**We Need a Bike Path! Persuasive Writing Quiz**

(1) Have you ever walked down a sidewalk and tripped because of a crack or broken piece of concrete?  (2) I know I have, and it is not a fun experience.  (3) There is one simple solution to this problem - a bike path.  (4) If my hometown of Lewes, Vermont, built a bike path, it not only would be eliminating those painful falls on sidewalks, but it also would be promoting exercise and quality family time.

(5) According to Hilary Efton’s book “Walking to stay fit,” many cities are “building bike paths to promote the physical health of their people.”  (6) A well-constructed bike path would give walkers, bicyclists, skaters, and runners a safe place to exercise.  (7) People would be more likely to exercise if they knew there was a place where cars would not be in their way.  (8) Many people in the street feel unsafe walking or running.  (9) A bike path would eliminate this problem.

(10) A new bike path would also promote family time.  (11) Families could use the bike path to take walks together.  (12) Unlike the cracked and crooked sidewalks, a smooth bike path would be safe for strollers and wagons.  (13) Parents would not have to worry about pulling their children over big bumps.  (14) A bike path would be appealing to families because it provides a fun, safe, outdoor activity.  (15) The magazine article embracing The outdoorssays that you should “find an outdoor activity that suits your needs and abilities.”  (16) A bike path would be perfect for all levels of a family’s physical abilities.

(17) Even though a bike path would create several positive effects, many people feel that it would be too expensive to build and maintain.  (18) I think that community members would be more than happy to pitch in and raise money for a bike path.  (19) People could even volunteer to help in a designated section clean up trash.  (20) The positive effects of a bike path and the attraction it would add to people looking to move to Lewes more than outweigh the cost.

(21) Here’s what can be done to attain a bike path for our beautiful, ***thriving*** city.  (22) First, I encourage all community members to write to the city and ask for the construction of a bike path.  (23) Then, if enough people voice their opinions, the city will have to listen to what we want.  (24) Consider your family and friends.  (25) Do what’s right and push for a bike path.

\_\_\_\_\_1. What is the author’s **purpose** for writing this selection?

 A.  entertain with a personal story

 B.  inform about the hazards of bike riding

             C.  express feelings and emotions

             D.  convince  the reader to support bike paths

\_\_\_\_\_2. The writer **hooks** the reader in a memorable way by--

A. describing a made-up situation

B. talking about bike paths

C. asking about tripping on a crack

D. offering a statistic about walking

\_\_\_\_\_3. Which sentence contains the **thesis statement**?

A. sentence 1

B. sentence 2

C. sentence 3

D. sentence 4

\_\_\_\_\_4. Choose the correct way to punctuate and capitalize the **book title** in sentence 5.

A. Walking to Stay Fit

B. “Walking to stay fit”

C. Walking to stay Fit

D. “Walking To stay Fit”

\_\_\_\_\_5. Which type of **evidence** does sentence 5 provide?

A. statistic

B. example

C. quote from an authority/expert

D. personal experience

\_\_\_\_\_6. Which words in sentence 6 are the best examples of **loaded language**?

A. walkers, bicyclists, skaters, runners

B. well-constructed, safe

C. bike path, exercise

D. There is no loaded language in this sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_7. Which sentence acts as a **transition** between paragraphs?

A. (11) A new bike path would also promote family time.

B. (12) Families could use the bike path to take walks together.

C. (13) Parents would not have to worry about pulling their children over big bumps.

D. (14) A bike path would be appealing to families because it provides a fun, safe, outdoor activity.

\_\_\_\_\_8. Choose the correct way to punctuate and capitalize the **title of the magazine article** in sentence 15.

A. embracing The Outdoors

B. “Embracing the Outdoors”

C. Embracing the Outdoors

D. “Embracing The outdoors”

\_\_\_\_\_9. Sentence 10 is an example of a --

A. thesis statement

B. loaded language

C. topic sentence

D. closing sentence

\_\_\_\_\_10. Which sentence best supports the author’s idea that bike trails would promote family time ?

A. (7) People would be more likely to exercise if they knew there was a place where cars would not be in their way.

B. (14) A bike path would be appealing to families because it provides a fun, safe, outdoor activity.

C. (19) People could even volunteer to help in a designated section clean up trash.

D. (24) Consider your family and friends.

\_\_\_\_\_11. Sentence 16 is an example of a --

A. thesis statement

B. loaded language

C. closing sentence

D. transition

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. The author included paragraph 4 in this passage most likely to --

A. explain why the cost of bike paths is not a strong argument against them.

B. encourage people to move to Lewes

C. convince people to volunteer to clean up trash

D. list the reasons why bake paths are expensive

\_\_\_\_\_13. Which sentence states a **counter argument**?

A. (14) A bike path would be appealing to families because it provides a fun, safe, outdoor activity.

B. (15) The magazine article embracing The outdoorssays that you should “find an outdoor activity that suits your needs and abilities.”

C. (16) A bike path would be perfect for all levels of a family’s physical abilities.

D. (17) Even though a bike path would create several positive effects, many people feel that it would be too expensive to build and maintain.

\_\_\_\_\_14. In this selection, does the author use the writing technique of **closing/clincher sentences** in all of the body paragraphs?

A. Yes

B. No

\_\_\_\_\_15. Which sentence contains a **call to action**?

A. (16) A bike path would be perfect for all levels of a family’s physical abilities.

B. (18) I think that community members would be more than happy to pitch in and raise money for a bike path.

C. (20) The positive effects of a bike path and the attraction it would add to people looking to move to Lewes more than outweigh the cost.

D. (22) First, I encourage all community members to write to the city and ask for the construction of a bike path.

\_\_\_\_\_16. Identify the **transition** in sentence 22.

A. First

B. all

C. the

D. bike

\_\_\_\_\_17.  Which of the following best describes the overall **organization/structure** of the text?

A. The author states all the steps necessary to get bike paths in her town.

B. The author equally tells the reasons for and against her position

C. The author takes a position on the topic of bike paths and then gives relevant, evidence to support her position.

D. The author provides a series of strong reasons for bike paths and states her position without ever considering an opposing argument.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. The intended **audience** of this selection most likely is –

A. children who ride bikes

B. the author’s friends and family

C. the townspeople of Lewes

D. people who exercise

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. In paragraph 5 the word ***thriving*** means –

A. growing

B. calm

C. peaceful

D. declining

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Based on this passage, the author would most likely agree that --

A. biking is great exercise

B. families need to spend more time together

C. when cities provide safe, family-friendly outdoor spaces, its citizens will be happier and healthier

D. smooth bike paths are the only way to provide families with safe biking experiences