

39. Which sentence uses the word correctly?

- A) The scientist formulated a hypothesis before beginning the experiment.
- B) The scientist hypothesis the experiment carefully.
- C) The scientist was hypothesis during the experiment.
- D) The scientist hypothesizing the experiment.

40. Which word is the best synonym for “meticulous”?

- A) Careless
- B) Thorough
- C) Reckless
- D) Confused

41. Which word is the best antonym for “scarcity”?

- A) Shortage
- B) Lack
- C) Abundance
- D) Poverty

42. Which sentence uses the vocabulary word correctly?

- A) The athlete demonstrated remarkable perseverance during training.
- B) The athlete perseverance the training schedule.
- C) The athlete was perseverancing during practice.
- D) The athlete trained perseveration.

43. Which word best completes the sentence?

The novel’s ending was completely _____; no one expected the twist.

- A) predictable
- B) ordinary
- C) unforeseen
- D) familiar

44. Which sentence uses precise language most effectively?

- A) The food was good.
- B) The dinner was okay.

- C) The pasta featured a rich garlic and herb sauce.
- D) The meal tasted nice.

45. Which word best completes the sentence?

The teacher encouraged students to _____ their conclusions with evidence.

- A) justify
- B) justice
- C) justified
- D) justifying

46. Which sentence uses the word correctly?

- A) The manager's decision was controversial among employees.
- B) The manager controversial the employees.
- C) The manager was controversially the employees.
- D) The manager's controversy was employees.

47. Which word best fits the sentence?

The speaker's tone conveyed genuine _____ for the audience's concerns.

- A) sympathetic
- B) sympathize
- C) sympathy
- D) sympathetically

48. Which sentence demonstrates correct word usage?

- A) The committee reached a unanimous decision.
- B) The committee decisioned unanimously.
- C) The committee was unanimousness.
- D) The committee unanimouslyness agreed.

49. Which word best completes the sentence?

The documentary provided valuable _____ into environmental issues.

- A) insight
- B) insightful
- C) insightfully
- D) insightsful

50. Which sentence uses formal language most appropriately?

- A) The experiment totally failed because the chemicals got messed up.
- B) The experiment did not produce the expected results due to contamination.
- C) The experiment was bad because everything went wrong.
- D) The experiment basically failed for weird reasons.

Part II: Independent Reading - One TEST grade

All answers must be handwritten. Please hand write your answers in a notebook or on lined paper. **Typed work will not be accepted.**

- For your independent reading selection, you will read *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

Important! Please Read!

Ethical Responsibility as a student....

Please be mindful of working collaboratively so as to avoid turning in work that is similar to another classmate. Any copied work will receive a zero. Now that you are a high school student, you should familiarize yourself with the school's plagiarism guidelines. This includes, but is not limited to, using Chat GPT/Google to assist you in researching/completing your assignments.

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- Turning in someone else's work as your own.
- Intentionally sharing your work knowing someone else will claim it as their own.
- Copying large pieces of text from a source without citing that source.
- Taking passages from multiple sources, piecing them together, and turning in the work as your own.
- Copying from a source but changing a few words and phrases.
- Paraphrasing from a number of different sources without citing those sources.
- Turning in work that you did for another class without getting your teacher's permission first.
- Buying an essay or paper and turning it in as your own work.
- Using a foreign language translation program or website.

Reader Response Log Assignment: This play is broken into 3 Acts. As you read, please answer each question thoroughly and in your own words.

- I. **Act 1 Quote Interpretation.** Select at least 3 quotes from Act 1 to examine in the following manner:
 - A. Speaker - What does it tell about the speaker?
 - B. Language - What is significant about the language (word choice, figurative language, etc.)
 - C. Theme - What ideas are expressed through the selection?
 - D. Mood - What mood is created by the selection?
 - E. Choice - Explain why you chose the particular selection.
- II. **Respond to the following questions at the end of Act 2.**
 - A. How does the play make you *feel* at this point? Record your emotional response(s) in a short paragraph (5 sentences or so) and then explore them for a few minutes, trying to figure out why you feel as you do. Use textual evidence, whenever possible. *at least 2 quotes/citations* (**sample MLA citation:** (Hansberry 23).)
 - B. In what situations have you felt similar to the characters? What people, places, and experiences came to your mind while you were reading this portion of the play? Try to list at least two associations and explain in a lengthier paragraph.
- III. **Act 3 Themes/Symbols/Recurring Ideas.** Identify at least 3 messages/symbols/recurring ideas and try to explain their significance. You should use textual evidence, whenever possible. *quotes/citations* (**sample MLA citation:** (Hansberry 23).) Your responses should be separated into 3 distinct paragraphs.

Part III: Presentation - There will be an in class, individual, graded presentation aspect to this project as well. It will be explained and discussed once we meet in September.