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

1. Which of the following is written correctly?

- A. Kira baked a cake it tasted awful.
- B. Kira baked. A cake. It tasted awful.
- C. Kira baked a cake. It tasted awful.
- D. Kira baked, a cake; it tasted awful.

2. Which of the following is a run-on sentence?

- A. The bushy blazing star is a sturdy flowering cactus that is able to grow in very poor soil.
- B. The flowers produced by the jimsonweed are some of the largest wildflower blossoms found in the United States.
- C. There are approximately one hundred twenty-five species of magnolias found in the world.
- D. The San Pedro cactus has a beautiful flower that blooms at night this prevents dehydration.

3. Which of the following is a sentence fragment?

- A. The man was terrified.
- B. A cry from the child.
- C. I don't understand the story.
- D. Edmond likes pizza.

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

The \_\_\_\_\_ mayor is over ninety years old.

- A. cities
- B. city's
- C. citys
- D. citys'

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

Over one hundred \_\_\_\_\_ attended the summit.

- A. countries
- B. countrys
- C. country's
- D. countries'

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

\_\_\_\_\_ apartment is on Cargill Avenue.

- A. Chris'
- B. Chris
- C. Chris's
- D. Chrises

7. Read the following passage and choose the correct noun for the underlined pronoun.

Lazaro, Frank, and I went to the Bravos game on Saturday. We sat right behind home plate. They scored four runs against the Chieftains in the first inning. Daryl Blueberry got credit for all four RBI's. He is their best hitter.

- A. Lazaro and Frank
- B. Lazaro, Frank, and I
- C. Bravos
- D. us

8. Which of the following would best complete the given sentence?

Anyone in \_\_\_\_\_ right mind would invest in technology stocks.

- A. his
- B. he
- C. our
- D. its

9. Which of the following would best complete the given sentence?

All students can improve \_\_\_\_\_ writing skills through practice.

- A. its
- B. our
- C. his
- D. their

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

I can go to the movies.

I can go to the movies with Kim.

First, I must clean my room.

- A. With Kim I can go to the movies, but I must clean my room first.
- B. First, I must clean my room, then go to the movies, and with Kim.
- C. I can go to the movies, with Kim, if I clean my room.
- D. I can go to the movies with Kim, but first I must clean my room.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Choose the best order for the sentences.

1. Exhausted from the grueling doubleheader, the Bluejays team members sat on the bench to listen to the coach.
2. After winning the first game, the Bluejays celebrated with oranges and bagels, resting for the next game.
3. Anxious teammates arrived at the field at 7:30 a.m. for an early morning practice prior to their games.
4. The Bluejays struggled to beat the Cardinals in the first game of the doubleheader.
5. The Bluejays miraculously went on to win the first game by a narrow margin.
6. Regrettably, in the second game the Bluejays lost to the Indians by four runs.
7. In the third inning, the Cardinals scored three runs when their best hitter slammed one out of the park.

- A. 3 - 4 - 7 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 1  
B. 3 - 4 - 7 - 5 - 2 - 6 - 1  
C. 4 - 3 - 7 - 5 - 2 - 6 - 1  
D. 4 - 3 - 5 - 7 - 2 - 6 - 1

14. Choose the best order for the sentences.

1. Early this morning, my father and I decided to go to a concert in the park.
2. On the way home, my father and I agreed that it was the best day we'd ever spent together.
3. After our walk, we headed over to the outdoor concert arena.
4. Once at the park, we took a scenic walk through lush gardens and several art museums.
5. We found two shady seats near the front of the arena.
6. We drove forty miles from our house to the park.
7. As the music began, I closed my eyes and remembered the beautiful things I had seen on our walk.

- A. 1 - 6 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 7 - 2  
B. 1 - 6 - 4 - 3 - 5 - 7 - 2  
C. 1 - 6 - 4 - 3 - 5 - 2 - 7  
D. 1 - 6 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 5 - 7

15. Choose the best order for the sentences.

1. As I sat down, Mr. Spurlin glanced at the clock.
2. While staring into my fearful eyes, Mr. Spurlin pointed toward the door.
3. I walked into the classroom and headed toward my desk.
4. As our eyes met, I knew I was in trouble.
5. Mr. Spurlin turned from the clock to me.
6. The clock read ten minutes after nine.
7. I got up from my desk and walked out the door.

- A. 3 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 2 - 7  
B. 3 - 1 - 5 - 6 - 4 - 7 - 2  
C. 6 - 3 - 5 - 1 - 4 - 2 - 7  
D. 6 - 3 - 1 - 4 - 5 - 2 - 7

16. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Grandma and Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_ to visit next week.

- A. was coming  
B. have come  
C. are coming  
D. were coming

17. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Someone \_\_\_\_\_ the same book as me.

- A. have  
B. has  
C. having  
D. haved

18. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ a chance to win the game.

- A. are having  
B. have  
C. has  
D. haves

19. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

\_\_\_\_\_ He was one of the first scholars to study the laws of chance. Pascal developed a "triangle chart" that predicts the possible outcomes of six coins being tossed at the same time. According to Pascal's triangle, the chances of tossing six heads and no tails is 1 in 64.

- A. Blaise Pascal was a 17th century mathematician.
- B. Blaise Pascal tossed the coin in the air.
- C. Blaise Pascal's studies led to the invention of the barometer.
- D. In 1670 Blaise Pascal published Pensees.

20. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

\_\_\_\_\_ She had been visiting her best friend Maxine for the past week and they had traveled throughout the expansive city. Cynthia found Chinatown enchanting, with its busy streets and exquisite shops. Every time they entered a new boutique, Cynthia felt she was walking into a foreign land.

- A. Cynthia had picked the perfect place to spend her vacation.
- B. Maxine counted the days until Cynthia arrived.
- C. Cynthia spent more money than she had planned to.
- D. Cynthia wanted to travel.

21. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

\_\_\_\_\_ This is because the Earth is the only planet in our solar system with large bodies of water, which we call oceans. There are five main oceans on Earth: the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, and Antarctic. These five oceans cover seventy percent of the Earth's surface.

- A. Large marine mammals, such as whales, can only exist on Earth.
- B. Mercury is the warmest and driest planet in the solar system.
- C. Earth is the best planet for hiking and mountain climbing.
- D. The Pacific Ocean borders the west coast of America.

22. Read the selection below and answer the following question.

Americans will always have a special place in their hearts for a man who epitomizes the American spirit, Benjamin Franklin. While many remember Franklin for flying kites in a lightning storm, he is also remembered as a scientist, inventor, statesman, printer, and philosopher. 1, we honor Franklin for his essential role in writing the Constitution.

Franklin was one of the oldest members of the Constitutional Convention. He had served for years in the Pennsylvania Assembly. 2, he had the skills necessary to help the delegates reach a compromise. 3, Franklin once wrote, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall hang separately." This statement shows his understanding of the problem of factions in politics. 4, Franklin's accomplishments serve as a model for all Americans to follow. In his life he was able to succeed at any endeavor he attempted.

Which transition is most appropriate for Blank 1?

- A. Furthermore
- B. Finally
- C. On the other hand
- D. First

23. Read the section below and answer the question that follows.

\_\_\_\_\_ Skiing attracts close to fourteen million people in the United States alone. Every year thousands of beginners head to ski areas where they are trained by professional instructors. New skiers learn basic techniques such as walking, climbing, turning, and gliding downhill.

\_\_\_\_\_ As a result, they begin to spend money on equipment, clothing, and accessories. In the mid 1980's, skiers in the United States spent more than 650 million dollars each year on equipment.

Due to extra leisure time, people have more time to ski. Also due to the expanding economy, people have more money to spend on skiing.

The use of snowmaking machines has been tremendously successful. These machines are similar to sprinklers. They use a mixture of water and compressed air that instantly turns to snow when the temperature is below freezing.

Which sentence could begin the second paragraph?

- A. In conclusion, skiers practice until they become better skiers.
- B. Thirdly, skiing takes a lot of practice.
- C. Therefore, skiers learn to feel comfortable skiing.
- D. Next, skiers work on their techniques, and many decide to make skiing a hobby.

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Which sentence could begin the first paragraph?

- A. Skiing is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States.
- B. Finally, skiing is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States.
- C. So skiing is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States.
- D. Then skiing is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States.

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

I barely never / remember the dates / I learn about / in my history class.

- A. remember the dates
- B. I barely never
- C. in my history class
- D. I learn about

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

King Godana wear various expensive cloaks when addressing the public.

- A. the word "wear" should be changed to "wore"
- B. the word "wear" should be changed to "wearing"
- C. the word "addressing" should be changed to "addresses"
- D. the word "addressing" should be changed to "address"

27. Choose the sentence that is written correctly.
- A. We can't let our bikes unlocked again.
  - B. We can't leave our bikes unlocked again.
  - C. We can't leaved our bikes unlocked again.
  - D. We can't left our bikes unlocked again.

28. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

A map \_\_\_\_\_ the location of places.

- A. show
- B. will shows
- C. shows
- D. showen

29. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Some of the children in kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_ to speak a foreign language.

- A. have learns
- B. has learned
- C. have learned
- D. has learns

30. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

He \_\_\_\_\_ baseball for ten years.

- A. has play
- B. have plays
- C. has played
- D. have played

31. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

My father had a class in college with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Professor bergman
- B. professor Bergman
- C. Professor Bergman
- D. professor bergman

32. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

Many families have picnics on the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Fourth of july
- B. fourth of July
- C. Fourth Of July
- D. Fourth of July

33. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

Diane lived in a dormitory during her \_\_\_\_\_ of college.

- A. freshman year
- B. Freshman Year
- C. Freshman year
- D. freshman Year

34. Which of the following sentences is written correctly?

- A. Last july Aunt patricia went to Australia.
- B. Last July Aunt Patricia went to Australia.
- C. Last July aunt Patricia went to australia.
- D. Last july aunt patricia went to australia.

35. 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.

36. Which of the following sentences is written correctly?

- A. The children's playground is on maple Street.
- B. The children's playground is on Maple Street.
- C. The childrens playground is on Maple street.
- D. The childrens playground is on Maple Street.