

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST, LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 11

(Test items developed for skills measured in TERRA NOVA [CTBS]*)

Skills

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| 1.0 | Sentence Structure | 3.0 | Editing Skills |
| 1.1 | Writing Conventions | 3.1 | Using Parts of Speech |
| 1.2 | Combining Sentences | 4.0 | Thinking Skills |
| 2.0 | Writing Strategies | 4.1 | Analyze Information |
| 2.1 | Pre-Writing Techniques | 4.2 | Evaluate Outcomes |
| 2.2 | Topic Sentences/Concluding Sentences/Connective and Transitional Words and Phrases, etc. | 4.3 | Synthesize Elements |
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TERRA NOVA PRACTICE TEST IN LANGUAGE ARTS - GRADE 11

Read the passage below to answer numbers 1 through 5.

¹Donna de Varona always wanted to be a spokesperson for athletes. ²When she was thirteen, she competed at the 1960 Olympic games in Rome. ³For years later she capped a seven-year swimming career by winning two gold medals at the Tokyo games. ⁴A few months after this triumph she waved goodbye to swimming to finish her education. ⁵All during college, de Varona worked sporadically on special assignments for ABC television. ⁶Donna de Varona became a full-time sportscaster in 1973.

1. What is the best way to write sentence 3?
 - A. Fore years later she capped a seven-year swimming career by winning two gold medals at the Tokyo games.
 - B. Forty years later she capped a seven-year swimming career by winning two gold medals at the Tokyo games.
 - C. Fourth years later she capped a seven-year swimming career by winning two gold medals at the Tokyo games.
 - D. Four years later she capped a seven-year swimming career by winning two gold medals at the Tokyo games.
2. What is the best way to combine sentences 5 and 6?
 - A. Working sporadically all during college on special assignments for ABC television, de Varona, she became a full-time sportscaster in 1973.
 - B. In 1973, de Varona became a full-time sportscaster, and had worked all during college on special assignments for ABC television.
 - C. All during college, de Varona worked sporadically on special assignments for ABC television, and then in 1973, she became a full-time sportscaster.
 - D. All during college, de Varona worked sporadically on special assignments for ABC television, she became a full-time sportscaster in 1973.
3. Which of the following sentences could best be placed after sentence 1?
 - A. She began her career as an athlete.
 - B. However, she had to start out in sports.
 - C. Sometimes she doubted her dream.
 - D. Many women have the same goal.
4. Which of the following is another way to write sentence 4?
 - A. After accomplishing this feat, she has left the sport of swimming to complete her college education.
 - B. After accomplishing this feat, she left the sport of swimming to complete her college education.
 - C. After she accomplishing this feat, she left the sport of swimming to complete her college education.
 - D. After she accomplished this feat, she will be leaving the sport of swimming to complete her college education.