**Topic for the English Exam- 8th grade**

1. **Effective Sentences and Word Choice- Chapter 2**
   1. Correcting Sentence fragments & run-ons
   2. Parallel structure
   3. Stringy and wordy sentences
   4. Colorful language
   5. Denotations and connotations
2. **Sentence Variety and Structure- Chapter 3**
   1. Varying sentence length
   2. Varying sentence beginnings
   3. Independent & Subordinate clauses
   4. Types of Sentence Structure
      1. Simple
      2. Compound
      3. Complex
      4. Compound-complex
   5. Using phrases
   6. Combining sentences
3. **Effective Paragraphs- Chapter 4**
   1. Main idea and topic sentences
   2. Descriptive vs narrative paragraphs
   3. Expository vs persuasive paragraphs
4. **Punctuation- Chapter 11**
   1. End marks & abbreviations
   2. Comma rules (1-13)
   3. Semicolon & Colons
   4. Quotation marks & Italics
   5. Punctuating Dialogue
   6. Apostrophes
   7. Other marks of punctuation
5. **Other**
   1. Writing section
   2. Proofreading section

\*\*Be sure to review notes, graded assignments, tests, and chapter reviews from the text book.\*\*