

SAT Writing and Language Test Practice Paper 2

Question 1

The passage below will be used for 15 questions. Read the passage and answer question <1>

DIRECTIONS: In the passage below, certain phrases are underlined and numbered <x>. The question will present alternatives for the underlined part. In most cases, you are to choose the one that best expresses the idea, makes the statement appropriate for standard written English, or is worded most consistently with the style and tone of the passage as a whole. If you think the original version is the best, choose "NO CHANGE".

J.K. Rowling

[1]

While many people may get frustrated with train delays, Joanne Rowling turned her experience into a life-changing story. She began writing about a young wizard while delayed at a Manchester station stop, and brought Harry Potter to life <1>over the next five years. The *Philosopher's Stone* was the first of seven children's books published under her pen name J. K. Rowling. The Harry Potter series has sold over 447 million copies worldwide and been translated into seventy-three languages, including Latin and Ancient Greek.<2>

[2]

When the *Philosopher's Stone* was published <3>in 1997, the book industry had given up on young readers. It's <4>first edition was a mere 500 books, and most copies were sent to public libraries across England. By the time Rowling's seventh Harry Potter novel was published in 2007, Rowling had already become the woman who put a new face on children's literacy. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows*, the final installment, has <5>a word count of nearly 1.1 million words, and sold 11 million copies in the first 24 hours of its release.<6>

[3]

Today, Rowling spends much <7>of her time working with her foundation, Lumos, which is named after a spell in the Potter series that brought light into darkness. <8>She founded <9>the nonprofit organization after seeing a photograph of a child in a caged bed who appeared to be screaming through its chain links. Rowling was overcome by the image that she <10>vowed to use her money and popularity to raise awareness of the 8 million children who live in such institutions globally. According to research, over 80% of orphaned children have living relatives which <11>cannot care for them because of poverty or disability. The staff at Lumos equip families with necessary resources to provide for their children rather than leaving them institutionalized. Lumos' long-term goal is the closure of every orphanage around the world, by returning all children to live with its <12>families, either biological or adoptive.

[4]

Rowling once said, "Happiness can be found in the darkest places if one only remembers to turn on the light." <13>J. K. Rowling has created happiness for millions of children through make-believe stories of triumph and real-life stories of hope.<15>

1. The underlined portion <1> most likely means

- Rowling gave birth to a child who she named Harry Potter
- Rowling created a story about a boy named Harry Potter
- Rowling was the puppeteer for a marionette called Harry Potter
- Rowling resuscitated a child named Harry Potter who was riding a train

2. Which of these sentences would most logically be added to the end of Paragraph 1?

- Even though children do not speak Latin or Ancient Greek, it is important that the book be translated into classical languages.
- These numbers show how incredibly successful J. K. Rowling really is!
- Rowling's international success has made her one of the most prolific writers of all time.
- Rowling is a great example of how successful one can be when they use their time wisely, even when waiting for a train.

3.

- NO CHANGE
- had published
- was publishing
- had been publishing

4.

- NO CHANGE
- It is
- Its'
- Its

5.

- NO CHANGE
- Hollows, the final installation has
- Hollows the final installation, has
- Hollows (the final installation) has

6. The most appropriate sentence to place at the end of Paragraph 2 as a transition to Paragraph 3 is

- Although Rowling's legacy in children's literacy is profound, she recently discovered a new passion for children's causes.
- Rowling's legacy as a children's writer will likely be forgotten because of her new work with children who are orphans.
- Rowling's books are not as important as the new work she is doing to help children in orphanages.
- Someday, people will only remember the Harry Potter movies, and not Rowling's books.

7.

- NO CHANGE
- most
- many
- more

8. If the writer were to omit the underlined portion <8> (adjusting the punctuation as necessary), the sentence would primarily lose

- an unnecessary detail since most readers know the spells in the Harry Potter series
- an explanation that is important because the organization's name is linked to its mission
- a visual description of a spell in the Harry Potter series
- an explanation that is important because most readers will be curious to learn more about Harry Potter

9. The underlined word <9> most closely means

- discovered
- created
- realized
- equipped

10.

- NO CHANGE
- image. She
- image, that she
- image, nevertheless she

11.

- NO CHANGE
- relatives that
- relatives, which
- relatives who

12.

- NO CHANGE
- they're
- there
- their

13.

- NO CHANGE
- light'.
- light"!.
- light.".

14. If the writer wanted to add information about research that compares and contrasts child development between children who are raised in their families homes with children who are raised in institutions, this new material would most logically be placed in

- Paragraph 1, because the most important information must be introduced first.
- Paragraph 4, because this would be a strong conclusion to the passage as a whole.
- a separate paragraph, because it would be the only paragraph devoted to a comparison between children raised in homes versus children raised in orp
- place of paragraph 4, because this information is irrelevant.