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Instructions: **Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer.**

1. Which of the following is a sentence fragment?

- A. There are several children at the zoo.
- B. Enjoy playing with the animals.
- C. Sheep like to play with the children.
- D. The deer often hide.

2. Which of the following is a sentence fragment?

- A. A song played on the radio.
- B. A deer ran across the field.
- C. A smoky haze over the city.
- D. A book is a great gift.

3. Which of the following is a sentence fragment?

- A. We felt the rain.
- B. Umbrella to him.
- C. Her hair was wet.
- D. I forgot my raincoat.

4. Which of the following would best complete the sentence?

The teacher put all of the _____ in the sink.

- A. paintbrushs
- B. paintbrushes
- C. paintbrush's
- D. paintbrushe's

5. Which of the following would best complete the sentence?

We found all of our _____ notes.

- A. teachers
- B. teachers's
- C. teacher's
- D. teacher

6. Which of the following would best complete the sentence?

The baby has three _____.

- A. tooths
- B. teeths
- C. teeth
- D. toothes

7. In the following sentence, identify the indefinite pronoun.

Either method is appropriate for the competition.

- A. is
- B. either
- C. appropriate
- D. for

8. In the following sentence, identify the indefinite pronoun.

Everybody has a favorite hobby or sport.

- A. sport
- B. or
- C. has
- D. everybody

9. In the following sentence, identify the indefinite pronoun.

Everything on the menu looked tempting.

- A. on
- B. everything
- C. tempting
- D. menu

10. Choose the sentence that best combines the following two sentences.

The warm tea helped the child stop coughing.
The medicine helped the child stop coughing.

- A. The warm tea and medicine helped the child stop coughing.
- B. The warm tea stopped the cough, and so did the medicine.
- C. The child stopped coughing because of tea and medicine.
- D. The coughing stopped because the child had tea and medicine.

11. Choose the sentence that best combines the following two sentences.

Vern is only 15 years old.
Vern is very mature.

- A. Mature is what Vern is for only 15 years old.
- B. Vern is only 15 years old, but he is very mature.
- C. Vern is only 15 mature years old.
- D. Mature and 15 is what Vern is.

12. Choose the sentence that best combines the following two sentences.

I was totally engrossed in the book.
I skipped dinner to finish the book.

- A. I was so engrossed in the book, I skipped dinner to finish it.
- B. I skipped dinner to finish the book.
- C. Engrossed in the book; I skipped dinner to finish it.
- D. I was engrossed in the book and I skipped dinner.

13. Choose the best order for the sentences.

1. He loved his work on the Mississippi River and even took his pen name from a river phrase meaning "two fathoms deep."
2. Twain was born in Florida, Missouri in 1835.
3. After leaving his job on the Mississippi, Twain worked as a newspaper reporter and writer of short stories before becoming a famous novelist.
4. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, whose pen name was Mark Twain, was a popular American humorist and writer.
5. Later in his life, he would become a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi River.
6. His family soon moved to Hannibal, Missouri, a town on the Mississippi River.

- A. 4 - 2 - 6 - 1 - 3 - 5
- B. 4 - 2 - 6 - 5 - 1 - 3
- C. 4 - 2 - 6 - 1 - 5 - 3
- D. 2 - 4 - 6 - 5 - 1 - 3

14. Choose the best order for the sentences.

1. The reason that it seems so large is its proximity to Earth.
2. Although the Sun seems very large to us on Earth, it is a very ordinary star.
3. The Sun moves through a large group of stars called the Milky Way.
4. It contains millions of stars very similar to the Sun.
5. The Milky Way is a collection of nearly a hundred billion stars.
6. Because of its proximity, we receive much more energy from the Sun than any other star.

- A. 3 - 5 - 6 - 4 - 2 - 1
- B. 5 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 1 - 6
- C. 3 - 6 - 4 - 1 - 2 - 5
- D. 3 - 5 - 4 - 2 - 1 - 6

15. Choose the best order for the sentences.

1. Now you can dip the plastic window into the water and explore through the top of the carton.
2. By designing a window box, you can easily observe underwater pond life.
3. Begin with a two-liter milk carton.
4. Life in a pond is brimming with microorganisms.
5. Now cover the cut out bottom with plastic wrap.
6. Cut out the bottom and open up the top of the carton.

- A. 6 - 2 - 1 - 3 - 4 - 5
- B. 3 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 2 - 1
- C. 2 - 6 - 1 - 3 - 4 - 5
- D. 4 - 2 - 3 - 6 - 5 - 1

16. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

_____ The vacation had been planned weeks in advance. They had all agreed upon the destination, and everyone was looking forward to the break from the mundane aspects of life in the city. Even though Sally had some reservations about the trip, she knew that she needed the time away from home.

- A. The trip was going to be expensive.
- B. Sally knew all of the people going on the trip.
- C. Upon hearing about their travel plans, Martha wanted to go with her friends.
- D. As the group of friends prepared for their excursion, Sally thought about the week to come.

17. Choose the answer that best develops the following topic sentence.

After strenuous exercise, the body needs to cool down.

- A. Running makes your body hot.
- B. You will sweat when you exercise.
- C. Sweating is one way the body regulates its temperature.
- D. You need to stretch before exercising.

18. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

_____ Hatshepsut was crowned king, not queen, of Egypt in 1503 B.C. The citizens and royalty declared that she was the daughter of a god, and therefore, a "god-king." As ruler, she repaired buildings and temples, increased trade, and maintained peace for over twenty years.

- A. Tutankhamen, or King Tut, was a god-king who died at age twenty.
- B. One of Egypt's most effective rulers was a woman named Hatshepsut.
- C. Hatshepsut built large pyramids and tombs throughout Egypt.
- D. Hatshepsut lost her crown to Thutmose III, her stepson.

19. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Jennifer was just about to start walking home. _____ her mom showed up.

- A. So
- B. Third
- C. In conclusion
- D. Then

20. Read the passage below and answer the question that follows.

Not many people know about bees. One of the unique qualities of bees is that they have two pairs of wings. Another unique quality is that they have three eyes.

There are many interesting facts to learn about bees. First, it is important to know that although bees are related to wasps, there are some stingless bees in Central America. _____

_____ Bees attack when their hives or nests are being invaded. Generally, bees do not attack when they are gathering nectar. The bee's sting is usually used for defense against animals, humans, and other bees. Most bees can sting many times if necessary.

Which sentence could end the second paragraph?

- A. First of all, bees are angry insects.
- B. Second, these stingless bees are harmless, but look the same as other bees.
- C. So bees are very aggressive insects.
- D. Then bees avoid stinging humans and animals.

21. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Danny loved to go to the marine aquarium _____ his favorite hobby was learning about sea life.

- A. soon
- B. so
- C. sometimes
- D. because

22. Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

- A. I hasn't heard anything about the exam.
- B. I ain't heard nothing about the exam.
- C. I haven't heard nothing about the exam.
- D. I haven't heard anything about the exam.

23. Which of the following sentences is written correctly?

- A. Ain't there any cookies in the cupboard?
- B. Are there any cookies in the cupboard?
- C. There ain't no cookies in the cupboard.
- D. Ain't there no cookies in the cupboard?

24. Which of the following sentences is written correctly?

- A. You should go to the movies.
- B. You should ought to go to the movies.
- C. You shouldn't never go to the movies.
- D. You don't never go to the movies.

25. What part of the sentence below contains an error?

I plan on bringing/ corn, wild rice,/ some potatoes, / strawberries, and olives/ to the picnic.

- A. I plan on bringing
- B. corn, wild rice,
- C. some potatoes,
- D. strawberries, and olives

26. How can the error in the following sentence be fixed?

When I blew out my birthday candles, I wished for love, happiness, and for there to be peace.

- A. remove the phrase "I wished for love"
- B. add the word "my" after the word "love,"
- C. add the word "eleven" before the word "birthday"
- D. remove the phrase "for there to be"

27. Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

- A. Because vacations are relaxing and fun.
- B. Vacations are relaxing, vacations are fun.
- C. Vacations are relaxing and fun.
- D. Vacations are fun, they are relaxing.

28. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

Did you get the letter _____ sent?

- A. I
- B. i
- C. Mr. richardson
- D. mr. richardson

29. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

We are going to _____.

- A. Gettysburg national park
- B. gettysburg national park
- C. gettysburg National Park
- D. Gettysburg National Park

30. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

We drove _____.

- A. SouthWest
- B. southwest
- C. Southwest
- D. southWest

31. Which of the following sentences is written correctly?

- A. During the Winter, it starts to get dark around 5:00 P.M.
- B. During the winter, it starts to get dark around 5:00 p.m.
- C. During the Winter, it starts to get dark around 5:00 p.m.
- D. During the winter, it starts to get dark around 5:00 P.M.

32. Which of the following sentences is written correctly?

- A. We discussed native americans in our social studies class today.
- B. We discussed Native Americans in our social studies class today.
- C. We discussed native Americans in our social studies class today.
- D. We discussed Native americans in our social studies class today.

33. Which of the following sentences is written correctly?

- A. Hector said, "that he wants a puppy for his birthday."
- B. Hector, said, that he wants a puppy for his birthday.
- C. Hector said: "that he wants a puppy for his birthday".
- D. Hector said that he wants a puppy for his birthday.