

OSSLT Practice Test Answers

Section One: Reading/Writing - News Article and Open Response /6

“Local Athlete Breaks World Kettlebell Record”

1. Uniqueness
2. In the importance of strength
3. *Paragraph 4* : An opinion about kettlebell

Paragraph 5 : Comparisons between kettlebell and another sport

Paragraph 6 : Facts about kettlebell as a sport

4. Endurance
5. An accomplishment
6. Student exemplar:

Student Response	Annotation
Kettlebells is a very challenging sport in the sense that to do so you must have both great strength and endurance. Competitions can range from 10 minutes to one hour of constant lifting of a Kettlebell and even with switching arms, would become very sore to the body. Overall, Kettlebells is a sport made for truly hard workers!	<p>The response indicates considerable reading comprehension. The response provides reasons which are clearly explained and supported by specific and relevant ideas/information from the reading selection.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> ...must have both great strength and endurance</p> <p><u>Ideas and Information:</u> Competitions can range from 10 minutes to one hour of constant lifting...</p> <p><u>Explanation:</u> ...even with switching arms, would become very sore to the body</p>

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Section Two: Reading - Information Paragraph /6

Urban animals in the heat

1. Increased activity
2. Situation
3. They provide expert supporting information.
4. They have a body temperature of 40 °C. → Pigeons

They pant like a dog instead of sweating. → Pigeons

They have sweat glands between their toes. → Squirrels

5. Pigeons

6. Main Idea

- Squirrels and pigeons have strategies to regulate their body temperatures.

Supporting Details (in any order)

- Squirrels and pigeons respire to cool down.
 - Squirrels and pigeons restrict their daily activity to cooler daytime periods.
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Section Three: Reading - Real-life Narrative /7

The Ordinary Extraordinary Mechanic

1. Paragraph 5

2. A clarification

3. Precise

4. Hearing
Touching

5. First event: Started rebuilding small engines with his brother

Second event: Worked on family cars

Last event: Worked at Bruce Kitchen Automotive

6. His inability to operate a car

7. They confirm Aaron's skills.

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Section Four: Writing /7

Grammar questions

1. Remove the first comma
 2. **Sakinah** and **I** collected leaves for the fall festival.
 3. The **Peace Tower**, located **in front of the Parliament Buildings** in Ottawa, was built **between 1919 and 1927**.
 4. Salad is one of the healthy food options in the school cafeteria.
 5. A diverse climate, rugged mountains and waterfalls make Quebec a perfect place for the following activities : hiking, cycling and kayaking.
 6. **Parvinder's truck's** tire deflated so it was towed to the garage.
 7. The larger group stayed **until** the end of the race, but the other group left as soon as it started thundering.
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Section Five: Writing - Essay

Opinion Essay

Check out this perfect response to the essay question. Read the annotations to see why it is good.

Student Response

Homework is the one word students dread hearing. Many kids hate the idea of going home from school, just to do more school. Little do students know that homework is only helping them. Homework allows students to practice, homework gives students something to do, and it strengthens a child's mind.

Students of thing practice isn't important. The School Board conducted a survey that showed 85% of students believe that extra practice isn't important. This is untrue. Practising allows students to think and gives them chances to present questions to a teacher for clear understanding. Also, practise makes students remember better. Not as pointless as students think.

Students usually get home and are distracted by social media, games, or television. 63% of students spend over 5 hours at night on electronics. Homework gives students something important to do. Instead of playing mind rotting games, homework makes students exercise their skills. Kids will be doing something productive that is helping them learn more useful things. Homework is a better distraction at home and it encourages students to be able to learn and clarify the material. Homework is more productive and can keep students from forgetting all the knowledge that they have learned.

Children have brains that are developing. Homework strengthens that brain. According to David Joe, a neurologist, spending 1-3 hours doing homework a day decreases the risk of ADHD in children. Homework makes students practise so they are constantly learning. Student can develop new learning strategies that will help their brains. The brain is exercised by homework and improves the ability to learn.

As you can now see, homework is very important. Learning something will only stick with a student for a certain time but homework creates work in which a student can practise, do at home throughout the day, and improve their brain. Learning without homework would make students forget easily so therefore, homework only improves learning ability.

Annotation

The essay is related to the assigned prompt. A clear and consistent opinion is developed with sufficient specific supporting details that are thoughtfully chosen. The content organization is coherent and demonstrates a thoughtful progression of ideas.

Introduction with Opinion: *Homework is the one word students dread hearing. Many kids hate the idea of going home from school, just to do more school. ...and it strengthens a child's mind.*

Specific Supporting Details: *The School Board conducted a survey that showed 85% of students believe that extra practice isn't important. This is untrue. Practising allows students to think and gives them chances to present questions to a teacher for clear understanding. (paragraph 2); 63% of students spend over 5 hours at night on electronics. Homework gives students something important to do. Instead of playing mind rotting games...Homework is a better distraction at home and it encourages students to be able to learn and clarify the material. (paragraph 3); According to David Joe, a neurologist, spending 1-3 hours doing homework a day decreases the risk of ADHD in children. Homework makes students practise so they are constantly learning. Student can develop new learning strategies that will help their brains. (paragraph 4)*

Conclusion: *... homework is very important. Learning something will only stick with a student for a certain time but homework creates work in which a student can practise, do at home throughout the day, and improve their brain. Learning without homework would make students forget easily so therefore, homework only improves learning ability.*

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Section Six: Reading - Dialogue /5

Dialogue about apprenticeship

1. She is frustrated.
She is discouraged.

2. A list of examples

3. Pointless

4. To confirm that she's making an informed choice about her future

5. First event: Anton enrolls in a four-credit co-op placement.
Second event: Olivia tries to choose her Grade 11 courses.
Last event: Olivia decides to sign up for OYAP.

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Section Seven: Writing - Grammar /7

Grammar questions

1. She sings better than I do.
2. Both
3. From
4. "Where do you want to go next?" asked her brother. "We need to have a plan."
5. First, they went to see the new movie, and then they bought the new video game.
6. Nina, a busy student who is taking extra courses, still found time to join the student council.
7. The diner offered both popcorn and tortilla chips with another snack in the daily special.

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Section Eight: Reading - Information Paragraph /6

Informational Text: 3D printing

1. Calcium and phosphates
2. Artificial replacement
3. To connect a term and an explanation
4. Traditional and 3-D bone replacements
5. Sculpture, artificial limb
6. Main Idea
 - 3-D printers have the potential to change medical outcomes.

Supporting Details (in any order)

- 3-D printers are used to produce artificial bone and soft tissue.
- 3-D printers can produce a soft skin-like tissue that helps to reduce the need for painful skin grafts in patients.

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For each section that you complete, write your score here. Write any questions you have or areas where you think you need help.

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