



11+ Literary Devices Alliteration Test Paper 1

Instructions:

1. The time allowed is 10 minutes for 17 questions.
2. Questions 1 to 15 are of 1 mark each
3. Questions 16 and 17 are of 2.5 marks each
4. Answers should be clearly marked in pencil on the question paper itself.
5. No separate answer sheet is provided.
6. No marks are lost for an incorrect answer.
7. If you have marked the wrong answer, erase it and mark the new one, making sure that your final answer is clear.

Symbols used:



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await instructions.



Answer the following questions by selecting one option from A - E.

1 Select the sentence that contains alliteration:

- A. The mountains stood tall against the horizon.
- B. Raindrops raced down the window.
- C. Lively leaves leapt in the wind.
- D. Frantic waves rushed towards the shore.
- E. The flowers danced in the breeze.

2 Which sentence does not contain alliteration?

- A. The starry sky was silent and still.
- B. Busy bees buzzed in the hot sun.
- C. The girl sang sweet soulful melodies.
- D. Lucy and Steve chuckled merrily like hyenas.
- E. Camille cleaned her cluttered closet.

3 Which word completes the alliterative sentence? Quiet whispers wafted through the _____ .

- A. trees
- B. window
- C. tunnel
- D. cave
- E. street





4 Select the sentence that contains alliteration:

- A. Luminous lights lit up the city.
- B. The door groaned as it slowly opened.
- C. The traffic lights flashed excitedly.
- D. Wendy's face contorted like a gymnast when she heard the shocking news.
- E. The boys ran home like excited puppies.

5 Which sentence does not contain alliteration?

- A. The forest fire flung its flames for miles.
- B. Police sirens screamed and shouted throughout the night.
- C. Lions roared ravenously.
- D. The diamond glistened and glowed gracefully.
- E. The house trembled violently in the storm.

6 Which words complete the alliterative sentence? The ship _____ and _____ in the rocky waves.

- A. jumped, rocked
- B. bounced, rumbled
- C. danced, jived
- D. shook, shuddered
- E. swayed, wiggled





7 Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Alliteration should only be used in formal writing.
- B. Alliteration is a comparative technique.
- C. Alliteration can be used to make your writing more immersive for a reader.
- D. Alliterative words end with the same letter.
- E. Alliteration is the same as onomatopoeia.

8 What is the effect of the alliterative sentence below? The flimsy leaves flew fluidly in the breeze.

- A. It reflects the heaviness and rigidity of the leaves.
- B. It suggests lightness and quick movement.
- C. It creates a drum-like sound.
- D. It makes the reader feel tense and threatened.
- E. It creates a harsh and abrupt sound.

9 Which words complete the alliterative sentence? The _____ rising river _____ and rioted.

- A. crazy, spat
- B. huge, fought
- C. overflowing, chugged
- D. span, erupted
- E. rapidly, rushed





10 What is the effect of the alliterative sentence below? The whispering wind whistled as it wandered through the streets.

- A. It creates a hushed and quiet tone that reflects the softness of the wind.
- B. It creates a harsh and abrupt sound.
- C. It creates a loud and overpowering noise.
- D. It reflects the violence and anger of the storm.
- E. It creates a soft and calming tone like a lullaby.

11 Which sentence contains alliteration?

- A. Girls chatted excitedly in the playground.
- B. A large group of young women talked voraciously.
- C. Girls gathered, giggled, and gossiped merrily.
- D. The boys watched the girls discuss the events of the day.
- E. Some girls sat in the playground immersed in quiet conversation.

12 Which words complete the alliterative sentence? The _____ was nauseating and _____ .

- A. food, disgusting
- B. news, upsetting
- C. meal, disappointing
- D. noise, noxious
- E. sound, deafening



**13 Which of the following statements is false?**

- A. Alliteration is often used in lullabies.
- B. Alliteration is when a letter or sound is repeated in two or more neighbouring words.
- C. Alliteration makes your writing more engaging.
- D. Alliteration is often used in poetry
- E. Alliterative words have to rhyme.

14 What is the effect of the alliterative sentence below? I have never met such a detestable, despicable, and downright dreadful person!

- A. It creates a soothing and calming tone.
- B. It reflects the joy and excitement the speaker is feeling.
- C. It creates an abrupt and harsh sound that reflects the speaker's anger.
- D. It creates a soft and hushed sound that shows that the speaker is whispering.
- E. It suggests breathlessness and desperation.

15 Which words complete the alliterative sentence? Her breath-taking beauty has _____ and _____ .

- A. winked, decayed
- B. soared, exploded
- C. blossomed, bloomed
- D. grown, developed
- E. withered, died

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CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

1 Match the words to create an alliterative phrase:

Column 1	Column 2
i. Weeping	A. cinders
ii. Soulful	B. Quip
iii. Simmering	C. Clue
iv. Cryptic	D. willows
v. Quick	E. songs

2 Fill in the blanks with the correct word to complete the alliterative sentences.

Clouds swarmed and **(i)** _____ above. Where they met, sharp **(ii)** _____ of blue sky began to emerge. At the same time, small rays of light pierced through the layers of white clouds. The silent wind began to **(iii)** _____ at the sight of this, as if it was on the side of the clouds. **(iv)** _____, the sullen darkness began to disperse, as the birds began to sing a soft and **(v)** _____ tune.

- A. soulful
- B. swelled
- C. suddenly
- D. shards
- E. simmer

