

## The New “Think Like a Writer” Multiple-Choice Questions

The new type of multiple-choice questions asks students to “think like a writer.” They deal with a writer’s choices; they do not deal with grammar or correctness.

Here are some **question stems** that demonstrate this type of question:

1. Which of the following sentences, if placed before sentence 1 would both capture the audience’s interest and provide the most effective introduction to the topic of the paragraph?
2. In sentence 2, the writer wants an effective transition from the introductory paragraph to the main idea of the passage. Which of the following versions of the underlined text best achieves this purpose?
3. In sentence 3, which of the following versions of the underlined text best establishes the writer’s position on the main argument of the passage?
4. The writer wants to add a phrase at the beginning of sentence 5 (reproduced below), adjusting the capitalization as needed, to set up a comparison with the idea discussed in sentence 4. Which of the following choices best accomplishes this goal?
5. In sentence 9 (reproduced below), the writer wants to provide a convincing explanation for why switching to the metric system would benefit United States industries. Which version of the underlined text best accomplishes this goal?
6. The writer wants to add the following sentence to the third paragraph (sentences 6-9) to provide additional explanation. Where would the sentence best be placed?
7. The writer wants to add more information to the third paragraph (sentences 6-9) to support the main argument of the paragraph. All of the following pieces of evidence help achieve this purpose EXCEPT which one?
8. In the fourth paragraph (sentences 10-11), the writer wants to expand on the concession that converting to the metric system may seem difficult. Which of the following claims would best achieve this purpose?
9. In the fourth paragraph (sentences 10-11), the writer wants to provide further evidence to rebut the claim that converting to the metric system might be difficult. Which of the following pieces of evidence would best achieve this purpose?