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# Personification
# 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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Stop working and await instructions.

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

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

**A.** Personification is a figurative device.
**B.** Personification makes a text easier to remember.
**C.** Personification can bring life to a description.
**D.** Personification attributes human characteristics to objects.
**E.** Personification attributes human characteristics to abstract feelings.

**2** **Which of the following is an example of personification?**

**A.** The café bustled with activity.
**B.** Marie's sunglasses were like two huge TV screens on her face.
**C.** Fabio's poodle looked like a bundle of fluff.
**D.** The first feelings of love tickled Ruby's heart.
**E.** As the night grew dark, the world outside fell into silence.

**3** **Which of the following options is not an example of personification?**

**A.** The wind whistled through the trees.
**B.** The chair groaned in displeasure as I sank into it.
**C.** When I arrived, the city welcomed me with open arms.
**D.** Lucy's outfit bragged of her wealth.
**E.** The sunset melted into the horizon.

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**4** **Which option best completes this example of personification? The pastel walls and lavender smell in my grandmother's living room always _____ me.**

**A.** comforted
**B.** joked
**C.** amazed
**D.** shocked
**E.** cuddled

**5** **Which option is an example of personification?**

**A.** Bethan's bedroom walls were hidden by her vast collection of posters.
**B.** The fashion designer took the world by storm.
**C.** The dry grass was crying out for water.
**D.** There was a sense of complete tranquillity over the bay.
**E.** Dan's baby brother stole everyone's hearts.

**6** **Which of the following sentences is an example of personification?**

**A.** Martin was boiling with rage after the results of the football match.
**B.** As I bit into the sandwich, ruby-red tomato sauce spilled out.
**C.** Mirabel's friends were like her life's blood.
**D.** The sound of the clock drilled its way into my brain.
**E.** From the window of the plane, the lights of the city twinkled like a sea of fireflies.

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**7** **What is the meaning of the following example of personification? The plant's benevolent shade kept me from getting burnt.**

**A.** It shows that the speaker is grateful for the plant's shade.
**B.** It shows that the plant has large leaves.
**C.** It shows that the speaker is frustrated with their sunburn.
**D.** It shows that the speaker loves the plant.
**E.** It shows that the speaker resents the plant for blocking the sun.

**8** **What is the meaning of the following example of personification? Salt and pepper were the chef's most crucial companions.**

**A.** It means that the chef always uses salt and pepper.
**B.** It means that the chef has no other companions.
**C.** It emphasises the chef's skill with seasoning.
**D.** It emphasises that the chef always forgets to use salt and pepper.
**E.** It shows that the chef relies on salt and pepper for taste.

**9** **Choose the most appropriate word to complete this example of personification. The skyscraper _____ down at the tiny buildings below.**

**A.** fell
**B.** gazed
**C.** jumped
**D.** relaxed
**E.** battered

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**10** **Select the example of personification.**

**A.** The gentle twilight cast its golden shadows over the land.
**B.** Mary's mother was the toast of the town.
**C.** The ocean waves were as blue as sapphire.
**D.** The wolf's teeth were sharp, pointed and dripping with saliva.
**E.** Nathan felt that the journey was taking forever.

**11** **What is the meaning of the following example of personification? The morning sun made its grand entrance through the curtain of clouds.**

**A.** It tells us that it was very cloudy.
**B.** It shows that it was a very dreary day.
**C.** It shows that the morning sun was struggling to break through the clouds.
**D.** It indicates that the night had been very long.
**E.** It suggests that the arrival of the sun was sudden and bright.

**12** **Which option best completes this example of personification? When autumn came, it _____ the golden greenery of summer.**

**A.** covered
**B.** highlighted
**C.** stole
**D.** panicked
**E.** rained

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**13** **Select the true statement.**

**A.** Personification always uses 'like' or 'as'.
**B.** Personification involves three items in a row.
**C.** Personification only gives human characteristics to objects.
**D.** Personification can be used to give human characteristics to the weather.
**E.** Personification is the same as metaphor.

**14** **Which sentence is not an example of personification?**

**A.** Matilda's pen flew across the page during the test.
**B.** The images in the story leapt off the page and danced in front of me.
**C.** The cruel hail pelted the poor windows.
**D.** Cat was a whirlwind as she tidied the house.
**E.** The long-suffering denim jacket had stuck by my side for years.

**15** **What is the meaning of this example of personification? Nico's hair was being stubborn; no matter what he did to try and train it into submission, it continued to resist.**

**A.** It suggests that Nico is bad at doing his hair.
**B.** It suggests that Nico's hair is very wild and difficult to style.
**C.** It suggests that Nico wants to chop his hair off.
**D.** It shows that Nico's hair is very long.
**E.** It shows that Nico's hair was smooth and easy to brush.

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## CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

**1** **Match the examples of personification.**

| | Column 1 | | Column 2 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **i.** | The car's engine | **A.** | tortured me |
| **ii.** | The nightmares | **B.** | grumbled |
| **iii.** | The inspiration | **C.** | refused to co-operate |
| **iv.** | The computer | **D.** | ran away from me |
| **v.** | The daffodils | **E.** | fluttered and danced |

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

On the day of the interview, everything seemed to be going wrong. It was as if the whole world had **i)** _____ to make Will fail. His alarm **ii)** _____ to go off. The bus **iii)** _____ past his stop with a **iv)** _____ honk of the horn. To make matters worse, the rain **v)** _____ to begin just as he left the house.

**A.** rushed
**B.** mocking
**C.** decided
**D.** forgot
**E.** conspired

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