7.8: Patterns

Practice 1

1. Because the television was too loud, I was not able to concentrate on my studies, and consequently, I did not do well on my algebra test.
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. simple listing
   d. cause & effect

2. Semiconductors are sample devices that use materials that are halfway between the conductors’ characteristic of few outermost shell electrons and the table, inert materials with eight valence electrons.
   a. comparison
   b. definition
   c. simple listing
   d. classification

3. My dog Moonbear was very different from my dog Frankie.
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. time order
   d. cause & effect

4. There are several chores that I do every day: wash the dishes, make the beds, and take out the trash.
   a. comparison
5. To make a pasta face, cut a large circle 1 foot in diameter from cardboard. Next, cut 2 large holes 1.5 inches apart in the center of the circle. Then, cut 2 squares from the plastic packaging to fit over the eye holes and tape onto the back of the mask. Next, paint the front of the mask white and leave to dry.

   a. classification
   b. description
   c. time order
   d. simple listing

6. As we penetrated deeper into the heart of the old city, the narrow winding streets took on the character of a maze, composed of dirty crumbling walls and shuttered windows. The latticed balconies jutting out from the upper stories of the tall old houses cut off the sunlight, so that we walked through a dusty shade. (Elizabeth Peters, Lion in the Valley)

   a. comparison
   b. description
   c. simple listing
   d. cause and effect

7. There are several varieties of movies that I enjoy: musicals, suspense thrillers, and comedies.

   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. simple listing
   d. description

8. His father and his brother had been involved in the illegal antiquities trade; both had met terrible ends the previous year. (Elizabeth Peters, Lion in the Valley)

   a. comparison
   b. description
   c. contrast
   d. cause and effect

9. The Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone DVD offered several special features: never before seen footage, self-guided tour of Hogwarts, theatrical trailers, and scene access.

   a. simple listing
   b. description
   c. time order
   d. cause and effect

10. Polarity denotes the relative electrical charge of one point in an electrical circuit "with reference to" another point.

    a. simple listing
    b. description
    c. definition
    d. classification
Practice 2

1. "The simplest and most obvious explanation," Emerson continued angrily, "is that Ronald tried to kill his brother. An act of purely private villainy, Peabody. Why Ronald should hate Donald I do not know, but there are several possibilities: an inheritance, or rivalry for the hand of the young lady, for instance. People do kill people for the most ridiculous reasons". (Elizabeth Peters, Lion in the Valley)
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. cause and effect
   d. time order

2. The grand palette of the heavens was streaked with colors no early painter could achieve, savage-glowing bronze and gleaming crimson, indigo and rose and soft blue-gray. (Elizabeth Peters, Lion in the Valley)
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. definition
   d. description

3. Three types of shoppers are certainly annoying: the aisle blockers, the coupon commandos, and the bargain hunters.
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. classification
   d. simple listing

4. For those who are forgetful, the following tips can make the holiday season just a little easier. One month before the Christmas or Jewish holidays, buy and mail holiday cards. Three weeks before, mail gifts to anyone you won't be seeing in person. Two weeks before, tip service providers that you use regularly. One week before, start planning the menu.
   a. simple listing
   b. time order
   c. cause and effect
   d. definition

5. A growing body of scientific research reveals that alcohol use by pregnant women can result in birth defects in unborn children.
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. time order
   d. cause and effect

6. The *fight-or-flight response* is the body's reaction to a stressor by confrontation or avoidance.
7. Alcohol abuse is similar to drug abuse in several ways.
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. definition
   d. cause and effect

8. Dr. T. Berry Brazelton has identified 14 key parenting points for families with young children.
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. classification
   d. simple listing
   e. cause & effect

9. There are four types of therapeutic approaches to mental disorders: insight-oriented therapy, behavior therapy, group therapy, and biological therapy.
   a. comparison
   b. contrast
   c. classification
   d. simple listing
   e. cause & effect

10. The orange, red, and golden leaves glistened in the bright morning sun and shimmered in the soft breeze.
    a. time order
    b. comparison
    c. description
    d. definition

Answer

Patterns - Practice 2 Answer Key