

WRITING WORKSHOP

COPY MASTER

Interpretive Essay**REVISING AND EDITING 2**

To measure your ability to express ideas clearly and correctly, some tests may ask you to identify errors in grammar and usage and to improve sentences and paragraphs.

Directions: Select one underlined part that must be changed to make the following sentence correct. There is no more than one error in the sentence. If the sentence is correct as written, select answer choice D.

1. The other drama is in the (A) speaker's mind, (B) where the rushing (C) firetruck also comes to the rescue. (D) No error.

Directions: Determine whether the underlined section of the following sentence needs improvement. If it does, select the best change presented in the four choices below the sentence. If you think the original phrasing produces a better sentence than any of the other choices, select choice F.

2. I think this shows that in Richard Wilbur's poem, two dramas are taking place at once.

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| F. Richard Wilbur's poem, two dramas | H. Richard Wilbur's poem two dramas |
| G. Richard Wilbur's poem, two drama's | J. Richard Wilbur's poem; two drama's |

Directions: Read the passage and select the best answer to the question that follows the passage.

(1) The answer is that he thanks the fire truck for what its noise and color and speed do for him. (2) They relieve him of the thoughts and worries that filled his mind. He says in the third stanza that his mind is now "a blank." (3) In Latin, the phrase *tabula rasa* means "blank slate." (4) He says that "all I was brooding on has taken wing," which means that his sad thoughts or worries have flown away.

3. Which sentence does not belong in this paragraph?
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| A. Sentence 1 | C. Sentence 3 |
| B. Sentence 2 | D. Sentence 4 |