

Recognize Appropriate Organization

Task Analysis

The student must know

1. how to recognize and correct errors in organization and development in the context of peer-editing passages.
2. the test format.
 - a. Passage will resemble a peer's paper.
 - b. Passage will be one to one-and-a-half pages in length.
 - c. Sentences will be numbered.
 - d. Photographs or illustrations may accompany the passage.
3. terminology such as *draft, revise, revising, revision, edit, peer-editing, organization, improve, combine, complete sentence, delete, add and insert*.
4. that a sentence in a paragraph must be closely linked and directly related to the other sentences in the paragraph.
5. the difference in linked and directly related sentences.
6. how to recognize a sentence that stalls the progression of ideas.
7. how to recognize sentences that are irrelevant to paragraphs.
8. how to recognize sentences that should be added to best elaborate an idea within a paragraph.
9. how to recognize a sentence that contributes to the smooth progression of ideas.

Test-Taking Strategy

Recognize that a question is asking about a sentence that does **NOT** belong or a sentence that could **BEST** be added.

Does NOT belong

1. Locate in the passage the sentence given in the first answer choice.
2. Reread the paragraph that contains this answer choice.
3. Determine the main idea of the paragraph.
4. Study in the paragraph the connection of the sentence in the answer choice to the sentences before and after it.
5. If the sentences are directly related, repeat the process in steps 1-4 until an answer choice is found that should be deleted.

Could BEST be added

1. Locate in the passage the sentence given in the question.
2. Keep the details of the previous paragraphs in mind as the paragraph that contains this sentence is read. If necessary reread the previous paragraphs.
3. Determine the main idea of the paragraph.
4. Study in the paragraph the connection of the sentence in the answer choice to the sentences before and after it in the passage.
5. If the sentences are not directly related, repeat the process in steps 1-4 until an answer choice is found that could be added because it is directly related to the other sentences in the paragraph.