# MOST-MISSED

## 2026 RLA STAAR

### THE 5 QUESTIONS MOST STUDENTS STATEWIDE MISSED ON EACH TEST

| | TOUGHEST #1 · Hardest | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 |
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| **3RD** | **Q40** 65% missed it<br>Select the correct verb to use in sentence 10 ("At the same time, it ___ light and easy to carry.").<br>✓ *is* | **Q4** 64% missed it<br>Which sentence from the selection expresses the author's opinion about referees?<br>*Reading question* | **Q17** 56% missed it<br>What is DIFFERENT about how the story "Swim Team" and the selection from Unlikely Friendships for Kids present ideas about friends?<br>*Reading question* | **Q16** 55% missed it<br>In the selection from Unlikely Friendships for Kids, Sobe the iguana is out of place in New York City. Which sentence from the story "Swim Team" shows a SIMILAR idea?<br>*Reading question* | **Q24** 55% missed it<br>Read these sentences from paragraph 5 (about the Chisholm Trail). What is the best paraphrase of these sentences?<br>*Reading question* |
| **4TH** | **Q26** 65% missed it<br>Which sentence can BEST replace sentence 3 to improve the introduction to this paper?<br>✓ *Others look like tall towers.* | **Q38** 65% missed it<br>Jelani has made an error in sentence 2. Select the response that corrects this error ("...we should have ___ response memorized.").<br>✓ *our* | **Q11** 59% missed it<br>What is the most likely reason the author includes the anecdote in paragraph 1 of the selection "Write It Down"?<br>*Reading question* | **Q16** 59% missed it<br>Which idea about technology is in BOTH the article "Save the Screens" and the selection "Write It Down"?<br>*Reading question* | **Q35** 59% missed it<br>What is the correct way to write sentence 4?<br>✓ *One example is a structure located at the southern tip of the Texas Gulf Coast. It is the Port Isabel Lighthouse.* |
| **5TH** | **Q27** 60% missed it<br>Jessica wants to combine the ideas in sentences 10 and 11. In the space provided, write a new sentence that combines these ideas in a clear and effective way.<br>✓ *short constructed response* | **Q18** 54% missed it<br>One DIFFERENCE between Clarence Birdseye in the selection from Clarence Birdseye: Frozen Food Innovator and Nicolas Appert in the article "From Tin to Table" is that only Nicolas Appert —<br>*Reading question* | **Q40** 53% missed it<br>What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 8?<br>✓ *Change Commander to commander* | **Q33** 51% missed it<br>Jackson needs a better transition into the ideas in the sixth paragraph (sentences 26–30). Which sentence should replace sentence 26 to help improve this transition?<br>✓ *As precious as he is, Luca isn't always giggly and fun.* | **Q35** 51% missed it<br>What change needs to be made in sentence 3?<br>✓ *Insert a comma after spectacular* |
| **6TH** | **Q18** 70% missed it<br>What is one SIMILARITY between the way that Garrett in the story "The Cardboard Catastrophe" and R. E. Olds in the selection from The Automobile began working on their machines?<br>*Reading question* | **Q29** 67% missed it<br>Which sentence can BEST follow and support sentence 2?<br>✓ *They also sought to bring treasures back to their own countries.* | **Q30** 67% missed it<br>What revision, if any, should be made in sentence 4?<br>✓ *No change is needed.* | **Q40** 65% missed it<br>Select the response that corrects the error in sentence 2 ("___ some missions are over, others are ongoing.").<br>✓ *add a subordinating conjunction (e.g., "While...")* | **Q32** 58% missed it<br>What is the MOST effective way to revise sentence 12?<br>✓ *However, during a battle off the coast of Colombia, the San José sank.* |
| **7TH** | **Q42** 83% missed it<br>Select the correct response for sentence 2 ("...to get close enough to the stage to see the ___ faces.").<br>✓ *expressions on the band members'* | **Q5** 58% missed it<br>In paragraph 5, the word ___ best helps the reader determine the meaning of the word reduction. Write your answer in the box.<br>✓ *decreased* | **Q45** 56% missed it<br>What is the correct way to write sentences 8 and 9?<br>✓ *Then I recognized the first chords of our favorite song, and I grinned too, certain that this was going to be a night to remember.* | **Q25** 55% missed it<br>In paragraphs 4 and 5, the details about Strauss and his interactions with city officials support the key idea that —<br>*Reading question* | **Q43** 55% missed it<br>What change needs to be made in sentence 4?<br>✓ *Change Lead Singer to lead singer* |
| **8TH** | **Q37** 71% missed it<br>What is the BEST way to combine sentences 34 and 35?<br>✓ *Because many people must reach agreement, a diverse group of lawmakers is forced to work together, incorporating different viewpoints and compromising when necessary.* | **Q2** 61% missed it<br>Which key idea about board games is best supported by the information in paragraphs 3 and 4?<br>*Reading question* | **Q28** 58% missed it<br>The author uses an analogy in paragraphs 10 and 11 most likely in order to —<br>*Reading question* | **Q33** 57% missed it<br>Which sentence should replace sentence 34 to help Julian bring this paper to a more effective closing?<br>✓ *I was glad that I had come to visit Uncle Jed, and I looked forward to making him a 'real' dinner soon.* | **Q3** 54% missed it<br>Why does the author include information about video games in the selection?<br>*Reading question* |

**Key:** • Reading — the question • Revising & Editing — ✓ the correct answer

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