

# Writing and Reading Quiz

**Due** No due date      **Points** 2.1      **Questions** 14      **Time Limit** 60 Minutes  
**Allowed Attempts** Unlimited

## Instructions

- This quiz focuses on the *Guide for Reading, Writing and Reasoning AND Chapter 5 of Pinker (2014)*, Arcs of Coherence.
- All questions are multiple-choice questions.
- *Mark only the one best option provided*, based on the context of our course and materials.
- Total questions: 14. Estimated time: ~ 20 minutes.
- Once you begin taking the quiz, you must finish it within 1 hour
- You may take this quiz as many times as you would like. Only the best grade will be kept.

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## Attempt History

	Attempt	Time	Score
KEPT	<a href="#">Attempt 2</a>	10 minutes	1.95 out of 2.1
LATEST	<a href="#">Attempt 2</a>	10 minutes	1.95 out of 2.1
	<a href="#">Attempt 1</a>	22 minutes	1.95 out of 2.1

⚠ Correct answers are hidden.

Score for this attempt: **1.95** out of 2.1

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This attempt took 10 minutes.

**Question 1**

**0.15 / 0.15 pts**

Variables of a study may be measured via \_\_\_\_\_ means.

- only quantitative
- qualitative or quantitative
- only qualitative
- neither quantitative nor qualitative

### Question 2

0.15 / 0.15 pts

One of the distinctions of the scientific article from other types of articles is that:

- it uses words to make arguments
- it discusses attributes of things and processes
- it has a designated methodology section
- it discusses more important issues
- it has an introduction section

### Question 3

0.15 / 0.15 pts

In academic writing, a good paragraph in the body of an essay will usually \_\_\_\_\_

- will make several points, with or without coherence between sentences
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- will focus on introducing several topics but not making any point
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- will focus on making a single point, without examples or coherence relations
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- focus on making a single point, via elaboration and concrete examples

**Question 4****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

Which of the two sentences is a better sentence that diminishes redundancy:

- "Perhaps the reason that so many people do not believe in the human causes of climate change is because they do not understand climate science."
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- "Perhaps the reason so many people do not believe in the human causes of climate change is that they do not understand climate science."

**Question 5****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

In a study, what is necessary to have confidence in the significance of the difference between two groups being compared?

- an analytical method

prior emotional belief

pure luck

deep intuition

### Question 6

0.15 / 0.15 pts

From the example below, identify the correct *coherence relation* between the two clauses:

“Information technologies may serve to automate processes, speed production, reduce input, and increase quality. As such they are the best tools for cost-reduction and profit-maximization.”

elaboration

similarity

generalization

exemplification

### Question 7

0.15 / 0.15 pts

What are the “arcs of coherence” according to Pinker?

Grammatical rules that identify strictly logical sentences

Components of language that determine what is grammatically correct

- Components of reason that identify how one idea leads to another
- Linguistic rules about how subjects and verbs interact

**Question 8****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

From the example below, identify the correct *coherence relation* between the two clauses:

"The large majority of citizens surveyed think climate change is a major threat to their countries. Then there are U.S. citizens, almost half of whom do not have that assessment."

- Exception: exception first
- Generalization: contrast first
- Contrast: exception first
- Exception: generalization first

**Question 9****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

A \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ is usually the guiding approach to a scientific article.

- North Star, South star
- rhetorical device, linguistic device
- research question, hypothesis

- stimulant, depressant

**Question 10****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

When writing an academic essay, you should **not** do the following:

- provide examples
- create an outline
- write a paragraph longer than 15 lines
- include counter arguments to your point

**Incorrect****Question 11****0 / 0.15 pts**

From the example below, identify the correct *coherence relation* between the two clauses:

“For-profit businesses compete to provide cheaper and better services to their customers; they do not address the environmental and public damage of their actions.”

- similarity
- elaboration
- exemplification
- contrast

**Question 12****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

The academic approach relies on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to make its arguments.

- reason, analysis
- bias, conviction
- complexity, prayer
- force, conviction

**Question 13****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

When writing academic essays you should write your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ clearly and explicitly.

- fears, doubts
- dreams, desires
- topic, point
- doubts, mistakes

**Question 14****0.15 / 0.15 pts**

In the context of a scientific study, a variable is:

- a higher or lower quantitative value
- an attribute that does not change
- an attribute of the thing or process being studied
- a complex terminology impossible to comprehend

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