

PSAT Writing and Language Practice Test 4

Passage I—The Letter

As many of you knew, but some do not,¹ an extraordinary charity has existed for the last nine years. The Scotty W. Memorial Fund was created by Scotty's extended family and spearheaded by his brother, Rob, to honor the memory of Scotty, who died when the World Trade Center towers were attacked on 9/11.

The fund has achieved some extraordinary things, including creating a college scholarship in Scotty's name in perpetuity,² and donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Kane Cancer Research Center. The fund's sponsors³ hold a variety of fund-raising events year-round, and the centerpiece of these events is the Play Ball Weekend, held annually in Woodstock, New York, on the anniversary of 9/11. It is about this event that we contact⁴ you.

First, let me mention that we were, and will be,⁵ extremely hesitant to send this note, for a number of reasons. Many people are not big fans of impersonal, group mailings when they receive them, and we initially cringed at the idea of sending one. We were also exceptionally⁶ hesitant to solicit donations by e-mail. At any rate for any number of reasons,⁷ fund-raising for our event this year has been more difficult than usual, and we are trying to explore all possible fund-raising means. Please accept our apologies if anyone feels the least bit offended or feel⁸ this to be inappropriate.

Back to the event, which will take place Saturday, September 11, in Woodstock New York.⁹ If you have a moment to go to the Scotty IX website, perhaps you can get a sense¹⁰ of the event. In short, it is a joyous, loving, wonderful weekend—quite remarkable, given the horrific nature of its roots. People travel from all around the country to attend. The premise is an athletic (although as we all get older it becomes increasingly less athletic) com- petition¹¹ between teams of four people; the purpose is to remember and honor Scotty's life, to remember to celebrate life itself, and to raise money for great causes. Simplier put,¹² it's our favorite weekend of the year.

Any size donation would be wonderful and deeply appreciative.¹³ For every \$100 donated you will receive one raffle ticket, with prizes ranging from flat screen TVs to \$10,000 cash. Event hats and T-shirts are provided to all donors. These are difficult financial times for many, and you may understandably not be in a position to make a donation. We also understand that many of you already donate to other important charities. If you would, however, care to make a donation, you would be becoming¹⁴ part of a growing group who support our efforts. You would become part of the extended Scotty W. family. In any case, thanks for taking the time to read this, and please except in advance¹⁵ our gratitude for any donation you make.

1.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) As many of you know, but some did not,

- (C) As many of you know, but some do not,
- (D) As many of you knew, but some also do not,

Answer: _____

2.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) a college scholarship in perpetuity in Scotty's name,
- (C) a perpetual college scholarship in Scotty's name,
- (D) a college perpetuity scholarship in Scotty's name,

Answer: _____

3.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) fund's sponsor
- (C) funds sponsor
- (D) fund sponsors

Answer: _____

4.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) would contact
- (C) are contacting
- (D) would be contacting

Answer: _____

5.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) are,
- (C) would be,
- (D) are going to be

Answer: _____

6.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) expectedly
- (C) acceptionally
- (D) especially

Answer: _____

7.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) At any rate for many number of reasons
- (C) At any rate, and for many reasons,
- (D) At any rate, any number of reasons

Answer: _____

8.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) feels
- (C) is feeling
- (D) would feel

Answer: _____

9.

- **(A)** NO CHANGE
- (B) Saturday September 11, in Woodstock, New
- (C) Saturday, September 11, in Woodstock, New
- (D) Saturday, September 11 in Woodstock, New York.

Answer: _____

10.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) a sensibility
- (C) sensed
- (D) sense

Answer: _____

11.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) athletically—year-by-year, increasingly less athletic, as we all get older—competition
- (C) athletic, year-by-year, increasingly less athletic as we all get older, competition

- (D) athletic, year-by-year as we all get older, increasingly less athletic , competition

Answer:_____

12.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) Quite simpler put,
- (C) More simply put
- (D) Simply put,

Answer:_____

13.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) deeply
- (C) we would be deeply
- (D) would be deeply appreciated.

Answer:_____

14.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) you would join
- (C) you would become
- (D) you could be becoming

Answer:_____

15.

- (A) NO CHANGE
- (B) please in advance except
- (C) please accept in advance
- (D) please except, in advance,

Answer:_____

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