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FROM ABHEYIE SARPONG KINGSLEY
ASK

1. Trish and (I, me) have decided to move to Brazil.
2. The new employees are (they, them).
3. The problem is unquestionably (she, her).
4. Human beings, (who, whom) are the most fascinating species on earth, are also the most admirable.
5. Those (whom, who) are early to bed and early to rise are healthy, wealthy, and very tired.
6. The best dressed employee has always been (him, he).
7. The winning contestants are the Griffels and (they, them).
8. The concept (which, that) intrigued (we, us) had not yet been publicized.
9. My car, (who, which) was brand new, had relatively little damage.
10. The car (which, that) hit me was speeding.
11. From (who, whom) did you buy that beautiful purse?
12. The thunderstorm frightened my cat and (I, me).
13. Please sit next to Rita and (me, I).
14. Brenda gave (he, him) a lot of unsolicited advice.
15. With (who, whom) have you agreed to carpool?

Answers

1. I 2. they 3. she 4. who 5. who 6. he 7. they 8. that, us 9. which 10. that 11. whom
12. me 13. me 14. him 15. whom

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Select the best revision for each sentence.

1. When Harry and Chuck return home, he will call.

- (a) When Harry and Chuck return home, they will call.
- (b) When Harry and Chuck return home, Harry will call.
- (c) When Harry and Chuck return home, him will call.
- (d) When Harry and Chuck return home, calling will take place.

2. When Marcia spoke to Margery that morning, she did not realize that she would win the international bodybuilding contest.

- (a) When Marcia spoke to Margery that morning, her did not realize that she would win the international bodybuilding contest.
- (b) When Marcia spoke to Margery that morning, they did not realize that she would win the international bodybuilding contest.
- (c) When Marcia spoke to Margery that morning, Marcia did not realize that she would win the international bodybuilding contest.
- (d) When Marcia spoke to Margery that morning, no one realized that she would win the international bodybuilding contest.

3. When the rain started, we pulled out an umbrella. It annoyed the people around us, but we decided to stay at the ball field.

- (a) When the rain started, we pulled out an umbrella. It's annoyed the people around us, but we decided to stay at the ball field.
- (b) When the rain started, we pulled out an umbrella. Its annoyed the people around us, but we decided to stay at the ball field.
- (c) When the rain started, we pulled out an umbrella. The umbrella annoyed people around us, but we decided to stay at the ball field.

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(d) When the rain started, we pulled out an umbrella. They annoyed the people around us, but we decided to stay at the ball field.

4. If you asked Dick to describe Rudy, he would say that he was sly, boring, and cheap—and then he would snicker.

(a) If you asked Dick to describe Rudy, Dick would say that he was sly, boring, and cheap—and then Dick would snicker.

(b) If you asked Dick to describe Rudy, Dick would say that he was sly, boring, and cheap—and then he would snicker.

(c) If you asked Dick to describe Rudy, he would say that he was sly, boring, and cheap—and then snickering would occur.

(d) If you asked Dick to describe Rudy, Rudy would say that Rudy was sly, boring, and cheap—and then Dick would snicker.

5. They awarded we losers a gag prize.

(a) They awarded them losers a gag prize.

(b) They awarded your losers a gag prize.

(c) They awarded they losers a gag prize.

(d) They awarded us losers a gag prize.

6. My neighbor agreed to support he for the condo board. (a)

My neighbor agreed to support she for the condo board. (b)

My neighbor agreed to support him for the condo board.

(c) My neighbor agreed to support I for the condo board.

(d) My neighbor agreed to support we for the condo board.

7. Naturally, you can invite whoever you want.

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(a) Naturally, you can invite who you want. (b)

Naturally, you can invite which ever you want. (c)

Naturally, you can invite whomever you want. (d)

Naturally, you can invite that you want.

8. A student must understand that homework is very important to them.

(a) Students must understand that homework is very important to them.

(b) A student must understand that homework is very important to him.

(c) A student must understand that homework is very important to her.

(d) A student must understand that homework is very important to I.

9. The story was good, but they didn't explain what happened in the end.

(a) The story was good, but he didn't explain what happened in the end.

(b) The story was good, but the author didn't explain what happened in the end.

(c) The story was good, but she didn't explain what happened in the end.

(d) The story was good, but explaining what happened in the end didn't happen.

10. Justin saw the ad on the web page yesterday, but he can't seem to find it today.

(a) Justin saw the ad in the web page yesterday, but he can't seem to find the today.

(b) Justin saw the ad in the web page yesterday, but he can't seem to find its today.

(c) Justin saw the ad in the web page yesterday, but he can't seem to find today.

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(d) Justin saw the ad in the web page yesterday, but he can't seem to find the ad today.

Answers 1. b 2. c 3. c 4. a 5. d 6. b 7. c 8. a 9. b 10. D

Select the word that best completes each sentence.

1. Croatia (is, was) the first country to recognize the United States in 1776
2. Ross Perot (resign, resigned, resigning) from the General Motors board of directors because of its decision to purchase Hughes Aircraft Company.
3. John Wilkes Booth (shotted, shot, shoot) Lincoln in a theater and was found in a warehouse.
4. Theodore Roosevelt (won, winned, wonned) the Nobel Prize for his arbitration of treaty discussions at the end of the Russo-Japanese War.
5. The Dominican Republic was called Santo Domingo when it first (gained, gain) independence.
6. The national anthem of the Netherlands is the oldest national anthem in the world: The music (appears, appeared) in 1572, the lyrics in 1590.
7. James Garfield could (wrote, write) Latin with one hand and Greek with the other—simultaneously.
8. Before Bill Clinton, no left-handed American president had ever (serve, served) two terms.
9. Only three Presidents (have graduated, graduate) from the military academies: Grant and Eisenhower from West Point, and Carter from Annapolis.

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10. The U.S. Constitution stipulates that, to be eligible for the Presidency, a candidate must be a natural-born citizen, must (have lived, live) in the United States for a minimum of 14 years, and must be at least 35 years old.
11. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first U.S. president to have a presidential aircraft, but he only (flew, flew) on the airplane once, to travel to the Yalta conference during World War II.
12. Of all U.S. presidents, none (live, lived) to be older than John Adams, who died at the age of 91.
13. John Quincy Adams (took, took) his last skinny-dip in the Potomac on his seventy ninth birthday.

Answers

1. was 2. resigned 3. shot 4. won 5. gained 6. appeared 7. write 8. served 9. have graduated 10. have lived 11. flew 12. lived 13. took

Select the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The elevator in my sister's apartment moves so (slowly, slow) we can make whoopee, conceive a child, and give birth before reaching her floor. And her apartment is on the first floor.
2. China has (most, more) English speakers than the United States.
3. The (longer, longest) town name in the world has 167 letters.
4. I've learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to the (better, best) others can do.

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5. I've learned that two people can look at the exact same thing and see something (total, totally) different.
6. Every day (most, more) money is printed for Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury.
7. My friend Fred is not the (brightest, brighter) light on the Ferris wheel.
8. If everything seems to be going (good, well), you have obviously overlooked something.
9. The grass is always (more greener, greener) when you leave the sprinkler on.
10. The (longer, longest) recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
11. The average person is about a quarter of an inch (tall, taller, tallest) in the morning.
12. The Neanderthal's brain was (big, bigger, biggest) than yours is.
13. Your right lung takes in (more, most) air than your left lung does.
14. Women's hearts beat (fast, faster, fastest) than men's hearts.
15. There are (more, most) plastic flamingos in America than real ones.
16. Each day is 0.00000002 seconds (long, longer, longest) than the one before because the Earth is gradually slowing down.
17. The total weight of all insects on Earth is 12 times (more great, greater, greatest, more greatest) than the weight of all the people on Earth.
18. There are more than three million lakes in Alaska. The (large, larger, largest), Lake Iliamna, is the size of Connecticut.
19. When North America was first settled, beavers there grew (bigger, biggest) than bears.
20. The (bright, brighter, brightest) star in the sky, Sirius, gives out 26 times as much light as the Sun.
21. The (older, oldest) national flag still in existence, that of Denmark, dates back

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to the thirteenth century.

22. The ashes of the metal magnesium are (more heavier, heavier) than magnesium itself.
23. Murphy's Oil Soap is the chemical (more, most) commonly used to clean elephants.
24. If things get any (worse, worst), I'll have to ask you to stop helping me.
25. How much (deep, deeper, deepest) would the ocean be if sponges didn't grow in it?
26. Nothing in the known universe travels (more fast, more faster, faster) than a bad check.
27. Did you hear about my new boyfriend? He's not the (sharper, sharpest) tool in the shed.
28. Good advice: Love (deep, deeply) and (most passionate, passionately). You might get hurt, but it's the only way to live life completely.
29. Talk (slow, slowly) but think (quick, quickly).
30. Doctor: "You're coughing (easier, easiest) today." Patient: "No wonder. I practiced all night"

Answers

1. slowly 2. more 3. longest 4. best 5. totally 6. more 7. brightest 8. well 9. greener 10. longest 11. taller 12. bigger 13. more 14. faster 15. more 16. longer 17. greater 18. largest 19. bigger 20. brightest 21. oldest 22. heavier 23. most 24. worse 25. deeper 26. faster 27. sharpest 28. deeply, passionately 29. slowly, quickly 30. Easier

Choose the best answer to each question.

1. The American slogan for Salem cigarettes, "Salem-Feeling Free," translated into the Japanese market as "When smoking Salem, you will feel so

refreshed that your mind..... to be free and empty.”

(a) Was, seems (b) Was, seem (c) Were, seem (d) Were, seems

2. Frank Perdue’s chicken slogan, “It takes a strong man to make a tender chicken,”..... translated into Spanish as “It..... an aroused man to make a chicken affectionate.”

(a) Were, takes (b) Were, take (c) Was, takes (d) Was, take

3. I had a linguistics professor who said that it’s man’s ability to use language that..... him the dominant species on the planet. That may be. But I think there’s one other thing that..... us from animals. We aren’t afraid of vacuum cleaners. —Jeff Stilson

(a) Make, separate (b) Make, separates (c) Makes, separate (d) Makes, separates

4. According to the national average: Once someone an elevator button, 58 seconds will pass before they will it again. In New York, it’s 11 seconds.

(a) Push, push (b) Push, pushes (c) Pushes, push (d) Pushes, pushes

5. If police arrest a mime, do they..... him he the right to remain silent?

(a) Tell, have (b) Tell, has (c) Tells, has (d) Tells, have

6. I’ve learned that ityears to build up trust and only seconds to destroy.

(a) Takes, them (b) Takes, it (c) Take, them (d) Take, it

7. I’ve learned that either you..... your attitude or it you.

(a) Control, controls (b) Control, control (c) Controls, control (d) Controls, controls

8. I’ve learned that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we..... , but we are responsible for who we .

(a) Is, become (b) Is, becomes (c) Are, becomes (d) Are, become

9. I’ve learned that credentials on the wall do not..... you a decent human being.

(a) Made (b) Makes (c) Make (d) Making

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ANSWERS 1. a 2. c 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. b 7. a 8. d 9. c

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SECTION B

From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences.

1. Fifty percent of voters cast their votes in favour of the ruling government.
 - A. legible
 - B. illegible
 - C. eligible
 - D. regal
2. While admiring the student's performance, the Dean made several remarks.
 - A. complimentary
 - B. complementary
 - C. commanding
 - D. contending
3. Josephine was put by her friend's incessant chatter.
 - A. through
 - B. down
 - C. in
 - D. off
4. I left the mirror on the floor, and careless person trod on it.
 - A. any
 - B. such and such
 - C. some
 - D. no matter what

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5. John was very docile when he was a child, it is therefore surprising to see how he has become.
- A. alarming
 - B. aggressive
 - C. manly
 - D. handsome
6. He could not remember the task.
- A. having undertaken ever
 - B. ever to undertake
 - C. ever having undertaken
 - D. to have undertaken ever
7. He wrote to her in French, be able to understand.
- A. not for her mother to
 - B. in case her mother could
 - C. in order that her mother may not
 - D. so that her mother would not
8. I don't know what to do with these students. They are always fighting.
- A. one another
 - B. themselves
 - C. each other
 - D. each of them
9. The were honoured for their exemplary lives in their community.
- A. two young tall gentlemen
 - B. two young gentlemen tall
 - C. two tall young gentlemen
 - D. two gentleman young tall
10. There were five criminals by the police.
- A. of which two were arrested
 - B. whom two were arrested
 - C. two of whom were arrested
 - D. of whom two of them were arrested
11. The activities marking the golden jubilee celebration of the club were with a party.
- A. rounded over
 - B. rounded through

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- C. rounded up
- D. rounded off

12. Experts consider 'Ludo' to be a sport.

- A. much an art as just
- B. just as much as art as
- C. just an art as much
- D. as much just an art

13. his broker had told him that the stock was investment, he insisted on buying hundred shares.

- A. Because; spectacle
- B. Since; negligible
- C. Although; formidable
- D. Although; precarious

14. When the manager told the principal to wait outside with the others, he considered it to his dignity. A. an affront

- B. a withdrawal
- C. a strain
- D. a drawback

15. You wouldn't like me to offer you anything you disliked, would you.....?

- A. Yes, please
- B. Yes, thank you
- C. No, please
- D. Excuse me

16. If anyone greets you, it is polite to return greetings.

- A. their
- B. the one's
- C. anyone's
- D. one's

17. He was that he was awarded a special prize.

- A. such well dressed
- B. extremely well dressed
- C. so well dressed
- D. dressed too well

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18. The boy the crime, but I don't think so.

- A. should have committed
- B. had committed
- C. can't have committed
- D. might have committed

19. The police have arrested criminals

- A. many a times
- B. many a time
- C. many at times
- D. many at time

20. Mr. Obi, with his wife and children for the United States of America.

- A. has just left
- B. have just left
- C. have been leaving
- D. had been leaving

21. Mr. Abdul is too lenient

- A. that he will forgive them
- B. in order not to punish them
- C. to be a good disciplinarian
- D. than his brother

22. I didn't register, I could not vote during the elections.

- A. Since
- B. Although
- C. Despite
- D. For

23. The nine persons at the birthday party were given gifts to share

- A. among one another
- B. among themselves
- C. between themselves
- D. between them

24. There is a great between the performance of students from public schools and private ones.

- A. anomaly

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- B. comparison
- C. disparity
- D. division

25. Two men, neither of I had ever met before, attacked customers at the shopping mall.

- A. which
- B. whom
- C. who
- D. them

26. Both the man his wife visited the zoological gardens in Kumasi.

- A. together with
- B. with
- C. in company with
- D. and

27. Gabriel, Sharon also passed the examination.

- A. In addition
- B. Apart from
- C. Just as
- D. Exactly like

28. Mary: We do not know why they are not at the party.

Betty: They forgotten.

- A. would have
- B. ought to have
- C. might have
- D. should have

29. John's intervention, I would have beaten the poor boy.

- A. Except for
- B. Due to
- C. Because of
- D. But for

30. His beating that child so severely is a matter to the police.

- A. reporting
- B. of reporting
- C. to be reported
- D. to have been reported

SECTION C

ANSWER ONE PART ONLY.

The section is in two parts; candidates are to answer either PART ONE (Error Analysis 1-

10) or PART TWO (Punctuation)

PART ONE

ERROR ANALYSIS:

There are problems of grammar and usage in the sentences below. Read them carefully and for each,

- (i). explain concisely what you find unacceptable
- (ii). re-write the sentence to make it acceptable to users of English

1. The award of books, scholarship and other prizes cost the school several thousand cedis each year.
2. Although only a small girl, my mother expected me to do a lot of work.
3. Ladies and gentlemen, without much I do, I call on the Chairman to give his response.
4. I cannot send my child to that school; the amount involved is too much and I have to cut my coat according to my size.
5. When teenagers watch pornographic and violent films, they turn to practice what they see on the screen.
6. The main pre-occupation of the youth is to get white-colour jobs after their graduation
7. When the prefect was called upon to speak, she voiced out her feelings without fear.
8. "These two students went home without permission. See to punish all of them", the Headmaster instructed.
9. The reason for his abysmal performance is because she lost her mother

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two days before the competition.

10. When the Black Stars scored the winning goal, the players were cheered up by their supporters.

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