

OSSLT – Types of Questions from Past Tests

These questions or directives may be in the open response or in a multiple choice section

<p>Comprehension (<i>explicit</i>) questions:</p> <p>What is the cause of the problem? What are the steps in the sequence? What are the benefits of volunteering according to the students?</p>	<p>Comprehension (<i>implicit / inferred</i>) questions:</p> <p>Which ideas are compared in this selection? Which of the following is likely to occur if....? In paragraph 3, what is the author suggesting might change soon? What is an accurate conclusion that can be drawn based on the pie charts? Why is Robert a good choice for this internship? Use specific details from the selection to explain your answer.</p>
<p>Organization questions:</p> <p>How is the information in paragraphs 1 to 3 organized? Which paragraph presents information in chronological order? Which revision will improve the organization of the following paragraph?</p>	<p>Features of print and graphic text questions:</p> <p>Which feature in this graphic text identifies the problem and its solution? Which feature, if added, would improve the diagram? Why are there numbers in the subheadings?</p>
<p>Paragraph format questions:</p> <p>What would be the most appropriate title for this selection? Which option is the best concluding sentence for this paragraph? Which option is the best topic sentence for this paragraph? What idea connects the introductory paragraph to the conclusion? In which paragraph is a general idea supported with specific information?</p>	<p>Punctuation questions:</p> <p>Which sentence uses a comma correctly? What is indicated by the single quotation marks in paragraph 2? Why are the words <i>Edmund Fitzgerald</i> in italics in this narrative?</p>
<p>Grammar questions:</p> <p>Which sentence is written correctly? Which sentence needs revision? What does “it” refer to in paragraph 3?</p>	<p>Word meaning questions:</p> <p>What is the best meaning for _____ as used in line10? What word is closest in meaning to _____ as used in the 1st paragraph?</p>
<p>Synthesis questions:</p> <p>Choose the option that best combines all the information in the boldfaced sentences. Choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph. Which sentence should be inserted into the paragraph? Which option is the most effective solution to the problem?</p>	<p>Purpose questions:</p> <p>How are the questions in paragraph 7 used? Why is a bar graph appropriate for the data? What is the purpose of the dashes in paragraph 1? What do the arrows in this selection show?</p>