



SAT Writing

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Exercise: Cross out all the comma phrases and relative clauses. What's left should still be a grammatically complete sentence (subject and a verb), even though the meaning may come off as incomplete. The first one is done for you.

1. ~~Although it may better mankind, some critics of animal testing, which is sometimes harmful to the animals,~~ claim it is cruel and inhumane.
2. After running the Boston marathon, Jack Kunis drank all the water that was left in his bottle and fell to his knees.
3. The lost ship and its treasure that had fallen to the bottom of the ocean were never found again.
4. Frank, in addition to his cousins, suffers from a condition known as hyperthymestic syndrome, which prevents one from ever forgetting anything.
5. Starting at the age of 10, Mrs. Smith kept a daily diary, which allowed her to recall the happy memories in life.
6. For years the chairman remained anonymous, referred to only by initials even within his inner circles.
7. Students whose grades are low will have to report to me, the principal of the school.
8. Every detail about every day since 1976, ranging from the time she got up to what she ate, has forever ingrained itself into her mind.
9. Ever since it allowed internet games, which were previously blocked, the library has been the place everybody wants to be nowadays.
10. With such sadness occupying her thoughts, Erika, a poor single mother of two, struggles to sleep at night, even when the babies themselves are fast asleep.
11. Farmers who want a good yield should use fertilizers that enrich the soil with nutrients.
12. Having worked so hard with blood, sweat, and tears, I long for the day I can finally say the SATs are over.
13. Culture shock, in some cases, can be severe enough to trigger mental breakdowns.
14. Mastery of martial arts requires a dedication that many do not have.
15. Mrs. Daughtry, a 74-year old married housewife recently discharged from a local hospital after her first psychiatric admission, came to our facility for a second opinion, one that she hoped would be different.

Exercise: Cross out all prepositional phrases in the following sentences.

1. Hillary got into the boat for the short trip to Haiti.
2. If you do business with me, you'll never get the better end of the deal.
3. We'll need to see the receipts for the underwear you bought on Monday.
4. I drove by my house to check if the package from Amazon had arrived.
5. The eleven robbers broke into the casino vault with their perfectly executed plan.
6. Since the hypothesis of string theory, scientists have been back at the drawing board.
7. Everything that man creates carries within it the seeds of its own destruction.
8. Kelvin snuck out the door during the school assembly.
9. Within seconds of hearing about the trip to Antarctica, Charlotte packed shorts and sunglasses.
10. We found Teddy in a broken elevator at a rundown hotel in Thailand.

Exercise 1: Correct the idiom errors below.

1. I don't care about your opinion towards me.
2. Your ability in getting the perfect cards has caught the attention of casino surveillance.
3. The Olympic athlete was capable in climbing Mt. Everest.
4. The public was opposed against the war.
5. The children were prohibited against playing outside at dark.
6. Unless you comply to those food safety standards, we will shut you down.
7. Those who don't abide with the rules are often the ones who successfully innovate.
8. China is becoming an economic hegemony against foreign rivals who dare to compete.
9. By taking good care of pandas, zoos have succeeded to save pandas from extinction.
10. I hope you are aware about the raccoons that are mating in your basement.
11. She has lived in Broome street for over fifty years.
12. She managed to get a position in the director of the engineering department.
13. He was inclined in accepting the new job offer, but wanted to wait.
14. The young graduate yearned towards the days when he didn't have to worry about the bills.
15. Because she had many toxic relationships, Jane became accustomed with yelling her way through arguments.

Exercise 2:

1. When I first started running as a child, I never thought that I'd ever get the chance to be representative of my local club at the Sydney regional finals.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) in representing
 - C) in representation of
 - D) to represent
2. Unfortunately, injury has kept me bed-ridden for the rest of the season.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) in
 - C) at
 - D) with
3. So I kept towards working at it, and ran the best times I had in years.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) with
 - C) on
 - D) about
4. The weather took a turn for the worse, but as we made the first part of the ascent, hope in success was still strong.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) of success
 - C) to succeed
 - D) to succeeding
5. Wearable technologies will make a huge impact towards the global smartphone marketplace in the coming years.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) at
 - C) on
 - D) against
6. Dubai is home to one of the world's tallest buildings, which attracts its fair share for adrenaline junkie base-jumpers.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) in
 - C) with
 - D) of
7. Spot welding relies on the heat caused by electrical resistance to fuse metal pieces together.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) against
 - C) by
 - D) in

8. Spot welding is preferred against friction welding when fixing broken pipes.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) over
 - C) to
 - D) more than
9. We more often observe loose allegiances between smaller gangs, consisting in various nationalities and ethnicities.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) made up of
 - C) made up in
 - D) making up of
10. The President praised the initiative in raising funds from sources other than government grants.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) for raising
 - C) to raise
 - D) on the raise of
11. To the avant-garde, innovation is a necessary component about greatness.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) with
 - C) of
 - D) to
12. After speaking with our lawyers, we successfully petitioned with the patent office.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) to
 - C) towards
 - D) OMIT the underlined portion.
13. Magnetic inductors are more efficient than wind power by a watt-by-watt basis.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) on
 - C) regarding
 - D) as
14. The Mongols and the Chinese both tried to conquer Vietnam at various points on the second millennium.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) upon
 - C) in
 - D) from
15. Irish dancing can trace its origins back to the time of the Druids, when it was believed that ritual processions should take place in honoring the sun spirit.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) to honor
 - C) of honoring
 - D) for the honoring of

Exercise 1: As a basic warm-up, fill in the right singular and plural verb forms for each of the following verbs.

		To Be	To Go	To Have	To Win	To Kiss
Present Tense	He					
	They					
Past Tense	He					
	They					

Exercise 2: Choose the correct verb. Answers for this chapter start on page 214.

- Participants in the charity organization (*was/were*) angry when no one donated.
- The habit of hugging your pillow while sleeping (*indicates/indicate*) that you miss someone.
- Elderly criminals in Florida sometimes (*leads/lead*) the police on chases at speeds of 10 to 15 mph.
- Bonnie and her boyfriend Clyde (*likes/like*) to jump into ponds to avoid the cops, often forgetting that they can't swim.
- Every Bentley, Lamborghini, and Porsche (*is/are*) owned by Volkswagen.
- Propaganda that's played off as the truth (*has/have*) been used throughout history to persuade the masses.
- Forcing yourself to forget the pain someone else has caused you only (*hurts/hurt*) you more.
- One of the skills I would like to learn (*is/are*) the ability to talk while inhaling through the nose.
- Some of the superpowers I dream of having (*includes/include*) summoning jack o' lanterns on people's lawns during Halloween and making people burst into the Gangnam style dance.
- Each iPhone 5 (*costs/cost*) Apple \$168 and (*costs/cost*) us \$699.
- Each of the three little pigs (*was/were*) afraid of the big bad wolf.
- According to the phonebook, the number of Americans named Herp Derp (*is/are*) four.
- A good cook rinses the dishes and (*repeats/repeat*) the same recipes to perfection.
- Please let me know if the group (*stumbles/stumble*) upon or (*manages/manage*) to find the train station.
- A number of people (*has/have*) hyperthymesia, a condition that (*allows/allow*) them to remember every detail of their lives.
- There (*was/were*) an awkward silence when Mike's date told him she was actually a man.
- A flock of birds and a bear (*has/have*) been captured in the field.

18. There (*is/are*) three types of people in this world: those who can count and those who can't.
19. There (*is/are*) stashed below the frigid depths of the arctic a magnificent treasure that no one has ever been able to recover.
20. There (*is/are*) in the works of Emerson an underlying tone of quiet appreciation.
21. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* (*was/were*) purportedly based on cocaine; the seven dwarves were each side effects of the drug.
22. Harry, along with Ron and Hermione, (*attends/attend*) Hogwarts School of Wizardry.
23. Frodo, as well as Merry and Pippin, (*fights/fight*) to protect the one ring of power.
24. This picture book on the art of nudity in the modern age (*is/are*) a thought-provoking read.
25. The extent of our universe and those beyond constantly (*amazes/amaze*) me.
26. We found out that his mother, as well as his friends, (*was/were*) covering for Mike's crime.
27. Aliens from another planet (*has/have*) come here to kill us all.
28. The pigs you will be dissecting in this class (*is/are*) available as take-home dinners afterwards.
29. Human brain cells, the universe, and the internet all (*has/have*) similar structures.
30. Each team made up of one girl and one boy (*has/have*) to reenact a scene from Romeo and Juliet.
31. Speaking more than one language (*makes/make*) the brain more flexible and agile.
32. Getting to stuff my face silly with delicious food (*is/are*) the best part of being an obese food critic.
33. When (*was/were*) the cowboy and the Indians last here?
34. The class bully laughs at and then (*interferes/interfere*) with those trying to get work done.
35. Brendan and Brianna are out of money and (*has/have*) used up all possible guesses.
36. Paris and Nicole grew up rich and (*was/were*) sheltered all throughout life.
37. What (*does/do*) that fact have to do with anything we just talked about?
38. He sets his alarm but, when the morning comes, (*fails/fail*) to wake up.
39. Marcie and Michael exercise everyday and, in doing so, (*improves/improve*) their stamina.
40. Alice, in addition to a scarecrow, a tin man, and a lion, (*tries/try*) to find the Wizard of Oz.
41. A jar of hearts (*is/are*) on the counter.
42. Several trucks and an oil tanker near the highway exit (*was/were*) flipped on their sides.
43. Dreams within a dream that (*is/are*) spliced and diced up inside another dream (*confuses/confuse*) me.

44. A herd of cows and a slow moving tortoise (*is/are*) relaxing at the beach.
45. The lines for the elevator that normally (*carries/carry*) just five passengers (*was/were*) reinstated because the crowd of fat commuters (*was/were*) too heavy for it.
46. The diner near the dorms which (*houses/house*) the students (*serves/serve*) breakfast all day.
47. The widely recognized red coloring of stop signs everywhere (*alerts/alert*) people to stop.

Exercise 3:**The Writer's Life**

On every author's bookshelf **1** (*is/are*) dusty and worn out reference books. In every desk drawer **2** (*sits/sit*) a stack of papers waiting to be edited. A wide variety of pens, most of which are blue, red, or black, **3** (*is/are*) scattered across the desk. The life of a writer is a lonely yet hectic existence.

The act of putting words on paper and editing them **4** (*is/are*) mentally draining. The notion that because words come naturally to us when we're speaking, they should also come easily when we're writing, **5** (*misrepresents/misrepresent*) the struggles that every author faces. Putting words together in a logical and coherent way is different from having a conversation, which has the benefit of context. If the reader does not understand something, the author does not have the luxury of explaining it another way.

In addition, writers do more than just write. Research and investigation into their subject matter **6** (*plays/play*) a crucial role in good writing. After all, perfect grammar and well-crafted sentences about a vague topic written off the top of one's head **7** (*does/do*) not make for a good read. Relevant books must be read and interviews must be con-

ducted before an author feels informed enough to write something substantial.

Most writers learn their craft in school. A strong liberal arts education that **8** (*encompasses/encompass*) grammar, style, structure, and prose **9** (*fosters/foster*) great writing. Upon graduation, writers must develop and apply all those skills to the research, writing, and editing phases of any given project. Draft after draft, they have to rework and tweak what they've already done. This dedication to the craft and attention to detail that **10** (*rivals/rival*) that of a surgeon **11** (*requires/require*) discipline and work ethic. Authors such as James Joyce **12** (*has equated/have equated*) writing to torture. Only when all the pages in the book are written **13** (*does/do*) writers feel the true joy of writing.

Nevertheless, because many people think that writing is subjective and that there **14** (*is/are*) no right or wrong answers, the belief that writers have it easy, as well as all its underlying misconceptions, **15** (*persists/persist*).

Exercise 1: After seeing enough of these, you should be able to instinctively spot the ridiculousness (is that a word?) of sentences that have this error. There can be multiple ways of correcting them. By correcting these on your own, you'll learn to think for yourself and more quickly identify the correct answers on the SAT, rather than relying on the answer choices to "think" for you.

1. Hunting for deer, Julian's rifle misfired and burst into flames.
2. Having finished the SAT, the rest of life was easy.
3. Having had no water for five days, the steak and cheese sandwich was squeezed for the grease that we could drink.
4. Active in community service and local affairs, Obama's passion for politics is what would eventually lead him to the presidency.
5. By blasting music at home, the neighbors will start to acquire your musical taste.
6. By majoring in basket weaving, a lifetime of regret and despair awaits.
7. After catching a cold, my lung surgery was the perfect cure.
8. While on air at the radio station, the microphone of the talk show host exploded.
9. As a young child growing up in Massachusetts, Mitt's father gave him airplanes as gifts.

10. Hidden far from sunlight in the caves of Mars, scientists have uncovered an E.T. colony.
11. Chris saw the march of marines looking outside the window as crowds cheered on either side.
12. Overcooked and over-seasoned, Gordon Ramsay swore at the cook and dumped the fish into the garbage.
13. Dressed in a cute outfit and filled with cotton, Tiffany loved the soft feel of her teddy bear.
14. The magician dazzled and surprised the audience members wearing a cloak and top hat.
15. Decorated with colorful ornaments and stars, we took pictures by the Christmas tree.
16. After missing an easy goal, the crowd booed the soccer player.
17. Having forgotten about the homework assignment, his comments on the book in class were general statements that could apply to any book.
18. To get the best view of the movie, our seats were reserved in the front and center.
19. Prancing joyously from field to field, the scientist followed the deer.
20. Though skinny and awkward from the outset, Conan's sense of humor made him a television success.
21. Climbing from tree to tree, the explorers avidly watched the red pandas.

Exercise 2:**Tennis**

Since the age of 10, **1** tennis has been my daughter Cayla's fascination. **2** Having watched them play live, Venus and Serena Williams became her idols and she tries to imitate their aggressive play style. **3** When other six year olds were watching cartoons, Cayla would be watching tennis. So, as encouraging parents, **4** lessons were the next step. At the ages of ten and eleven, the Williams sisters were enrolled at the Academy of Rick Macci to improve their game, so getting Cayla started with the game early seemed like a good idea.

1

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) tennis has been the fascination of my daughter Cayla.
- C) my daughter Cayla has been fascinated with tennis.
- D) my daughter Cayla's fascination has been tennis.

2

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) After Cayla watched them play live,
- C) After watching live,
- D) Watching them play live,

3

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Having watched cartoons,
- C) When watching cartoons,
- D) Cartoons being watched by other six year olds,

4

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) lessons had to be
- C) Cayla's lessons were
- D) we decided lessons were

A simple sport, **5** the rules of tennis have not changed since 1890. The main idea is to hit the ball inside the opponent's side of the court with a racquet. Made and shaped from wood, **6** players found the first racquets difficult to play with, but by improving the underlying technology, **7** today's racquets are more powerful than ever before. Hitting the ball, **8** a player's grip must remain firm and balanced.

5

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) tennis has not had its rules changed
- C) tennis's rules have not changed
- D) no one has changed the rules of tennis

6

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the game of tennis was
- C) the first racquets were
- D) the first racquets were found to be

7

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) they are
- C) today's racquets have become
- D) today's racquet creators have made them

8

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the grip of the player must remain
- C) the grip must be kept
- D) a player must keep the grip

Because he thought of tennis as a serious sport, her coach was quite demanding. During one particular match, my daughter found it hard to see because of the sun. **9** She swung and missed the tennis ball squinting at the sky. Her coach got very angry.

Needless to say, we soon had to find her a new coach. Searching for one that was more patient, **10** it was time we asked our friends for recommendations. Playing tennis can be tough, but it should also be enjoyable. The new coach turned out to be great. **11** With spin and power, she taught Cayla a better way to serve the ball. The first time she spun the ball in, she jumped up and down excitedly like it was Christmas morning.

Growing in confidence, **12** her movements became more smooth. At one point, Cayla even challenged her coach to a friendly match. I can't wait to see how she evolves as a tennis player in the coming years.

9

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) She swung and missed the tennis ball by squinting at the sky.
- C) She swung and missed, squinting at the sky, the tennis ball.
- D) Squinting at the sky, she swung and missed the tennis ball.

10

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) we asked friends for
- C) our friends gave us
- D) our friends were asked for

11

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) She taught Cayla, with spin and power, a better way to serve the ball.
- C) She taught Cayla a better way to serve, with spin and power, the ball.
- D) She taught Cayla a better way to serve the ball with spin and power.

12

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) her movements were smoother.
- C) she moved more smoothly.
- D) the way she moved became smoother.



Exercise 1: Identify whether the sentence is a run-on (some may be correct) and if so, where it occurs. The first one is done for you.

1. A caller from Memorial Park reported a man beating his head against a wall, he was heading to work.
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 2. A completely naked long-haired brunette in her 20s was pumping gas into a Hummer on the corner of Beachmont, no one got a good look at the vehicle's license plate.
 3. In New York, the train system is difficult to learn, however, the food is fantastic and diverse.
 4. When a man became so upset with the lack of parking enforcement in his town, he reported his own parking violation, and the police showed up to subdue him with a stun gun, apparently he became combative and screamed at the officers that they weren't doing their job.
 5. There's a big chance that if you're 16 or older, you've already met the person you'll marry.
 6. Wanting to be sure that what he had been sold was real weed, Phillip Donahue approached two officers and asked them to test his pipe, as a result, he was arrested and charged with drug possession.
 7. Jimmy hid in the dumpster when Mr. Trump, his boss, walked by, unfortunately, Mr. Trump had to throw something away and saw him crouching there, forcing Jimmy to confess that he actually lived there.
 8. Zoe likes to ace her tests but resents it when her classmates ask her how much she studied, sometimes Zoe will just say that she didn't study at all when in fact she had stayed up all night.

9. At the time, discovering quantum physics looked like a waste of time and money, but it is now the foundation of all modern technology, thus, when people claim that math and science are of no relevance, it drives Dr. Tyson into a deep rage.
10. Playing them day and night, Shawn and his video games were inseparable, however, once he got a girlfriend, everything changed.
11. Despite his friends' tearful pleas for forgiveness, Jonathan maintained a deep grudge against everyone who had ever asked for a pencil and never returned it, an act he considered a crime against humanity.
12. Suddenly realizing the movie was too scary for her, Maya panicked and looked at her watch, there was still 20 minutes left, enough time to still make her uneasy about what was to come.
13. The salesman, aware that he was going to lose a sale if he didn't make something up, claimed that the laptop could not be customizable and that the only options were in the store.
14. As a young girl, Lindsay was praised as a talented and burgeoning actress, as an adult, she fell into the dark world of sex, drugs, and alcohol and would never reclaim her former glory.
15. Omega-3 fish oil provides essential fatty acids for your nutritional health, furthermore, it soothes back pain and muscle aches.
16. Last Saturday, Peter Parker was bit by a spider, after that incident, he would never be the same again.

Exercise 2:

1. Despite the cracks in the kitchen wall and the leaky faucet; the apartment sold for over double what it was worth.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) faucet
 - C) faucet,
 - D) faucet, but
2. The waiter tried to sell the most expensive bottle of wine to the young diners, all of them decided that it wasn't worth it.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) the diners
 - C) of whom
 - D) DELETE the underlined portion.
3. The letter, which declared a revolution in Cuba, was drafted by the leader of the rebels, it was typed up by his brother.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) rebels,
 - C) rebels and
 - D) rebels; and it was

4. Because malaria, a disease transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal, so we made sure to take vaccinations before our trip to Africa.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) and
C) but
D) DELETE the underlined portion.
5. When the school board wanted to cut spending in half, which the teachers complained that they already didn't have enough textbooks to go around.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) half;
C) half,
D) half:
6. Jack bought the used car knowing that he would have to fix it up; it was the only one he liked.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) up; for
C) up, it
D) up, which
7. Fans stood in a long line that stretched down and around the block, they were waiting for the box office to open.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) block and
C) block; while
D) block,
8. Doctors must adhere to best practices and obey certain hospital guidelines, they limit the amount of medication that can be prescribed to patients.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) which
C) and
D) DELETE the underlined portion.
9. The managers debated the issue with the employees to get their feedback; even though they had already made their decision.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) feedback,
C) feedback; but
D) feedback even though
10. Most mixed martial arts fighters today practice brazilian jiu-jitsu, this is a brutal form of martial arts that focuses on grappling.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) jiu-jitsu, being
C) jiu-jitsu;
D) jiu-jitsu,

11. SAT scores are extremely important. They are only one part of the application, however, grades and teacher recommendations are other factors that colleges take into account.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) application however grades
 - C) application. However, grades
 - D) application, however. Grades
12. Although buyers are aware of their decisions and the marketing that plays into them, however, some persuasive forces that affect purchasing behavior go unnoticed.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) them, some
 - C) them, but some
 - D) them: some
13. It is praised as Tarantino's greatest accomplishment, the movie *Pulp Fiction* interlaces several stories of seemingly unrelated incidents.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Praised as
 - C) People praise it as
 - D) It is
14. Environmentalists have worked hard to rid the river of toxic chemicals, but the population of fish still hasn't recovered to previous levels.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) chemicals; but
 - C) chemicals,
 - D) chemicals, however,
15. The movie theater provided large leather seats with slots for popcorn and drinks, furthermore, the screen was crystal clear to make for a great 3-D viewing experience.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) drinks; furthermore,
 - C) drinks; and
 - D) drinks, in addition,
16. As a doctor, Billy consults with patients about their conditions, he recommends a course of action to correct them.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) conditions and
 - C) conditions; and then
 - D) conditions, which he

Exercise 3:

Sir John Alexander Macdonald

Sir John Alexander Macdonald, the first Prime Minister of Canada, is widely praised as a great Canadian hero. **1** We didn't have his determination and tenacity, our great country would not be the same as it is today.

2 Born in Scotland on January 11, 1815, John immigrated to the New Country with his parents at a very young age. The exact year of his arrival is unknown. He soon began working under a local lawyer in **3** Kingston, his mentor died before he could complete his apprenticeship. Young Macdonald was not quite old enough to take over the **4** practice, however, this didn't stop the ambitious lad. He immediately opened his own practice.

5 He had several high profile cases, John quickly became a prominent figure in legal venues. This notoriety prompted the young man to run for a legislative seat in the House of **6** Commons, he won in 1844.

1

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Without
- C) We lacked
- D) Because

2

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) He was born;
- C) He was born
- D) Born,

3

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Kingston, however, his mentor
- C) Kingston; but his mentor
- D) Kingston, but his mentor

4

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) practice, so
- C) practice; however,
- D) practice,

5

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) After,
- C) After
- D) He was in

6

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Commons,
- C) Commons; which he
- D) Commons, which he

Just like John, the country was struggling to make a mark on the **7** world, in 1877, Mr. Macdonald was awarded the position of Premier of the United Province of Canada. However, at this point Canada was far from being **8** united, much less a real province.

The political state was in shambles. The efforts of the King of England to populate the country was a dismal **9** failure the people in the west had no interest at all in joining what politicians were calling "Canada." None of this deterred John's ambition of creating the country of his dreams. He developed the Canadian Pacific Railway and created the Northwest Mounted **10** Police; convincing British Columbia, Manitoba, and Prince Edward Island to join the confederation.

Even at the age of 60, Macdonald did not slow down **11** one bit, in 1885, he engineered the first National Park in Alberta. Believing that he could attract the attention of tourists to **12** Canada, so he gathered the country's best architects and construction workers to design one of the world's most beautiful destinations.

Sir John A. Macdonald served as the Prime Minister of Canada from 1867 to 1873 and then again from 1878 to 1891. He was given the honor of knighthood for his dedication to crown and **13** country, people today still travel on the Macdonald-Cartier highway every day!

7

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) world. In 1877,
- C) world, however, in 1877,
- D) world, moreover, in 1877,

8

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) united, and much less
- C) united; much less
- D) united, though much less

9

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) failure. The people
- C) failure; and the people
- D) failure, the people

10

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Police convincing
- C) Police by convincing
- D) Police, he convinced

11

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) one bit, therefore, in 1885,
- C) one bit; in 1885,
- D) one bit; and in 1885,

12

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Canada,
- C) Canada;
- D) Canada, and

13

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) country, with people
- C) country, so people
- D) country. People

Exercise 1: Turn the following sentence fragments into complete sentences. Answers are flexible.

1. Tony's toys, which were hidden in the cupboard so that nobody could get to them.
2. When I was given the opportunity to speak in front of the graduating class as if I were some celebrity or movie star.
3. Dumping him on the first date because he smelled so bad even though she knew he had just returned from a wrestling match.
4. It is very convenient that the grocery store I live next to. And the surrounding malls and restaurants are open late at night.
5. In the middle of the night, when most people are sleeping while I sneak to the kitchen to eat.
6. Like the moment you realize your cereal is soggy because you left it in the milk too long.
7. The butler who served the Wright family for several years and later became a successful businessman.
8. The tennis champion waving his racquet up towards a roaring crowd with his right hand and lifting the trophy with his left.
9. Even though Aaron fully believed that his actions, now the cause of much public controversy, were morally and ethically right, but the prosecutors would hear none of it.
10. The negative thoughts that were constantly on Floyd's mind as he got into the ring.
11. Disgusted by the lack of cleanliness in the men's bathroom yet curious about the sanitation in the ladies' room.
12. I wore the pants you bought me. And the purple tie that the saleswoman picked out.
13. As they walk down the street, check out the stores, and talk about life.
14. Although pandas are one of the most likable mammals but are one of the most rare.

Exercise 2:

Dining with the Kids

For centuries, eating in a restaurant **1** being considered a social event. Business meetings, family gatherings, special events, and many other occasions **2** celebrating in restaurants. This is not necessarily because serving a large crowd at home is a lot of work, but more because the food and drinks are served by **3** others, allowing everyone in the group to relax and socialize without worrying about empty plates or glasses.

Some restaurants **4** that cater specifically to families and children, though they are the exception rather than the rule. Unfortunately, eating a meal in a restaurant with three children under the age of ten is anything but **5** relaxing. Especially for the waiters and waitresses who serve them. The Continental Diner in my town, which has a special section just for **6** children so that they are isolated from the customers who want a nice and quiet conversation over dinner.

1

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) was being
- C) has been
- D) that is

2

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) are celebrating
- C) are celebrated
- D) celebrated

3

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) others. Allowing
- C) others; allowing
- D) DELETE the underlined portion.

4

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) catering
- C) are catering
- D) cater

5

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) relaxing, especially
- C) relaxing;
- D) relaxing, and especially

6

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) children to keep them
- C) children, keeps them
- D) children, keeping them

During one particular night on a **7** weekday. We took our three kids to their classmate Kate's birthday party. **8** Held at a pizza place that combined bowling with the dining experience. While the kids had fun **9** bowling and the parents could chat with each other without too much interruption. Of course, most of the parents **10** being concerned with their children's behavior and kept a watchful eye on them. **11** Tommy and Lilly were, the siblings of the birthday girl, entertained themselves by rolling multiple bowling balls down the lane at the same time.

7

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) weekday, we took
- C) weekday, when we took
- D) weekday, having taken

8

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) It was held
- C) Being held
- D) Having been held

9

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) bowling, the parents
- C) bowling. The parents
- D) bowling, and the parents

10

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) concerned
- C) were concerning
- D) were concerned

11

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Tommy and Lilly
- C) While Tommy and Lilly were
- D) As Tommy and Lilly

To ensure that the kids were busy and **12** engaged. The restaurant had many activities besides bowling. **13** One, air hockey, which involves two players with pushers and one puck. Another was arcade basketball, my favorite game. As the clock ticks down, players **14** shooting basketballs as fast as they can into the basket. When the night was over, my three **15** kids, who finding it difficult to leave the party behind.

12

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) engaged since the restaurant
- C) engaged at the restaurant,
- D) engaged, the restaurant

13

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) One was
- C) One being
- D) One of these,

14

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) who are shooting
- C) who shoot
- D) shoot

15

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) kids, finding
- C) kids found
- D) kids, who found

Exercise 1: Correct the redundancy errors (repeated meaning) in the following sentences. Answers are somewhat flexible.

1. In her biography about her life, she writes about overcoming poverty and fear.
2. During high school, I sung in a trio that consisted of three people.
3. Scratching the rash made it more worse than before.
4. The reason why most people give up on New Year's resolutions is because they're too accustomed to old habits.
5. The plagiarist who copied the works of others was banned indefinitely from the journalism industry.
6. There's a good chance that an earthquake has the possibility of happening within the next week.
7. After her graduation speech, Zoe was thirsty and needed to drink something.
8. Because James was an optimist with a positive outlook on life, he faced his struggles with a smile on his face.
9. Seafood restaurants are becoming less and less expensive due to the abundance and oversupply of fish.
10. Her verbal statements in her conversation with me led me to believe that she was holding something from me.
11. The sisters reunited at the house where they grew up as siblings upon their father's death.
12. Building his own motorcycle, which would belong to him, Quentin looked forward to the day when he would be old enough to drive it.

13. My aunt is a beginner who just started learning about photography.
14. The president gave a strong message that was quite powerful to the world in his speech yesterday.
15. This year, the volcano came alive as if it were angry and the eruption lasted for days, which numbered quite a few.
16. In 1472, Christopher Columbus set sail and thereby rigged a boat and charted a course towards India.
17. Since he quit his job, his savings have suffered, decreasing the balance in his bank account quite a bit.
18. When she walked into the room, he lost his concentration and couldn't focus on the task at hand.

Exercise 2: Correct the redundancy errors (inflated/useless phrases) in the following sentences

1. The plane that had crash-landed was found at the location of New Hampshire.
2. On the occasion of July 4th, the residents of Lynn waited along the beach to see the massive fireworks display.
3. Linzy completed the 100 mile trail by means of bike.
4. Marine biologists estimated that the beached whale weighed in the rough neighborhood of about 200 tons.
5. The director decided to give the aspiring journalist a job by virtue of the fact that he was so persistent.
6. The child continued to ask his mother for chocolate chip cookies in spite of the nature of her initial rejection.
7. When it comes to college applications, all decisions made are on a final basis.
8. If it can be determined to be feasible, a flexible work arrangement allows employees the freedom to work on a schedule suited to them.
9. As police officers, we express our desire to have a commitment to public safety.
10. If Michelle answers the last question correctly, she stands to win in the excess of a million dollars.
11. With a booming agricultural sector, China exports rice, wheat, potatoes, tea, and other crops in addition to them.
12. Do not lift the pressure valve in the lead up to the time the astronaut has landed safely.
13. As shown by the one particular case of the Black Plague, one disease can kill millions of people.
14. Weightlifting is more physically demanding and harder on the bones than the people who would rather go swimming.
15. The case was solved when several eyewitnesses decided to participate in cooperation with the police.

Exercise 3:

King Henry VIII's Divorce

King Henry VIII is famous for his large size and his many wives, **1** for which he is popularly known. His most enduring legacy, however, was **2** his separation and division of the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church.

Henry was never expected to be king. His older brother Arthur was **3** the heir and next in line to the throne, but when Henry was 11 years old, Arthur **4** perished fatally. Arthur had recently married Catherine of Aragon, the daughter of King Ferdinand of **5** Spain, a short time ago. Eager to protect diplomatic relations with Spain, Henry's father betrothed **6** his son Henry to marry Catherine when he came of age.

1

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) for which he is most known.
- C) which he is known for.
- D) DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.

2

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) his separation
- C) the separateness
- D) his splitting division

3

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the successive heir
- C) the heir
- D) the successive next in line

4

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) died.
- C) fatally died.
- D) perished and died.

5

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Spain, shortly before.
- C) Spain.
- D) Spain, not long ago.

6

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) his son, Henry,
- C) Henry, his son,
- D) Henry

Henry became **7** king, ascending to the throne in 1509 at the young age of 17 upon his father's death. Over the years, Catherine bore him six children **8** throughout their time together, but only one survived infancy, a daughter. Henry needed a male heir to ensure a peaceful succession of the throne after his death. As time passed, the absence of a son increasingly **9** worried and troubled Henry more and more, to the point that he began to fear that God was punishing him for marrying his brother's wife.

At this time, **10** the Catholic Church had the sole authority to end a marriage, and even then only by **11** declaring in an announcement that the marriage had never truly existed in God's sight. Henry sought such an annulment from the Pope. Unswayed by Henry's arguments from the biblical book of Leviticus and pressured by Catherine's nephew, King Charles V of Spain, the Pope **12** was unconvincing and refused the annulment.

7

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) king
- C) king, on the throne
- D) king to the throne

8

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) as time passed
- C) one by one
- D) DELETE the underlined portion

9

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) worried Henry more and more,
- C) worried Henry,
- D) troubled Henry more and more,

10

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) only the Catholic Church
- C) the Catholic Church was the only one that
- D) it was only the Catholic Church that

11

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) declaring
- C) proclaiming and declaring
- D) proclaiming under a declaration

12

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) refused
- C) unconvincingly refused
- D) decided to refuse

And so Henry took matters into his own hands to obtain the divorce he wanted 13 on his own. Having already begun an affair with a woman named Anne Boleyn, all he needed was a church that would marry him to 14 Anne and that would be sufficient. He maneuvered to get his own man appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1532, and then he got Parliament to declare him the Supreme Head of the Church of England 15 after that in 1534.

Henry's actions opened the door for the Protestant Reformation in 16 England, which led the way to forever altering the future of his country. Anne, however, did not bear him a son. In fact, only one of his six wives bore him a son, and this son, Edward, reigned for only 17 a few years, six as a matter of fact.

13

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) himself.
- C) by himself.
- D) DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.

14

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Anne, which would be adequate.
- C) Anne.
- D) Anne, being enough to nullify the divorce.

15

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) subsequently in 1534.
- C) in 1534.
- D) DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.

16

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) England to
- C) England, which
- D) England,

17

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) six years.
- C) six years, in fact.
- D) six short years.

Exercise 1: Make the following sentences parallel.

1. That she looks beautiful and her charm help her get out of speeding tickets.
2. Visitors to my hometown in the middle of nowhere can experience rides on the bus, drinks at the tavern, and eating at the McDonald's.
3. Because of their amazing sense of smell, quick agility, and they have fierceness when protecting themselves, lions are the kings of the savannah.
4. My tasks today are to file for divorce, burn my house down, and to start all over.
5. By investing in nuclear energy, we can save the environment, jobs, and it costs us less.
6. In his free time, Wild Bill likes smoking Cuban cigars and to drink the finest red wine Martha's Vineyard has to offer.
7. Quickly and being silent, Jesse and Walt snuck by the sleeping police officers and made off with a barrel of methylamine.
8. Inspired by the hard work of his immigrant father, Jeremy wanted to pay for college, find a job, and a new house.
9. According to Apple, Samsung's directors need to admit they violated Apple's patent, pay the fines, and also needed is to recall all their products.
10. Samsung's executives responded by completely rejecting Apple's ultimatum in court and they countersued Apple back for patent infringement.
11. The 300 men trained diligently, screamed fiercely into battle, and valiantly fights.
12. At the yard sale, Jimmy found dusty writings of Einstein, containers of fossils, and Chinese opium boxes.
13. American immigrants took huge risks to leave their homelands and searching for a better life elsewhere.
14. Come to the next party prepared to eat a lot, to dance a lot, and with a thirst for drinks.
15. As soon as he graduated from high school, he packed all his belongings, rushed to the college campus, and leaves his parents behind.



Exercise 2:**Trip to Paris**

The last year of high school was filled with optimism and **1** emotions that were nostalgic. It was like standing on a bridge that must be crossed, leaving behind the carefree days of youth and **2** stepped into a life of responsibilities, business meetings, and **3** paying bills. My friends and I decided to have one last trip together before heading off in our own directions.

My friends had decided to go to college on the other side of the country, **4** join an environmental group to save the rainforest, or work for their parents in the family business, which was what I was doing in the same town I'd lived in all my life. Out of the three of us, I needed this vacation the most. I had never left the state, let alone **5** departing from the country. So when Tom suggested we spend the summer in Europe, I was thrilled. After all, travel is a great way to bond with others and **6** to learn about the world.

1 emotions that were nostalgic

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) nostalgia.
- C) nostalgic emotions.
- D) emotions of nostalgia.

2 stepped into a life of responsibilities, business meetings,

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) to step
- C) stepping
- D) we stepped

3 paying bills

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) bills that have to be paid.
- C) having to pay bills.
- D) bills.

4 join an environmental group to save the rainforest,

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) to join
- C) joining
- D) they will join

5 departing from the country.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the country.
- C) from the country.
- D) depart from the country.

6 to learn about the world.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the world can be learned about.
- C) for learning about the world.
- D) we can learn about the world.

We landed at Heathrow Airport at about 4pm, **7** would sleep in the terminal for a few hours, and took a connecting flight to Paris. We almost missed our flight because of the loud, pushy, and **8** large size of the crowd. On the flight, we **9** were reading books, watched movies, and listened to music. When we arrived, it finally dawned on us that we were all alone in a foreign country. As students and **10** we were clueless tourists, we walked aimlessly through the streets with giant backpacks.

7

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) we slept
- C) slept
- D) sleeping

8

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) large crowd.
- C) crowd that was large.
- D) having a large crowd.

9

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) read books,
- C) decided to read books,
- D) had books to read,

10

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) as well
- C) being
- D) as

We found a car rental place and chose a Volkswagen Beetle that was inexpensive to rent and **11** easily driven. It was perfect for taking us through the streets of Paris and **12** to show us the popular tourist sites. The history of Paris dates back to the third century. Today, the city is known for its coffee culture and **13** for its fashion boutiques. It didn't take long for us to realize there was no way we could see everything in just a few hours, so we just toured the usual tourist attractions like the Louvre, the Eiffel tower, and **14** we went to the Arc de Triomphe. By having a budget and **15** we stuck to it, we had enough money to try a three star Michelin restaurant afterwards!

11

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) easy to drive.
- C) driven easily.
- D) was easily driven.

12

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) showed us
- C) showing us
- D) the showing of

13

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) having fashion boutiques.
- C) with its fashion boutiques.
- D) it has fashion boutiques.

14

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the landmark called the Arc de Triomphe.
- C) such as the Arc de Triomphe.
- D) the Arc de Triomphe.

15

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) stuck to it,
- C) having it stick,
- D) sticking to it,

Exercise: Fix the paired constructions in the following sentences.

1. The college experience is not only an exciting time to meet new people and also a stressful one because of the level of independence required.
2. Oleg works out daily not only to improve his physique but also his cardiovascular strength.
3. The massive data breach reminded us not only of the need for better digital security but also data retention policies.
4. Critics have to rate both the food at the restaurant itself and other competing restaurants with the same cuisine.
5. Though a horror fan, she preferred happy children's books over Stephen King.
6. She wasn't a fan of either the pizza at Domino's nor Reggie's.
7. I hope you suffer neither the pain of breaking up nor lost love's regret.
8. Winston Churchill is known not only for his eloquence but also for having charisma.
9. Fruits aren't actually so necessary to one's diet as most doctors would have you believe.
10. Just as most politicians come from a law background, biology is the background of most doctors.
11. Apple products are not so much a statement of technological performance as style and status.
12. Having a GPS system is not only convenient but also of necessity when driving to new places.
13. There is no comparison between China's economic power and Japan.
14. My new book is not only comprehensive but also has conciseness.
15. Not only were the books the most widely read, they influenced much of the philosophical thought during that time.

Exercise: Correct the following faulty comparisons by making them parallel. There may be multiple ways of doing so

1. When the tour guide brought up how similar Edison's inventions were to the inventor Nikola Tesla, Jimmy suggested that Edison might have just taken the idea from Tesla.
2. No personality is as weird as the physics teacher at my school, Mr. Greenman.
3. Gina's skill in archery pales in comparison to her rifle-shooting.
4. At the festival, Abraham rocked out to Cannibal Corpse's death metal music, which he thought was less stale than the other groups.
5. Clothes worn by young adults in the 80's were much wilder than the teenage crowd now.
6. For some people, giving gifts is far easier than to receive them.
7. With the popularity of iPhones and iPads, Steve Jobs's legacy may surpass Microsoft founder Bill Gates.
8. Efforts made by activists to curb global warming have been less effective than environmentally-conscious consumers.
9. Geographers have shown that the area of Australia is more than 20 times Japan.
10. In France, public supply of water is run more efficiently than electricity and heating.
11. The gummy bears that Syed ordered off of Amazon turned out to be cheaper and of higher quality than eBay.
12. The molecular structure of Carbon is considered superior in terms of reactivity compared to most other elements.
13. The percentage of the U.S. budget devoted to health care far exceeds the budget for education.
14. It's far more entertaining to watch a football game than actually playing in one.

Exercise 1: Fix the pronoun error in the following sentences. The pronoun you need to fix is bolded. Some of them have flexible answers and some require you to also change the verb.

1. When I looked up at the stars, I couldn't believe **it was** so many light-years away.
2. Although many people believe the tiger is fierce and ferocious, **they are** actually quite peaceful.
3. Anyone who misses **their** parents can just go home.
4. The toxic level of water bottles isn't apparent to most people because they assume **its** plastic content is harmless.
5. After searching the whole day for my brother's shoes, I told him I wasn't able to find **it**.
6. Birds must migrate south during the winter season because **it manages** to survive only in warmer climates.

7. Until technological advances enable it to consume less fuel for thrust and power, the possibility of space rockets to Mars will remain remote.
8. By the time it can be fixed up, cleaned, and upgraded, old cell phones will be completely irrelevant compared to newer ones.
9. The food that they serve at the restaurant is absolutely delicious.
10. The secretary unplugged the keyboard from the computer and cleaned it.
11. Joey was required to go to a meeting but it never stated the location.
12. Before the state university could open up a new program in astrophysics, they needed funding from alumni.
13. The government is so arrogant in their ability to solve problems that they have silenced the voice of the people.
14. The show *American Idol* has as their premiere judge a man who can't sing himself.
15. Elle told the teacher that she had made a mistake.
16. My iPhone fell onto the glass plate, but thankfully it didn't break.
17. Some spiders can inject itself with poison to enact revenge on their predators.
18. Anthony used to hang out all the time with Albert until he got the big promotion at work.
19. When a person dies, their sense of hearing is the last to go whereas touch and sight are the first.
20. The city of Boston, which weathered the American Revolution, regularly offers tours that honor their local heroes.
21. One of the unique features of the red panda, an exotic creature that lives in the eastern Himalayas, is their ringed tail, which is used as a blanket in the cold.
22. The health department should be able to handle the paperwork by themselves.
23. My mom cooked some traditional Russian dishes, but I hate eating that.
24. I took my old computer to the store and luckily they were able to fix it.

Exercise 2:

True Crime Writer

Like most authors, Ann Rule didn't dive into the world of writing right after college. Although she did major in creative writing, her real passion was in unraveling the mysteries of the criminal mind. **1** They didn't have majors related to forensics and crime, so she took many courses related to science and psychology.

Ann began her adult life as a police officer for the Seattle Police Department, which was known across the country for **2** their high profile cases. Even though she liked **3** it more, she also wrote regularly for the *True Detective* magazine and volunteered at an abuse hot line.

When writing for the magazine, Ann used a fake name, Andy Stark. She also published several books under **4** that. While many say that the writing style of her works is similar to that of Edward Stratemeyer, creator of the Nancy Drew series, she maintains that **5** they aren't. Her stories' characters, who are quite eccentric, by **6** itself are enough to distinguish her work from others.

1 *They didn't have majors related to forensics and crime, so she took many courses related to science and psychology.*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) It
- C) Those
- D) Her college

2 *their high profile cases.*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) its
- C) these
- D) her

3 *it more, she also wrote regularly for the True Detective magazine and volunteered at an abuse hot line.*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) them
- C) the police work
- D) that

4 *While many say that the writing style of her works is similar to that of Edward Stratemeyer, creator of the Nancy Drew series, she maintains that they aren't. Her stories' characters, who are quite eccentric, by itself are enough to distinguish her work from others.*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) this.
- C) that name.
- D) them.

5 *Her stories' characters, who are quite eccentric, by itself are enough to distinguish her work from others.*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) it isn't.
- C) they aren't them.
- D) they don't.

6 *Her stories' characters, who are quite eccentric, by itself are enough to distinguish her work from others.*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) its own
- C) their own
- D) themselves

Ms. Rule's first book was titled *The Stranger Beside Me*, which, like many of her other books, was turned into a movie. Ann played a large part in **7** its making. In fact, she wrote the script for the movie and distributed **8** them to everyone involved. She also worked as a consultant and even helped choose the actors for the different roles. Ann liked to choose actors that resembled the characters that **9** he or she was playing.

Ann Rule loves her fan base. After the release of each book, she makes a special point of answering **10** their emails and attending as many book signings as possible even though **11** they have caused her serious problems with her wrist. Halfway through, she had to start using a rubber stamp instead of signing **12** them personally. Ann had to cancel appearances after the release of her latest book because of a broken hip, but any reader can still get **13** his or her favorite book autographed by mailing it in.

7 *their makings*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) their makings.
- C) those.
- D) them.

8 *them*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) it
- C) this
- D) those

9 *he*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) it was
- C) they were
- D) were

10 *them*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) these
- C) her fans'
- D) its

11 *they*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) it has caused
- C) this has caused
- D) this is of the cause of

12 *the books*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the books
- C) it
- D) those

13 *his*

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) their
- C) them
- D) its

Exercise 1: Make the tenses consistent in the following sentences

1. When Columbus and his crew discovered America in 1492, many Indian tribes welcome them graciously.
2. The United States is considered the melting pot because its inhabitants included immigrants from all over the world.
3. Although the giant panda's diet consists primarily of bamboo, most other bears hunted for their food.
4. The door was decorated with ornate imprints of animals and has a stained glass window in the middle.
5. Every Sunday, Jane cleans the house and does the laundry at the same time her dad could have mowed the lawn.
6. She bought her dress at Wal-Mart yet it impresses everyone at the party.
7. Every year he wishes for an end to world hunger and prayed for a cure for cancer.
8. Whereas astronomers focus on the stars to advance the frontier of science, astrologists studied the constellations to predict whether bad things will happen today.
9. To create the bracelet, Jane carefully slipped beads onto the band and then had twisted it into a circular shape.
10. It's easy to tell when the teacher is being boring because some students start to fidget with their pens while others have yawned.
11. Admissions officers had looked at several factors when determining whether to admit an applicant.
12. In today's fast-paced world, news sometimes spreads on social media faster than it could have traveled through traditional media.

Exercise 2:

1. The electric violinist put the speakers on full blast and shaken up the house.
- NO CHANGE
 - shook
 - had shook
 - begun to shake
2. The incredible salary had been one of the reasons I am staying at my boring job.
- NO CHANGE
 - will have been
 - was
 - is
3. When Rick finally reached the train station across from the bus stop, the last train has already left.
- NO CHANGE
 - already leaves.
 - is leaving already.
 - had already left.
4. I like to shop at the used bookstore because the people there are so friendly. It was a popular place to discover great books that can't be found elsewhere.
- NO CHANGE
 - is
 - had been
 - was considered
5. The host presented the awards on the show and the winners are honored to receive them.
- NO CHANGE
 - had been
 - would have been
 - were
6. It's unlikely the property developer will be able to convince him to move out; James lived in that house for 30 years.
- NO CHANGE
 - lives
 - has lived
 - had lived
7. When my uncle has gone to buy a new computer, the salesman told him that he couldn't get a discount.
- NO CHANGE
 - had gone
 - went
 - goes
8. Jay wasn't promoted to colonel until he has proven himself as a sergeant.
- NO CHANGE
 - proves
 - had proven
 - will prove
9. Showing us that his car has a GPS, the driver claims that he always knows the fastest route.
- NO CHANGE
 - claiming
 - having claimed
 - has claimed
10. There have been mysterious ghost sightings at the old mansion ever since the owner abandoned it years ago.
- NO CHANGE
 - are
 - will be
 - had been
11. In 1869, Watson and Crick discovered something that surprised many scientists at that time - DNA.
- NO CHANGE
 - had been surprised
 - will have surprised
 - surprises
12. Richard Branson has invested in many successful startups, built a global empire worth billions, and traveling all across the world.
- NO CHANGE
 - travel
 - traveled
 - had traveled

13. Since I graduated last Tuesday with a degree in Floral Management, I was looking for a job and a place to stay.
- NO CHANGE
 - had looked
 - looked
 - have been looking
14. While online tutorials make learning convenient and accessible, teachers hold students accountable in a way that promotes action and retention.
- NO CHANGE
 - held
 - had held
 - holding
15. At the zoo, monkeys play on the handlebars and exotic birds had chirped in their elaborate cages.
- NO CHANGE
 - chirp
 - chirped
 - could have chirped

Exercise 3:

1. Acupuncture starts with needles being inserted at the right locations. After that initial stage, the needles had been heated to strategically stimulate certain areas of the body.
- NO CHANGE
 - have been
 - were
 - are
2. Pluto had long been considered a planet until scientists deemed it too small.
- NO CHANGE
 - has long been
 - is long
 - was long being
3. Last year, the teacher had chosen the most difficult textbook, and the class average dropped steadily throughout the semester.
- NO CHANGE
 - chose
 - chooses
 - choosing
4. While we were on vacation, my brother and I will quietly creep out of our hotel room to go swimming with the sharks in the ocean.
- NO CHANGE
 - quietly creep
 - are quietly creeping
 - quietly crept
5. Performing on the streets, I sing popular pop songs at the same time my partner can play the guitar in the back.
- NO CHANGE
 - played
 - had played
 - plays
6. Scientists had explored the possibility of alien life on other planets for centuries, but only now has space technology become advanced enough to collect firsthand data from faraway planets.
- NO CHANGE
 - have explored
 - explored
 - explore

7. When I went to Texas for my cousin's wedding, I drive over 200 miles to see the sites and avoid flying on a plane.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) have driven
- C) drove
- D) will drive

8. The residents of Colorado celebrated when their state would become the first to legalize marijuana.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) has become
- C) becoming
- D) became

9. Once he noticed the new symptoms, the doctor took Mark off the medication that he prescribes six weeks before.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) had prescribed
- C) has prescribed
- D) will prescribe

10. By 1999, the internet would have already drastically changed the way people around the world communicate.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) had already drastically changed
- C) already drastically changes
- D) has already drastically changed

11. From its start as an online bookstore, the internet retailer Amazon will expand into markets such as groceries that many thought were outside its reach.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) expands
- C) has expanded
- D) had expanded

12. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for racial equality and led the Civil Rights Movement. He called the American people to stand up for freedom, equality, and justice.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) called on
- C) calls on
- D) calls

13. After what he said, it will be hard for him to recover in the polls, let alone won the election.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) winning
- C) win
- D) will win

14. By the time we got a seat at Peter Luger's Steakhouse, most of the waiters went to go home.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) have gone
- C) had gone
- D) are going

15. During the Renaissance, the painters have experimented with different styles that combined the classics with new scientific knowledge.

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) have been experimenting
- C) experiment
- D) experimented

Exercise 1:

1. The Rolex Daytona, the most luxurious watch ever released, sells for a staggering half a million dollars.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) released
 - C) released:
 - D) released—
2. My brother is a decent tennis player, he serves well: but his forehand could be hit with a bit more accuracy.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) player—he serves well—
 - C) player, he serves well—
 - D) player, he serves well;
3. I practice scales on the piano everyday—not because I want to, but because I have to.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) everyday; not because I want to
 - C) everyday not because I want to;
 - D) everyday, not because I want to;
4. As the country becomes increasingly health conscious, fast food chains are removing a number of artificial ingredients from their offerings: sodium nitrite, aluminum silicate, canthaxanthin, and monosodium glutamate.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) offerings;
 - C) offerings
 - D) offerings,
5. Google's search engine is not only effective but also easy to use, the home page is nothing more than a search field.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) easy to use:
 - C) easy to use
 - D) used easily:
6. These strange rainbow lights, a phenomenon only recently discovered in photographs of the town remain one of science's unsolved mysteries.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) lights a phenomenon only recently discovered in photographs of the town,
 - C) lights, a phenomenon only recently discovered, in photographs of the town
 - D) lights, a phenomenon only recently discovered in photographs of the town,
7. The handbook lays out the most common mistakes when it comes to writing; lack of structure, having nothing to say, and repetitiveness.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) writing,
 - C) writing
 - D) writing:

8. While I was on my trip to Thailand, Claire went on a shopping spree to buy a new car and a new wardrobe without my permission.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) buy:
C) buy;
D) buy,
9. There are more stars in space than there are grains of sand, on all of Earth's beaches.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) sand;
C) sand—
D) sand
10. Environmentalists have marched into the streets to protest the country's lax attitude towards deforestation, which has proven to be devastating to the local deer population: only twenty sightings in the past year.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) population, and only
C) population; only
D) population. Only
11. What you should remember from this whole ordeal is: that there can be no progress without sacrifice.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) is that there
C) is, that there
D) is that there,
12. The greatest accomplishment in professional tennis is winning all four grand slam tournaments in a single year, the Australian Open, Roland Garros (held in France), Wimbledon (held in Britain), and the U.S. Open.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) year, the Australian Open, Roland Garros,
C) year: the Australian Open, Roland Garros
D) year: the Australian Open, Roland Garros,
13. Raised in a family that had toiled day after day on a farm. Andrew Blomfeld liked to hire people that were hard workers, even if they lacked talent.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) farm,
C) farm:
D) farm;
14. Benjamin Franklin was introduced to democratic ideals when he read one of the most influential works of his time; John Locke's *Two Treatises of Government*.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) time, about
C) time:
D) time

15. The kitchen was renovated: with new marble tiles, extra cabinets and cupboards, and a stainless steel sink.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) renovated, with
 - C) renovated with
 - D) renovated with:
16. Of all the things the President could have done to improve the economy, he chose to shift his attention to the one thing that was considered irrelevant; and it was health care.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) irrelevant: being
 - C) irrelevant:
 - D) irrelevant to
17. Even though he killed hundreds of innocent people, the fighter pilot was portrayed as a hero back at home.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) as,
 - C) as:
 - D) as;
18. Designed with the user in mind. The new phone features a slick interface for accessing all your important notes, emails, and contacts.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) mind, the
 - C) mind: the
 - D) mind the
19. While most students at MIT use their intellect to better the world, for example, creating vaccines for deadly viruses, some are using their exceptional math skills to beat the card games in Vegas.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) world; for example, creating vaccines for deadly viruses,
 - C) world, for example, creating vaccines for deadly viruses
 - D) world—for example, creating vaccines for deadly viruses—
20. Sleep is essential for a healthy lifestyle; an analysis funded by the National Institute of Health, shows that ongoing sleep deficiency increases the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) lifestyle—an analysis funded by the National Institute of Health,
 - C) lifestyle, an analysis funded by the National Institute of Health,
 - D) lifestyle: an analysis funded by the National Institute of Health
21. Designed for young professionals seeking convenience, the apartment complex is close to public transportation; it's 5 minutes away from the train station—and includes amenities such as private parking spaces and in-unit laundry machines.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) transportation. It's
 - C) transportation—it's
 - D) transportation, it's

Exercise 2:

1. The rapid pace of technological development however has enabled more people to survive on less.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) development; however,
 - C) development however,
 - D) development, however,
2. Drinking coffee, scientists have discovered may help prevent heart disease.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) have discovered,
 - C) have discovered. It
 - D) have discovered; it
3. I've decked out my laptop with a keyboard cover, pokemon stickers and a transparent case.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) stickers—
 - C) stickers;
 - D) stickers,
4. Novak Djokovic, one of the best tennis players, of the modern era, is worshipped as a god in Serbia.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) players of the modern era
 - C) players of the modern era,
 - D) players of the modern era—
5. The koala bear—known for its pouch, lives in eastern Australia, where they play in the eucalyptus trees.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) bear, known for,
 - C) bear, known for
 - D) bear, known, for
6. Due to budget constraints, the chairman could not acquiesce, or give in to, the organization's demand for more funding.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) or, give in to,
 - C) or give in, to
 - D) or give in; to
7. Mario dodged blazing fireballs, turtles, with hammers, and venus fly traps to rescue Princess Peach.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) fireballs, turtles with hammers,
 - C) fireballs; turtles with hammers,
 - D) fireball, turtles with hammers

8. Ron had mentioned, that the place on the corner had really good strawberry ice cream.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) mentioned; that
 - C) mentioned that
 - D) mentioned—that
9. A senior at the big accounting firm PWC pleaded not guilty to forging the books, claiming that it was his coworkers who did it.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) books;
 - C) books; and he was
 - D) books
10. New York University professor and researcher, Joshua Grossman, claims that his research is definitive and trustworthy.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) researcher Joshua Grossman
 - C) researcher Joshua Grossman,
 - D) researcher, Joshua Grossman
11. Known for its noodle dishes, the restaurant down the street always has customers, most of whom are Asian.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) customers, and
 - C) customers;
 - D) customers; and
12. In 2004, no one could have predicted that Facebook—started by just a few college drop-outs would become the tech-giant it is today.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) drop-outs;
 - C) drop-outs,
 - D) drop-outs—
13. Although the fire chief didn't mention it explicitly, everyone listening knew exactly what he was referring to the fire that wiped out the block—and almost the entire town—in a week.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) referring—to the fire
 - C) referring to: the fire
 - D) referring to; the fire
14. John Landry apprenticed under Dutch architect Thomas Johannsen while he completed his studies.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) architect, Thomas Johannsen,
 - C) architect; Thomas Johannsen,
 - D) architect, Thomas Johannsen

15. It's hard to find time for lunch because I have to juggle so many responsibilities, filing taxes, taking phone calls, printing spreadsheets, and writing emails.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) responsibilities:
C) responsibilities
D) responsibilities;
16. Growing up in poverty, I often dreamed, of the luxury, that I was working towards.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) dreamed of the luxury
C) dreamed, of the luxury
D) dreamed of the luxury,
17. Because he embraced failure instead of avoiding it, and Chris quickly learned how to play the piano, speak Spanish, and solve the Rubik's Cube.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) it; Chris
C) it, Chris
D) it, Chris,
18. The safari guides warned us of getting too close to dangerous animals such as: unicorns, vampires, and werewolves.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) animals, such as:
C) animals, such as
D) animals, such as,
19. Makeshift tables and a large collection of desks, piled on top of one another forced co-workers to collaborate with each other.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) another: forced
C) another; it forced
D) another, forced
20. Jared Klein, a researcher at KIP Labs, was skeptical about the results—'We cannot draw any meaningful conclusions from the experiment since the subjects in the control group were not randomly selected.'
- A) NO CHANGE
B) results: "We
C) results, we
D) results; we
21. The annual company gala will feature a dinner buffet with oysters, steak, and lobster if the sales target is met (at least \$500,000 by the next quarter), bonuses will be distributed to all employees.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) lobster, if
C) lobster, and if
D) lobster if:

Exercise 3:

Origami

Origami originated in Japan, but today it is practiced all over the world. Literally, the word means “folding paper” and refers to the creation of decorative shapes and figures from paper. Example creations **1** include animals, lanterns, and boats. Most bookstores stock the most common way people discover and start **2** origami, being a kit. Kits generally have lines and **3** arrows; and they’re often dotted to show you where to make the fold and how to manipulate the paper into the desired shape.

The most basic design, the one most people are taught **4** first: is the Japanese crane. Like most **5** designs, it starts with a square piece of paper and eventually turns into an intricate design that is tough to reverse engineer.

1

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) include:
- C) include—
- D) include,

2

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) origami:
- C) origami;
- D) origami

3

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) arrows, often dotted,
- C) arrows, often dotted—
- D) arrows often dotted,

4

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) first—
- C) first,
- D) first

5

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) designs; it
- C) designs: it
- D) designs, and it

Although special origami paper can be bought at craft **6** stores; any paper that can hold a fold can be used. You can even glue colored tissue paper or aluminum foil to regular paper for an interesting look. Normal copy paper suffices for simple folds, but it's a bit too **7** heavy, for more delicate designs. Very heavy paper is ideal for wet-folding, a technique developed by **8** artist, Akira Yoshizawa in the early 1900s. Wet-folding allows you to manipulate the paper into **9** curves: impossible with dry paper—to create sculpture-like designs that look more realistic.

The paper traditionally used in Japan is called *washi*, which refers to hand made paper but translates literally to "Japanese paper." It is much tougher than paper made from wood pulp. Washi is most commonly made from the bark of the gampi tree, but bamboo, wheat, **10** rice, and hemp are often used as well. Miyao **11** Hayaki, a famous origami practitioner in Tokyo continues to develop different materials as the craft evolves.

6

- A) NO CHANGE
 B) stores,
 C) stores, which
 D) stores—

7

- A) NO CHANGE
 B) heavy for:
 C) heavy for
 D) heavy, for,

8

- A) NO CHANGE
 B) artist, Akira Yoshizawa,
 C) artist Akira Yoshizawa
 D) artist Akira Yoshizawa,

9

- A) NO CHANGE
 B) curves; impossible with dry paper;
 C) curves: impossible with dry paper,
 D) curves—impossible with dry paper—

10

- A) NO CHANGE
 B) rice; and
 C) rice: and
 D) rice, and,

11

- A) NO CHANGE
 B) Hayaki, a famous origami practitioner in Tokyo,
 C) Hayaki, a famous origami practitioner, in Tokyo
 D) Hayaki a famous origami practitioner in Tokyo,

Exercise:

1. Praised by critics for it's having innovative plot and cinematography, the director's first movie was a huge hit at the box office.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) its
 C) it's
 D) their
2. After the funeral was held for the brave soldiers, the general scattered their bodies ashes into the sea.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) body's
 C) bodys
 D) bodies'
3. Writing code for applications and websites requires a lot of deep thinking that can place quite the burden on the programmers mind.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) programmer's mind.
 C) programmers' mind.
 D) programmers's mind.
4. Because they live in affluent areas that are hot year-round, each of my friends' houses has a swimming pool.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) friend's houses
 C) friends's houses
 D) friends houses
5. I go to a school who's parking lot can accommodate only 10 cars.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) whose
 C) that the
 D) where
6. The teacher told us that the semester's grades will be released a week from now.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) semesters grades
 C) semesters' grades
 D) grade's for the semester
7. Every day, I look at the weeks deadlines and make sure I'm on track to meet them.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) weeks'
 C) week's
 D) weeks's
8. After their meeting with the principal, the teachers' gossiped amongst themselves about who would be fired.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) the teachers
 C) the teacher's
 D) the teachers's
9. Examining the mountain in front of them, the hikers were confident in they're ability to climb its rocky terrain.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) they're ability to climb it's
 C) their ability to climb its
 D) their ability to climb it's
10. Known for his powerful hooks, Mike Tyson was once one of boxings most fearsome competitors.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) boxings
 C) boxing's
 D) one of boxing's
11. Before the dancers could finish, a loud noise in the audience disrupted their rhythm and ruined the entire performance.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) they're
 C) it's
 D) there
12. Taylor took the frame down, added a fresh coat of paint on each of it's sides, and inserted a new picture.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) they're
 C) its
 D) their

13. My friends love to eat. Inside they're refrigerator, there's always a full stock of snacks and drinks.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) they're refrigerator, theirs
 C) their refrigerator, theirs
 D) their refrigerator, there's
14. One end of the cable goes through the top opening of the wooden pole and the other end wraps around it's foundation.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) they're
 C) its
 D) their
15. The deck of Emily's parents's yacht had been completely destroyed by the hurricane.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) Emily's parents'
 C) Emily's parents
 D) Emiliys parents'
16. The novel's protagonist, who's telekinetic powers are capable of mass destruction, is a seemingly quiet and shy girl.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) whose
 C) who has
 D) with her
17. The water dripped down from the ceiling, hit the cabinet, and dripped onto the rooms floor.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) room's
 C) rooms'
 D) rooms's
18. We will host a casino night where the players donate their winnings to charity.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) there
 C) they're
 D) its
19. Because she was late to work, Joanne had to report to the factorys director.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) factory's
 C) factories'
 D) factories
20. After doctors found her lying unconscious on the floor, they rushed her to the infirmary's emergency room.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) infirmaries
 C) infirmaries'
 D) infirmarys
21. The judge critiqued the womens' fashion choice's during the beauty pageant.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) womens's fashion choices
 C) womens fashion choices'
 D) women's fashion choices
22. After a long day, the workers' reward themselves with pizza and a few beers.
- A) NO CHANGE
 B) workers
 C) worker's
 D) workers's

Exercise 1:

Campbell's Thousand-Faced Hero

Joseph Campbell's 1949 comparative study of mythology, *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, presents a fascinating concept that can be applied to many of the great stories of modern times. He found that many hero stories 1 among time and cultures 2 clone a similar pattern, a 17-stage journey, in fact. The three major 3 boundaries of this journey are the hero's departure, his initiation, and his return.

4 In agreement with Campbell's schema, every hero receives 5 a plea to adventure into the unknown, usually inspired by a 6 vision that changes the hero's understanding of himself and his purpose in life.

1 At this point, the writer wants to indicate that the hero has gone through a dramatic transformation. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) across
- C) on
- D) over

2 At this point, the writer wants to indicate that the hero has gone through a dramatic transformation. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) recap
- C) follow
- D) redo

3 At this point, the writer wants to indicate that the hero has gone through a dramatic transformation. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) separate things
- C) discrete partitions
- D) stages

4 At this point, the writer wants to indicate that the hero has gone through a dramatic transformation. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Pertaining to
- C) According to
- D) In relation to

5 At this point, the writer wants to indicate that the hero has gone through a dramatic transformation. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) a ring
- C) a call
- D) an invitation

6 At this point, the writer wants to indicate that the hero has gone through a dramatic transformation. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) revelation
- C) goal
- D) dream

In *Star Wars*, Luke **7** reasons out that his father was a Jedi knight and receives his father's lightsaber from Obi-Wan Kenobi.

After his foster parents are killed, Luke chooses to **8** jump head-first into an adventure with Obi-Wan through distant galaxies. Similarly, in *The Matrix*, Neo is presented with the truth that he has not been living in the real world, which is actually a barren wasteland. He chooses to take "the red pill," unplugs from the **9** earthly affairs he has known for his entire life, and enters a **10** discontented reality.

- 7** reasons out
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) discerns
 - C) detects
 - D) discovers

- 8** jump head-first into
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) hop on
 - C) board
 - D) embark on

- 9** earthly affairs
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) civilized world
 - C) global matters
 - D) cultured domain

- 10** discontented
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) down in the dumps
 - C) desolate
 - D) disagreeable

The initiation stage involves many trials, temptations, and failures. Luke Skywalker **11** endures dangerous battles, undergoes difficult training with Yoda, and eventually faces the evil Darth Vader, **12**, as well as the truth that Vader is his father. In the process, he loses his hand and is nearly killed. Neo submits to intense training and self-questioning under **13** adverse conditions', which culminates in a fight with Agent Smith.

After **14** hammering away through great suffering and adversity, the hero returns as a new person with greater power and self-understanding, in possession of some knowledge, ability, or token that **15** achieves his newfound mastery. Luke successfully faces Darth Vader and wins him back to the good side. Batman returns, and Neo rises from the dead with greater powers than before.

11

At this point, the writer would like to suggest that Luke was successful in battle. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) triumphs through
- C) suffers through
- D) goes through

12

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) furthermore
- C) also plus
- D) with

13

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) adverse conditions
- C) averse conditions
- D) averse condition's

14

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) hanging tough
- C) sticking it out
- D) persevering

15

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) reports
- C) reflects
- D) describes

Exercise 2:**Chivalry**

In modern times, the word “chivalry” is generally assumed to refer to men treating women with respect and courtesy, opening doors for them, pulling out chairs for them, and giving up their seats on buses and in crowded rooms. In medieval times, however, the term **1** transported a much richer meaning that underlay the expectations placed on aristocratic men. The word comes from the French word *chevalier*, which means “horseman.” In general, it referred to any man who could **2** spare enough change to arm himself and ride his own horse into battle—**3** in other words, a knight. In those days very few men were able to do so, hence the **4** association between chivalry and the aristocracy.

1

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) moved
- C) carried
- D) displayed

2

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) afford
- C) accumulate the assets
- D) bear the expenses

3

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) in which case,
- C) therefore,
- D) in summary,

4

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) attachment
- C) organization
- D) union

Over time, what began as an idealization of knightly conduct during the Crusades of the 11th and 12th centuries **5** developed into a complex system of ethics governing a knight's behavior toward God, his lord, both his allies and his enemies, and women and children. The literature of the late middle ages, particularly the Arthurian legends, **6** electrified the imaginations of **7** quite a few peasants to love and believe in the ideal of the courtly knight. In *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, written in the late 1300s, Sir Gawain displays an almost obsessive desire to **8** participate in the chivalric code. Other characters constantly reference his reputation as a knight known for both his **9** fantastic mind in battle and his excellent manners.

5

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) persisted
- C) transmogrified
- D) substituted

6

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) exploded
- C) inspired
- D) amped up

7

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) a giant number of
- C) thousands of
- D) tons of

8

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) achieve
- C) attain the heights of
- D) adhere to

9

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) know-how
- C) smarts
- D) prowess

Raymond Lull's 13th-century manual on chivalry specified the ethical expectations, rules, and instructions a knight should follow. He was to be a man of able body, good lineage, and wealth. He was to be in control of his abilities and his wealth, giving aid to those in need and protecting women and children. He was to be loyal to his lord, courageous in his defense, and a **10** savvy person. **11** Basically, he was to be a man of honor, who would stay true to his Christian faith and keep his word at all costs. These standards **12** effected the behavior of eminent medieval lords but don't seem to have as much of an influence today.

This old notion of chivalry should not be a relic of the past. After all, honor, loyalty, humility, courage, and generosity are **13** relevant in all aspects of our increasingly global society. Perhaps the modern definition of chivalry should be **14** refreshed to incorporate its original meaning.

10

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) perspicacious sage.
- C) wise advisor.
- D) master mind.

11

At this point, the writer wants to emphasize that honor was the highest priority for a knight. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) First,
- C) Above all,
- D) Initially,

12

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) effected the behavior of imminent
- C) affected the behavior of eminent
- D) affected the behavior of imminent

13

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) a big deal
- C) huge factors
- D) befitting

14

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) revised
- C) began anew
- D) changed over

Exercise 1: Choose the best transition.

1. Although women in cities from New York to Boston demanded equality in academic opportunities, most East Coast universities did not yield to such demands. In fact, coeducational balance did not become a prominent issue for East Coast admissions officers until the 1960s.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In addition,
 - C) For example,
 - D) Be that as it may,
2. As it turned out, Senator Aldrich did not plan his Jekyll Island trip for relaxation purposes. Therefore, he confidentially planned the weeklong affair to confer with Wall Street executives for a specific purpose—to draft a banking reform bill that would create a centralized American banking system.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Nevertheless,
 - C) Instead,
 - D) Afterwards,
3. Some conservatives claim that America was founded as a Christian nation by devout men who sought to establish a system of law and governance based on the Bible. More secular voices, in summary, have argued that the “Christian nation” concept is a misnomer.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) likewise,
 - C) for instance,
 - D) on the other hand,
4. The general knew that the price of victory was enormous. Moreover, there would be over a hundred battles and thousands of deaths by the time the war was over.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Yet,
 - C) Eventually,
 - D) Indeed,
5. Emily Dickinson is known for her reclusiveness, her isolation from the world outside her home. Thus, she did have numerous family members to interact with and keep her company when she needed it.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Meanwhile,
 - C) Fortunately,
 - D) As a result,
6. Even as Emily Dickinson was never recognized as the poet she was during her own lifetime, she is now known as one of the greatest poets ever.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Before
 - C) Unless
 - D) Although

7. Dogs use their excellent sense of smell to detect friends and foe around them. Nevertheless, bats rely on their incredible ears to navigate the world using echolocation.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In the same way,
 - C) On the one hand,
 - D) Otherwise,
8. Jonas became fascinated by the variety of seafood in Japan. Nonetheless, the people there ate everything from raw fish over rice, known as sushi, to dried squid and octopus.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Conversely, the people
 - C) Additionally, the people
 - D) The people
9. The cooks first beat the mixture until the batter comes together in the pan. The pan is then put into the oven and the cake is baked for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, the cake is taken out and put into a decorative box as it cools.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Secondly,
 - C) Finally,
 - D) In conclusion,
10. My cousin in Vietnam told me in advance that a gift would be arriving at my doorstep. Nevertheless, it surprised me to see a package from such a faraway place reach a small suburban town in Minnesota.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In fact,
 - C) Furthermore,
 - D) Therefore,
11. Many students at the university copy their homework assignments, store test answers in their calculators, and collude in groups. Additionally, professors now use multiple versions of their tests, along with questions that are open response and cannot be copied.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) To illustrate,
 - C) As a result,
 - D) Just in case,
12. If nothing is done, many sea creatures will soon die off in the face of illegal hunting and the destruction of their natural habitats. Similarly, the leatherback turtle is predicted to be extinct within 20 years.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In other words,
 - C) In contrast,
 - D) In particular,

13. When I visited New York City for the first time, seeing all those densely packed streets didn't intimidate me. Regardless, they just reminded me of my childhood in Hong Kong, where I would walk from shop to shop selling newspapers.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) They
 - C) Similarly, they
 - D) Finally, they
14. Even though they all serve sushi, there are many types of sushi restaurants in Japan. Accordingly, kaiten sushi restaurants use a conveyor belt from which customers can pick out what they want to eat.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Thus,
 - C) Otherwise,
 - D) For example,
15. The United States upholds free speech and the right to bear arms. In addition, the Singapore government bans the chewing of gum and fines its citizens if they forget to flush a public toilet.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In contrast,
 - C) Otherwise,
 - D) Similarly,

Exercise 2:

1. As most people associate fortune cookies with Chinese cuisine, they were developed entirely in America and are not at all a Chinese invention.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Because
 - C) So that
 - D) Even though
2. Global warming has lead to the melting of the polar ice caps, harming ecosystems and disrupting natural habitats that have existed for centuries. Even so, there has been a scramble to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and slow the rate of environmental change.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) For this reason,
 - C) Meanwhile,
 - D) Be that as it may,
3. A vital part of any school curriculum, physical education gives students a much needed break in the middle of the day. Consequently, the classes promote healthy eating and exercise, something most Americans don't get enough of.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) However,
 - C) Likewise,
 - D) Moreover,

4. One of the most densely populated areas in the world, Hong Kong is a city bustling with tourists and foreign businessmen, not to mention the 7 million people who live there.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) furthermore
 - C) don't forget about
 - D) also plus
5. The President must maintain his position on this issue provided that the public does not think he is indecisive and easily swayed.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) so that
 - C) in spite of the fact that
 - D) because
6. Where the government breaks up the monopoly of the cable companies to allow for more competition, service outages and high monthly charges will continue to be the norm.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) If
 - C) Unless
 - D) As soon as
7. Sam likes to keep his finances in check with spreadsheets that track where he spends his money, alternatively, Juno impulsively spends money on things she doesn't need.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) rather than
 - C) so
 - D) whereas
8. The Mongols are better equipped, have more men, and know exactly how to dismantle our defenses. Anyway, fighting them is a hopeless endeavor.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In short,
 - C) Nevertheless,
 - D) Specifically,
9. Guavas originated from Mexico or Central America and were distributed throughout tropical America and the Caribbean region. They are now cultivated in many different places around the world, including Africa and the Mediterranean coast.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Later, they
 - C) For instance, they
 - D) In summary, they

10. All over the world remain fantastic objects, vestiges of people or forces which the theories of archaeology, history, and religion cannot explain. They have found electric batteries many thousands of years old and strange entities in space-suits with platinum fasteners.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In addition, researchers
 - C) In particular, they
 - D) For instance, researchers
11. The idea that life can flourish only under terrestrial conditions has been made obsolete by space research. Despite the findings, there are forms of life at the bottom of oceans that don't need oxygen.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) As a specific example,
 - C) Even on Earth,
 - D) As a result of the research,
12. Both rock and pop can be considered movements in society; the motivations behind these movements, in fact, were not the same.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) therefore,
 - C) however,
 - D) furthermore,
13. Four guys were brought together by a few corporate bigwigs to create an American version of The Beetles—The Monkeys. Little did the public know they were not even singing their own songs; they were lip-syncing the whole time. Subsequently, The Monkeys managed to top the charts and make young girls faint.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) All in all,
 - C) Nevertheless,
 - D) As a matter of fact,
14. Developed biomedical methods such as cloning are very controversial. Due to this, 93% of all Americans oppose cloning.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In fact,
 - C) As you can see,
 - D) In conclusion,
15. In any organ donation, blood types and other characteristics must match before organs can be transferred. According to some people, unexpected incompatibilities may exist, resulting in further medical problems.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) In summary,
 - C) Similarly,
 - D) Even then,

Exercise 1: Choose the best transition.

1. It's well known that cell phone usage correlates with a higher chance of vehicle accidents. No matter how safely people drive, there will always be accidents. Teenagers have the highest level of risk because they're the newest to driving. They're also the ones who tend to text the most. Older drivers, however, are generally more responsible and have the patience to wait.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Not all age groups, however, have the same level of risk.
 - C) For that reason, many states require seat belt use by law.
 - D) Road signs that encourage drivers to put their phones away are marginally effective at best.
2. Since I was a child, I've wanted to see the treasures that were supposedly hidden behind the stone wall. My friends would always say that they'd one day start the journey over the wall, but they never found the courage. Despite these failed attempts, I was determined to find a way in.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) It's rumored that dragons lay in wait, guarding all the riches beyond imagination.
 - C) Local tribesmen gossiped daily of the different ways they would try to get through.
 - D) Many men had lost their lives trying to scale it and a half-finished underground tunnel had been given up on years ago.
3. Jacobsen LLC. is a cupcake company that does about a million dollars every year, but the bulk of the revenue doesn't come from the cupcakes that are sold in the stores. Much of the money actually comes from corporate accounts that make sizeable orders for their premier events.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) customers aren't aware of its finances.
 - C) management intends to triple that number in the coming few years.
 - D) most orders aren't for the signature cupcake that it promotes.
4. Of all the Indian tribes, the Wampagees designed the most elaborate masks, but their purpose is still unknown. Perhaps the Wampagees created the masks for their ritual dances, which were performed every month for good luck. As one of the smaller tribes, they had to repeatedly stave off invaders that wanted to claim their land. In order to survive, the Wampagees must have sought ways to deal with enemies other than direct combat.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Members of the tribe were extremely superstitious.
 - C) Some speculate that the masks were worn in times of war to intimidate competing tribes.
 - D) They could've been used solely as decorative items, a form of art to line the walls of their huts.

5. The busiest season for our travel agency is spring, cherry blossom season in Japan. During this time, visitors line up outside our doors for the discounts that we offer. Some are headed solely for the temples while others are interested in the local sushi joints and the fascinating shopping malls.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) the trees in the public parks are in full bloom.
C) many of the hotels are fully booked.
D) we arrange plans for hundreds of tourists eager to explore the sites.
6. There were some days when I loved taking public transportation, and other days when I didn't. On a good day, I would sit back and enjoy the coffee sold at the corner store. Today being a good day, I watched an old Vietnamese woman with a cluster of plastic shopping bags gripped tightly in her hand like a cloud of tiny white bubbles. Next to her was the lonely businessman staring longingly across the aisle at the beautiful Mexican girl in the tight jeans standing with her back to him.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) study the other passengers.
C) listen to the music stored on my phone.
D) read the paper for most of the commute.
7. The decline in Pennetta's form, however, is not without its causes. Two years ago, the Italian was involved in a bike accident that left her arm with a severe injury. Doctors said that a full recovery was possible. During the long break, the tennis star kept up a light practice routine and proclaimed that she would come back to the sport stronger than ever.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) She didn't play any tournaments for the rest of the year.
C) She used the most advanced treatments of physiotherapy to nurse it back to health.
D) It crossed her mind a few times after the injury that she may never play professionally again.
8. Serena Williams has come a long way since her childhood days in California. Tournament after tournament, year after year, she continues to prove her dominance over the sport of tennis. Although she cannot equal Maria Sharapova's endorsements, she maintains a crushing 17-2 head-to-head record over the number two Russian. In fact, no other female athlete in any other sport can rival Serena's winnings.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) she finds the time for projects outside of tennis, such as designing fashionable athletic clothing.
C) her career prize money exceeds 56 million dollars, almost double that of Sharapova.
D) her matches command the highest TV ratings, her popularity among American tennis fans being at an all time high.
9. Many students pursuing their doctorate degrees are disheartened by the amount of research professors have to do to maintain their positions, but research is much more than poring over books and writing articles. As a biology professor, I conduct interviews with experts, collect samples from the ocean, and perform experiments in the lab.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) the compensation and career stability make it worthwhile.
C) the universities are unwilling to change their requirements.
D) it shouldn't be thought of as a burden.

10. My doctor has told me that I need to go on a strict diet, no unnecessary snacks and definitely no junk food. I know that controlling calorie intake is important when trying to lose weight. Just last night, even after I had finished my dinner, I drove to the grocery store and wolfed down an entire cheesecake in the parking lot.

A) NO CHANGE

B) I also exercise daily to improve my health.

C) I forced myself to throw away all the chips and candy from the kitchen cabinet.

D) I try to heed his advice, but it's difficult.

11. Boston has become the central hub for food, tourism, and entertainment in New England. New businesses and restaurants are popping up all over the place and its sports teams pack the stadiums every week.

The reasons for Boston's growth can be traced back to excellent state policy decisions a decade ago. Old brownstones, once affordable to even those on government welfare, are being listed for thousands of dollars. Many people who prefer single studios now have no choice but to find roommates to soften the cost of living.

A) NO CHANGE

B) Despite the city's modern appeal, Boston's cultural and historical significance cannot be ignored.

C) Rents for apartments have been on the rise due to the booming economy.

D) Boston also has a large variety of housing options.

12. A major component of a pilot's flight training is preparing for emergency situations. However, it is not practical to rehearse all the scenarios that might occur. Often, a candidate demonstrates excellent flying skills, but loses composure when under pressure.

A) NO CHANGE

B) It is vital that all cabin crew know basic first aid in the event that a passenger becomes ill.

C) All important flight instruments, such as the course deviation indicator, must be regularly monitored by the co-pilot.

D) Therefore, assessors will look for candidates who can adjust calmly to unexpected events.

13. The Great Pyramid of Giza is best enjoyed by taking the desert approach on camelback or on foot. Not only does it offer a better view of the monuments, but it also costs much less. On busy days, there are so many visitors that it's impossible to reach the main entrance by the city route.

A) NO CHANGE

B) avoids most of the tourist traffic.

C) provides a local experience.

D) passes by the Giza plateau, which is home to many fascinating desert animals.

14. The last few years have seen an abundance of new microbial species being discovered. While many discoveries occur in the comfortable surroundings of university research laboratories, still many more are made out in the field. Scientists have developed special vessels to withstand the extreme pressures found at these depths.

A) NO CHANGE

B) in jungles and lakes.

C) on the planet's surface.

D) on the deep ocean floor.

15. Sherlock Holmes would sometimes use a loose network of casual spies called the “Baker Street Irregulars.” These were young boys who provided intelligence to Holmes on an ad hoc basis. After all, even a detective as great as Sherlock Holmes needs help sometimes. But in the event that the amateur sleuths provided a clue of some special importance, they might just find themselves in receipt of a full dollar!

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) His assistant Watson, however, was the primary companion on most of his cases.
- C) Their reward for such services was 25 cents a day.
- D) It wouldn’t be until the final novel that they would play a crucial role in the mystery.

Exercise 2:

1. The body has many defenses. Without the conscious brain knowing, several internal mechanisms come into play: T cells raise the alarm, B cells produce antibodies to stop the virus from replicating, and other white blood cells destroy contaminated cells directly.

Which choice most effectively sets up the examples given at the end of the sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) When human beings become unhealthy,
- C) A part of the immune system,
- D) At the start of an infection,

2. Though it depends on the school, most students do not buy all the textbooks they need. However, it is not always necessary to purchase a book at full price. Used books are often available online at a fraction of their original cost. Similarly, renting textbooks, which allows for semester-long access to relevant information, is becoming much more common. Another option is textbook buyback, in which the university buys the textbook back from the student at the end of the semester. There simply isn’t an excuse for students to fall behind in class because they can’t get their hands on the required textbooks.

Which choice provides the most appropriate introduction to the paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Because they can’t afford it,
- C) Despite some professors’ requirements,
- D) Regardless of their major,

3. Philosophy is not the same all over the world. Many regard it as the study of knowledge, reality, and existence. In the East, philosophy tends to be more based in the self-realization of spirituality, whereas in the West, philosophy uses a more scientific and logical approach to continually rediscover and rededicate oneself to a higher purpose. Buddhists, for example, focus on meditation and attaining a state of enlightenment. Greek philosophers Socrates and Aristotle, on the other hand, studied logic, debate, ethics, and rationality.

Which choice most effectively sets up the information that follows?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) They all eventually converge to a shared vision, though.
- C) Eastern philosophy and Western philosophy are particularly distinct.
- D) It is not a hard science and, therefore, is not a valuable system of thought.

4. The history of Zydeco music begins with the arrival of the French settlers in Louisiana in the late 1600s. Several instruments make up its characteristic sound, but there is one instrument that is unique to the genre: the vest frottoir, a percussion instrument modeled off of a laundry washboard and worn over the shoulders, extending down the chest. It is usually made of stainless steel and is typically played by stroking spoons down its accordion-style ridges.

Which choice provides the most logical introduction to the sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Many local musicians drew inspiration from its fast tempo,
- C) Due to its popularity, it quickly spread to other regions in the South,
- D) They reserved it for house dances and social gatherings,

5. Studio Fitness is a small local gym owned by Carolina Teoh. Even when they've switched to other gyms, many clients still seek out Carolina for her fitness and nutrition services, which are time-consuming for her to carry out. By referring new members to her employees, she hopes that by the fifth year, she can move away from customer-facing activities and focus on growing the business. She plans to expand the existing gym and open up new ones in neighboring towns.

Which choice provides the most logical introduction to the sentence and the rest of the paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Because her competition isn't as knowledgeable as she is,
- C) Although she now has her training staff running most of the sessions,
- D) Despite the many workout options available,

6. Mrs. Benaroch's amnesia has lead to an almost complete inability to recall the past. It first set in when she was 60 years old and gradually erased her memories to the point where she hardly knew her own self. Since then, over 20 years have gone by and she is still surprised every morning by the face staring back at her in the mirror. She has a few wrinkles but has aged well.

Which choice most effectively concludes the paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) It's like bumping into the same stranger a thousand times.
- C) In most cases, amnesia is temporary but Mrs. Benaroch's was particularly acute.
- D) She would then brush her teeth and wash her hair.

7. Online piracy is a serious problem. Statistics show that it leads to an estimated loss of \$12.5 billion in music industry sales and 71,000 lost jobs per year in the U.S. Despite more important problems in society, various organizations have staged protests warning citizens of the harm done by allowing intellectual property to be downloaded for free. They have also distributed flyers explaining the injustices of depriving many artists of their ability to earn a living.

Which choice provides the most logical introduction to the sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) To recoup their losses,
- C) To conduct further research,
- D) To raise awareness of the issue,

8. It's a misconception that joining the raw food movement would impose dietary limitations that are impossible to meet. There are several reasons a raw food diet is more flexible than most people think. Some eat only raw vegan; others eat only raw meat. Then there are raw vegetarians who eat dairy products, but they require that no cheese or milk be pasteurized. There are also those who will not eat any meat, but will eat sashimi. Everyday, there seems to be a new raw diet being discussed on Internet food forums.

Which choice most effectively sets up the examples that follow?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Though it avoids the pain of cooking, eating raw food is riskier.
- C) There are two major raw food websites that provide recipes and guidelines.
- D) There is so much variety among raw food diets that it's hard to keep track.

9. Television used to provide endless hours of wholesome distraction for our kids. Well, a lot has changed since the days when the most aggression one would see on TV was Fred and Ethel Mertz squabbling on *I Love Lucy*. The popularity of serial killer thrillers and reality TV dramas exemplifies the brutality and senselessness that have become ubiquitous. Nowadays, there are few shows parents can feel comfortable letting their children watch. It seems that even after-school cartoons include distracting graphics and unrealistic storylines.

Which choice most effectively concludes the sentence and paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) excessive violence and inappropriate humor.
- C) complicated plot twists and confusing dialogue.
- D) frightening settings and disturbing characters.

10. Though hypnosis is often dismissed as a playful trick used by magicians, it can actually increase a patient's focus and alleviate a wide range of mental issues when used in a serious manner. For example, many people have successfully cured their phobias through hypnosis, whether it be a fear of flying or a fear of water. Others have used it to recover suppressed memories or alter destructive habits such as overeating and smoking. It can instill motivation in athletes and put insomniacs to sleep. While the science behind it remains dubious, there is no question that some people have had dramatic results. Hypnosis, if performed by a competent practitioner, has the potential to reshape the mind to create new responses, feelings, behaviors, and thoughts.

The writer wants a concluding sentence that restates the main argument of the paragraph. Which choice best accomplishes that goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) The degree to which anyone can be hypnotized depends on many factors.
- C) Despite what many think, those who have been hypnotized do not lose control over their behavior.
- D) Some doctors now recommend hypnosis as an alternative to expensive drugs and medication.

11. Sumo wrestling started in Japan during the 1600s as a form of entertainment. Many years of highly regimented training are endured for the chance to gain fame and fortune at six Grand Sumo tournaments held each year. Winners can expect adulation and praise, not to mention the right to wear elaborate topknots and silk robes in recognition of their higher ranking. Japanese spectators flock to the arenas whenever these high-profile wrestlers are scheduled for a match.

Which choice most smoothly and effectively introduces the writer's discussion of sumo wrestlers in this paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) To become a master sumo wrestler is to be admired in Japanese society.
- C) Because of its popularity, very few fans will acknowledge the dangers of sumo wrestling.
- D) Sumo matches consist of just one round and typically last only a few seconds.

12. Many students today are in financial trouble. More and more law school graduates are finding it difficult to land the high-paying positions they had envisioned when submitting their applications. Many have turned to mid-level paralegal positions at smaller firms or have left law altogether for other fields such as information technology, finance, and management. Those fortunate to find employment still have to contend with the crushing burden of student loans. "I thought I'd be driving a Lexus by now," one attorney said. "Instead I'm borrowing my friend's Camry."

Which choice most effectively sets up the paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Despite declining enrollment, law schools continue to raise their tuition.
- C) Law schools are revising their courses to better prepare students for the workforce.
- D) The promise of a law degree has eroded in recent years.

13. Student loan debts—the total having reached an outstanding \$1.2 trillion in 2015—are on the rise in the U.S. Trying to take out a mortgage for home repairs or to get a new auto loan is proving harder with hefty student loan debt overshadowing the credit of parents who have co-signed for their child's education. There are options, however, to relieve parents of this burden. For example, the child could eventually take advantage of a co-signer release program to remove the parent from the obligation.

Which choice provides the most appropriate introduction to the paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) are having a negative effect on the home improvement and auto industries.
- C) are taking a heavy toll on parents.
- D) are making it impossible for the new generation to live debt-free.

14. The H'mong people are an ethnic group in the mountainous region of Southeast Asia. After China, north Vietnam has the next highest population, with over one million people in the Black H'mong and Flower H'mong tribes, who have adopted decorative jewelry distinct to their respective tribes. The Black H'mong use the indigo they grow to dye their clothes a deep-blue, almost black, while the Flower H'mong's are much more colorful.

Which choice most effectively sets up the information that follows?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the most obvious distinction between the two being their traditional wardrobes.
- C) who reside in completely different geographical locations.
- D) who both subsist largely on their crop harvests.

15. The past two decades have seen the birth of an amazing professional phenomenon called the virtual assistant, which is revolutionizing the way that business can be conducted for both the assistant and the client. Highly educated, self-motivated people of diverse talents have been looking for ways to work from the comfort of their own homes for ages, and now it is finally a possibility. In fact, documents can be written, graphics can be designed, and prototypes can be built without ever having to meet in person. In addition, there are agencies that put prospective workers through a thorough recruitment process so that quality and efficiency can be assured. Nothing, however, can replace the speed and productivity of in-person meetings.

Which choice most clearly ends the passage with a restatement of the writer's primary claim?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) The digital workplace is quickly becoming a trustworthy and viable option that is beneficial to everyone.
- C) Many businesses hire virtual assistants in third world countries, where wages are lower.
- D) Confidentiality and security are ongoing issues in this age of online business.

Exercise 1:

1. Normally, we think of plants as static beings that do not move and feed only from soil nutrients. However, thanks to evolution, many types of plants have developed animal-like traits that separate them from their conventional image. There are over 600 species of carnivorous plants documented all over the world. Among these, cape sundews are some of the most fascinating because of their sticky tentacles that wrap up prey.

Which choice best gives a supporting example of the statement made in the previous sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) tropical pitcher plants, also known as monkey's cup, are a vital source of water for the monkeys that drink from them.
- C) the Portuguese dewy pine requires a certain soil composition to reach the jungle canopy.
- D) cobra plants have balloon-like chambers and long tubes hanging from them.

2. A widespread legend states that food that has fallen to the ground may still be eaten, provided that it is picked up within a few seconds. The underlying reason is that bacteria does not have enough time to cling on to food in such a short amount of time. However, scientific evidence now shows that these claims may just be wishful thinking rather than valid assertions. Instead of taking the risk, we should just eat food from our plates.

Which choice best supports the statement made in the previous sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Experiments have shown that carpets are the least conducive to bacteria on dropped food.
- C) A peer-reviewed study showed that food that had been on the floor had more bacteria, regardless of the contact time.
- D) Food poisoning can cause severe illness in people with compromised immune systems.

3. There are scientific ways to get the most out of studying according to recent studies. There is evidence that study sessions work better when they are done in small short chunks, rather than in one marathon ten-hour session. Too many students are afraid to split up their schedules because they're afraid of forgetting what they've read, but what they don't realize is that study sessions in place of sleep can result in a 20% drop in attention levels.

Which choice results in a sentence that best supports the point developed in this paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) the brain needs time to process information before it can retain it.
 - C) routine is the best way to establish a habit in the mind.
 - D) rote memorization is not as effective as doing practice tests.
4. Technological advances in robotics have made it inevitable that robots will increasingly be a part of our household life, beyond the dish washers that clean our silverware and the cash registers that calculate our change. But even our jobs are at risk. Research by the BBC shows that 35% of our current occupations could be done completely by machines within the next 20 years. We may soon see drones delivering packages in our neighborhoods and administering shots at the doctor's office.

Which choice gives a second supporting example that is most similar to the example already in the sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) the video games that run on our computers.
 - C) the solid foundations on which our houses are built.
 - D) the air conditioners that regulate the temperature.
5. Traveling in Mongolia can be expensive if activities are booked ahead of time, but it can be quite cheap on site. Inexpensive trips are possible because Mongolia's economy—stimulated by a booming mining sector—is so weak in comparison to those of the majority of western countries. Therefore, prices for tours scheduled remotely are shrewdly designed by travel agencies to reflect the prices in the traveler's home country: a tour that might cost \$1000 when booked online might only cost \$100 when negotiated with a local business.

Which choice provides information that best supports the claim made by this sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) traditionally based on herding and agriculture
 - C) considering over 20% of the population lives on less than \$1.25 per day
 - D) having one of the most promising growth prospects in the near future
6. Dutch Post-Impressionist painter Vincent Van Gogh may be the most celebrated artist of all-time, but he was not one of the happiest. He suffered from severe anxiety and depression throughout much of his life, which is apparent in several of his works.

Which choice, when inserted afterwards, best gives a supporting example to the underlined portion?

- A) When he moved to the south of France, however, he was greatly enthused by the abundance of light there and began painting orchards in blossom and workers gathering the harvest.
- B) His best works were done in the last two years of his life leading up to his tragic suicide.
- C) Had his fame come during his life, and not posthumously, perhaps he would have been able to better manage his mental illness.
- D) It has been suggested that one of his last paintings, "Wheat Field with Crows," is representative of his suicidal thoughts.

7. People often confuse dark energy with dark matter: to the non-scientist they are often regarded as one in the same, but, in fact, they couldn't be more different. One similarity they share is that they're difficult to detect, hence the nomenclature "dark."

Which choice best supports the statement made in the previous sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) One of the most striking differences is that dark energy repels matter while dark matter attracts it, just as normal matter does through gravity.
- C) Everything we see in the universe accounts for approximately 4% of its contents, the rest being made up of about 74% dark energy and 21% dark matter.
- D) Dark energy is what accounts for the expansion of the universe.

8. About half the jobs in the small resort town of Zermatt, Switzerland are within the hotel and restaurant industry. Tourism is the main driver of its economy, with people coming from all over the world to partake in the various activities, most of which involve the mountain made world-famous by the symbol of the Swiss chocolate Toblerone—the Matterhorn.

After the last sentence, the writer wants to further establish Zermatt as a popular tourist destination. Which choice most effectively accomplishes this goal?

- A) The local fondue is great for relaxing after a day of skiing on the frosty slopes.
 - B) Zermatt is also one of the most prestigious ski hubs in the world and the starting point for the Haute Route, a mountain hike passing over the Matterhorn to the Mont Blanc.
 - C) The Matterhorn's summit is 4,478 meters high, making it one of the highest mountain peaks in the Alps.
 - D) The first expedition that ever reached the top ended dramatically, with only 3 of the 7 climbers surviving the descent.
9. In a recent study using functional magnetic resonance imaging to peer into the effect of specific smells on dogs' brains, scientists found evidence to support the idea that dogs really do love their fellow humans and even consider them family. Of all the smells they took in, dogs actually prioritized the scent of humans over the scent of other animals, both familiar and unknown.

After the last sentence, the writer wants to further reinforce the paragraph's claim that research done on smell has substantiated dogs' affection for people. Which choice best accomplishes this?

- A) By giving treats to dogs after they perform tricks, humans can strengthen this bond.
- B) These findings are supported by adjacent studies done on dogs' responses to certain human sounds.
- C) Even the distant aroma of a dog's owner can spark activity in the caudate nucleus, also known as the "reward center" of the dog's brain.
- D) Before this study, little was known about canine brain activity in the presence of humans.

10. Project MK-Ultra was an illegal CIA program that started in the early 1950s and lasted for approximately twenty years. The program consisted of experiments on human subjects, intended to explore and determine methods to force confessions through mind control. These experiments called for the development of procedures to be used in interrogations and torture. Years after the termination of the project, many subjects filed lawsuits against the federal government for conducting experiments without consent.

Which choice best supports the previous statement with specific examples?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) The program consisted of at least 149 sub-projects which were contracted out to at least 80 institutions and 185 private researchers at various universities and research foundations.
 - C) The project has become so well-known that it has appeared multiple times in popular culture.
 - D) The procedures studied included, but were not limited to, hypnosis, sleep deprivation, and isolation.
11. Number one on the 2015 Fortune 500 list, which ranks 500 of the largest U.S. corporations by gross revenue annually, is Wal-Mart, which outperformed petroleum refining mega-corporations Exxon Mobil and Chevron, as well as computer giant Apple. This might be surprising news for some, given that Wal-Mart is a chain of discount department and warehouse stores, but its revenue is based on high volume, not high prices. Each week, more than 260 million customers visit more than 11,500 retail stores and e-commerce websites in 28 countries.
- Which choice best supports the statement made in the previous sentence?
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Just last year, Walmart increased net sales by 1.9%.
 - C) The first Walmart opened in Rogers, Arkansas in 1962 and was founded by Sam Walton.
 - D) Wal-Mart was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1972.
12. Widely used in developing countries as a tool for poverty relief, microloans help enterprising individuals who don't have fresh water launch and grow small businesses. The idea is to give just enough so that they can get the business off the ground. The first institution to give funding through microcredit was Grameen Bank of Bangladesh, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. As of 2009, approximately 74 million individuals held microloans totaling 38 billion dollars.

Which choice results in a sentence that best supports the point developed in this paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) who have a family to take care of
- C) who may be in lower castes and tribes
- D) who might otherwise not be eligible for a line of credit

Exercise 2:

1. The philosophy behind organic architecture, that structures should be designed to be in harmony with humanity and its environment, is attributed to American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. His style had matured to its fullest by the 1920s, and some of his most influential designs were created over the next two decades. His work includes several different structural types, including offices, churches, schools, skyscrapers, hotels, and museums.

Which choice best gives a supporting example that showcases the expression of Wright's organic architecture?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) One of these structures, Graycliff, located just south of Buffalo, New York, is a summer estate designed for Wright's long-time patrons, Isabelle and Darwin D. Martin.
 - C) One of these structures, a private residence called Fallingwater, was designed to keep occupants close to the home's natural surroundings, with a stream and waterfall running under a portion of the building.
 - D) The Taliesin West, Wright's winter home and laboratory, is now the site of the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture.
2. Initiations are present in many different forms across all cultures of the world. From college graduation ceremonies to the coming of age celebrations for 20-year-olds in Japan called *Seijin Shiki*, which are held at local offices and followed by after-parties among family and friends, initiations play an important role in all societies.
- Which choice gives additional examples that support the point that various forms of initiation happen everywhere?
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) from the inductions into the higher ranks of secret societies such as the Freemasons to the tribal rituals of the shamans of the South American jungle,
 - C) all of which signify a formal admission to adulthood within a community,
 - D) whether they be rites of passage for entering a secret society or a mystical vocation,
3. The coca leaf, notorious for its role in global drug wars, actually has a much different significance for Andean societies native to South America. Unfortunately, this "sacred leaf" has been primarily harvested for the production of cocaine since the beginning of the 20th century. It is also the essential ingredient in chewing coca, which is made by simply mixing the leaf, sodium bicarbonate, and saliva between the cheek and jaw, forming a mass that consists of alkaloids and various nutrients.
- Which choice best supports the paragraph's claim that the coca leaf is significant to Andean societies?
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) The oldest coca leaf, which was found in Peru, dates at least as far back as 2500 BC.
 - C) They used it as an anesthetic for wounds and as an offering to the gods under the belief they would be protected from bad luck.
 - D) Many members were sent to toil in the fields to harvest this crop.

4. Certain ballets are considered classical because they all have similarities in composition, costuming, and style. Determining factors include whether the music is classical and whether the female dancers dance *en pointe*. Another characteristic of classical ballet is a costume style called *ballet-blanc*, in which the dancers are clothed completely in white. The second act of "Giselle," for example, showcases a group of supernatural women who dance the Waltz of the Wilis all in white, summoning Giselle from her grave. The first act of "Swan Lake" sets up a love story between a prince and a princess who is held captive as a swan.

Which choice gives a second supporting example that is most similar to the example in the previous sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) The ballet is one of the most popular of all time and widely considered to be the prototype of *ballet-blanc*.
 - C) The ballet is centered around a peasant girl named Giselle who dies of a broken heart after finding out that her lover is promised to another.
 - D) The second act of "La Sylphide", one of the earliest romantic ballets, features a wedding procession in which the cast is dressed in white.
5. Why isn't there a standard voltage around the world? Europe and most other countries in the world use twice the voltage of Japan and the majority of the Americas. To the unsuspecting traveler, this can be disconcerting and even dangerous. Every year, hundreds of people are injured from overheating blow dryers.

Which choice best gives a supporting example to the statement made in the previous sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) A burnt transistor can ruin even the most expensive electronic appliance.
 - C) Fortunately, most modern airports have shops that carry adapters.
 - D) International travel is already problematic enough without the different standards.
6. Honeybees are dying out at an alarming rate, and experts are not sure why. Because they have such a great impact on the sustainability of the world's ecosystem, their decline is raising great concern over the future of the agriculture industry. The bees are responsible for pollinating about one-sixth of the flowering plant species worldwide and approximately 400 different types of vegetation. As a matter of fact, bats, moths, butterflies, hummingbirds, ants, and beetles contributed to only an estimated \$10 billion worth of agricultural revenue in 2010.

At this point, the writer wants to further reinforce the importance of honeybees to the agricultural industry. Which choice most effectively accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) our world would be much different if bees didn't exist.
- C) honeybees helped produce approximately \$19 billion worth of crops in the U.S. alone in 2010, which represents about one-third of everything eaten that year.
- D) bees contribute more than any other animal to the aesthetic quality of Earth's landscape.

7. The world's governments are often the focus of conspiracy theories that imply that they do not necessarily have the best interest of civilians in mind. Most theories are complete fabrications produced by overactive imaginations, but some seem quite valid. Consider, for example, the case of Aralsk-7 on Vozrozhdeniya Island, a top secret mission to develop biological weapons and test them on innocent people. It was on this island in the Aral Sea of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan that anthrax spores and bubonic plague bacilli were made into weapons and stored. Scientists also experimented with a variety of other agents, including smallpox, plague, brucellosis, and tularemia.

Which choice best completes the example developed in this paragraph?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) Over the last decade, many of the containers have developed leaks.
 - C) In a scheduled field test, a release of weaponized smallpox infected ten civilians, of whom three died.
 - D) Eventually, word of the island's danger was spread by Soviet defectors, including the former head of the Soviet Union's bio-weapons program, Ken Alibek.
8. Snow leopards are one of the five species that make up the *Panthera* genus, commonly referred to as the "Big Cats." They are slightly smaller than the other members, though their tails are relatively long, and their eyes are pale green or gray in color, which is unusual among cats. The defining characteristic of the genus is the dorsal profile of the skull being flattish or evenly convex.

Which choice gives an additional supporting example that illustrates how snow leopards are distinct?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) They inhabit alpine and sub-alpine zones at altitudes of 3,000 to 4,500 meters.
 - C) New studies suggest that they are a sister species of the tiger.
 - D) Snow leopards also do not have the anatomical structure that allows them to roar like the other cats in the genus.
9. One of the central teachings of Buddhism is the impermanence of everything, illustrated through the active meditation of sand-painting. Over several days or even weeks, elaborate designs called mandalas are created using crushed colored stones or sand.

Which choice provides information that best supports the claim made by the previous sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) only to be ritually destroyed afterwards.
 - C) to portray hundreds of deities.
 - D) as a symbolic offering of the whole universe.
10. Ever since the Soviet-built unmanned Mars-2 rover became the first man-made object to reach the surface of Mars on May 19, 1971, the question has been looming in the minds of citizens across the globe, "when are we going to succeed in putting a man on Mars?" Though NASA claims to be developing the capabilities needed to send humans to an asteroid by 2025 and to Mars by 2040, there are several obstacles that must be overcome. The primary ones include the immense amount of fuel necessary for a round-trip, as well as a habitat that may be home to bacteria life forms.

Which choice offers the most relevant example, in addition to the one already in the sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) signs of water on Mars.
- C) the thin and shallow Martian atmosphere, which will create extreme heat upon entry.
- D) the need for Americans to forget their resentment of the Soviets for landing the first man-made vessel on Mars.

11. There may be no permanent human inhabitants in Antarctica, but there most definitely is an abundance of life that makes its home on Earth's southernmost continent. Exposed rock on land supports vegetation, microbial life, and some hardy insects. Although not a single land vertebrate can survive the winter, a great variety of birds and invertebrates live in the high Arctic year round.

Which choice provides the most specific information on the types of species that thrive in the Antarctic?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Antarctic waters are home to a whole ecosystem of seabirds, seals, penguins, whales, and their prey, which include fish, squid, and krill.
- C) special adaptations have developed the ability to survive there in the spring and summer.
- D) the Antarctic sea is much more populated by life than the land is.

12. The modern portrayal of Santa Claus is derived from non-Christian origins. For instance, the god Odin—the likely inspiration for Santa Claus—sits on an iron throne with a spear in hand.

Which choice best supports the statement made in the previous sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Santa Claus rides the rooftops on his sled in the same way Odin, a major god among the Germanic people, rides his horses across the sky.
- C) the god Odin, considered to be the original Santa Claus, was known in Old English as Woden in Germanic mythology and paganism.
- D) many Christians changed the date for giving gifts from December 6th to the 25th during the Reformation of 16th and 17th-century Europe.

Exercise 1:**Fishing on Grandmother's River**

My favorite place to visit during my childhood was my grandparents' house, **1** which overlooked a coastal river in North Carolina. I spent many summers there fishing from the dock in the peaceful mornings and evenings when the river had calmed to a still surface broken only by the jumping mullets.

2

Flowing over a mucky, silty bed, the river usually appeared a dark bluish-brown. We couldn't see the bottom, so we fished with bobbers floating above the wormed hook. Who can express the excitement of a small child when he sees the bobber jerk down suddenly, its whiteness turning golden in the brown murk? **3** I experienced this excitement more times than I can recall, though I eventually learned to temper my joy when I more often than not pulled up an empty hook, **4** which became rustier with every use.

1

The writer is considering deleting the underlined portion (ending the sentence with a period). Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because the underlined portion interrupts the narrative.
- B) Yes, because the information fails to explain the initial statement in the sentence.
- C) No, because the underlined portion offers important descriptive details.
- D) No, because the underlined portion provides an explanation of a key term.

2

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following sentence.

A mullet is a chiefly marine fish that is widely caught for food.

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it describes what was fished for.
- B) Yes, because it explains a term that is important to the passage.
- C) No, because it interrupts the description of the river with a loosely related detail.
- D) No, because there is no indication that the mullets were caught for food.

3

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following sentence.

Not many can.

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it answers an important question.
- B) Yes, because it gives a sense of how many people can express a certain level of excitement.
- C) No, because it is unnecessary to address a rhetorical question that is used to convey an experience.
- D) No, because it repeats information elsewhere in the passage.

4

Given that all of the choices are true, which one provides the most relevant detail?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) one of the many I had bought at the store.
- C) which I had planned on replacing.
- D) a clear sign that the fish had escaped with the bait.

Sometimes, my sisters and I would sit together and wait **5** for hours on end. With every fresh catch, we ran over to each other to celebrate, happy that our patience had paid off. **6** Our hooks would bring in bream, bass, and even flounders that had washed in with the brackish water of high tide. We let the smaller ones go but collected the bigger ones

7. My parents enjoyed crabbing from the dock, using old chicken bones with scraps left on them as the bait. If we ever got drowsy waiting for the next bite, they would sneak up behind us with a crab in hand and scare us awake. **8**

5

At this point, the writer wants to show the extent of his patience while he caught fish. Given that all of the choices are true, which one best accomplishes that goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) while we chatted about books we had read.
- C) until one of us felt a tug.
- D) for a while.

6

The writer is considering deleting the underlined sentence. Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because it does not warn of the dangers of fishing during high tide.
- B) Yes, because it introduces information that is irrelevant at this point in the passage.
- C) No, because it provides information regarding what types of fish were caught.
- D) No, because it serves as a transition to the later discussion of eels.

7

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following information.

for what would become a delicious meal back at the house

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it expresses how hungry the narrator was after a long day of fishing.
- B) Yes, because it explains why the bigger fish were kept instead of let go.
- C) No, because it contradicts the earlier point that fish should be kept as pets rather than eaten.
- D) No, because it goes beyond the scope of the passage, which focuses on fishing and not eating.

8

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following sentence.

They also did a lot of other things for their own amusement.

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it reinforces the parents' personalities as they are portrayed.
- B) Yes, because it reveals just how boring crabbing and fishing can be.
- C) No, because it distracts from the focus of the paragraph by introducing a loosely related detail.
- D) No, because it suggests that the narrator didn't have any fun, which is not true.

One afternoon, I felt a great tug on the line and excitedly began reeling it in. I thought for sure I had caught a good-sized fish, but instead it was a [9] long, muscular, snake-like creature that flailed and twisted, flapping its tail of a body against the wood. [10] An oily substance covered every place it touched, leaving a powdery, slate-blue residue upon drying. Too disgusted to touch it, I trapped the eel under my foot. [11] Meanwhile, my sister was reeling in a large catch of her own. Once it looked dead, we brought it to my grandmother, who had us leave it in a bucket for her gardener, [12] who liked receiving food as gifts.

9

The writer is considering deleting the underlined portion. Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because it provides description information that could be inaccurate from another point of view.
- B) Yes, because it interrupts the flow of the sentence by supplying irrelevant information.
- C) No, because it reinforces the contrast between what the narrator expected and his actual catch.
- D) No, because it indicates the type of fish the narrator typically caught.

10

The writer is considering deleting the underlined sentence. Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because it blurs the paragraph's main focus with loosely related details.
- B) Yes, because it's unclear whether the narrator is describing a fish or an eel.
- C) No, because it provides additional description that helps explain the narrator's reaction in the next sentence.
- D) No, because it provides details that support the idea that fishing is not always enjoyable.

11

The writer is considering deleting the underlined sentence. Should the sentence be kept or deleted?

- A) Kept, because it sets up the main topic of the paragraph that follows.
- B) Kept, because it provides relevant background information.
- C) Deleted, because it should be placed earlier in the passage.
- D) Deleted, because it detracts from the paragraph's focus on the eel.

12

Given that all of the choices are true, which one provides the most relevant information with regard to the gardener?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) who was referred to us by a friend.
- C) who often bought clams at the seafood market.
- D) who thought of eels as a delicacy.

That evening, when we came up to the house for dinner, the gardener called us over. "I thought you said you killed that eel," he said. "We did," I answered. He pointed to the bucket: the eel was thrashing like it was possessed. Apparently, eels are hard to kill 13. We all had a good laugh about it. Then he sliced it in half and threw a piece onto the frying pan.

13

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following information (adding a comma after *kill*):

a fact I could've looked up in a book

Should the writer make this addition here?

- A) Yes, because it provides a reference for more information about eels.
- B) Yes, because it reinforces how accessible certain information is.
- C) No, because it fails to specify which book.
- D) No, because it weakens the focus of the passage with a loosely related detail.

Exercise 2:**The Economics of the Black Death**

Life for an English peasant during the feudal era was brief and taxing. Treated as slaves, peasants performed many tasks for their rich lords **1**. In return, peasants had places to live, a little bit of land to scrape a living from, and the lord's protection. There was very little chance that peasants would rise above their social class—**2** imagine how they must have felt. **3** With social structures seemingly set in stone, no one could have predicted the violent changes that soon came.

1

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following information (adding a comma after *lords*).

providing them with food, clothing, weaponry, and any other materials the nobles wanted

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it offers specific details that clarify a broad statement.
- B) Yes, because it helps clarify the basic needs of the feudal lords.
- C) No, because it blurs the focus of the passage with irrelevant details.
- D) No, because it gives examples that are a minor portion of the peasants' work.

2

Given that all of the choices are true, which one provides the most relevant detail?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) they played games together to pass the time.
- C) bread and porridge was the typical meal.
- D) a middle class was nearly non-existent.

3

The writer is considering deleting the underlined sentence. Should the sentence be kept or deleted?

- A) Kept, because it reinforces the paragraph's claim about the unpredictability of peasant life.
- B) Kept, because it sets up the main topic of the paragraph that follows.
- C) Deleted, because it weakens the focus of the passage by introducing a subject other than peasant life.
- D) Deleted, because it does not logically follow from the previous sentence.

From 1346 to 1353, the Black Death, carried by rats and fleas, decimated Europe, killing as many as one-third of its inhabitants. **4** It likely originated in the dry plains of Central Asia. But this disease, a massive pandemic of bubonic plague, also reshaped the social landscape and brought new opportunities to impoverished workers. **5** Could death be a solution to most problems? It was a matter of simple economics.

4

At this point, the writer wants to further emphasize the catastrophic impact of the Black Death. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Symptoms included acute fever and the vomiting of blood, with death approaching two to seven days later.
- C) Everyone lived in fear as family members lost their loved ones and even whole villages were wiped out.
- D) Because doctors at the time could not explain the cause, people turned to religion and fanaticism.

5

At this point, the writer wants to add a question that reflects the likely skepticism the previous sentence may have been met with. Which choice best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) So how exactly did such a terrible disaster end up helping the very group of people it killed?
- C) How did peasants react to these sudden changes in society?
- D) How come the feudal lords, with all their power, weren't able to prevent the rise of the peasants?

The feudal lords relied on their peasants to supply all their wants and needs. **6** As the plague raged on, they had fewer and fewer people to work their lands and manufacture the goods their lifestyle required. Though the plague struck both rich and poor, the disparity in their population sizes meant that the plague had disproportionate effects on the demand for labor and on the supply of labor. There were fewer nobles to begin with, and they were better equipped to shield themselves from the masses of dying people, so **7** they were insulated from the sadness and chaos around them. The much larger population of peasants, on the other hand, decreased severely, **8** which in turn reduced the labor supply.

6

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following sentence.

They were addicted to snacking on caviar and wearing fancy robes.

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it further illustrates the extravagance of the feudal lords.
- B) Yes, because it offers examples of a typical feudal lord's daily activities.
- C) No, because it is inconsistent with the tone and focus of the paragraph.
- D) No, because the basic needs of the feudal lords were more important than the luxuries they enjoyed.

7

Given that all of the following statements are true, which one provides the most relevant detail?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) the peasants had even more reason to harbor resentment towards them.
- C) their daily routines were, for the most part, uninterrupted.
- D) their collective demand for labor did not change radically.

8

The writer is considering deleting the underlined portion. Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because blurs the focus of the paragraph with a loosely related detail.
- B) Yes, because it unnecessarily repeats information from earlier in the passage.
- C) No, because it provides an important consequence that supports the main point of the paragraph.
- D) No, because it illustrates an important economic principle.

As a result, the peasants now had the ability to leave the lords they worked for **9**. There were many other lords eager to find new workers to replace the dead ones. While life remained rather grim for them, peasants had suddenly gained mobility and the ability, however small, to seek better employment and better lands. **10** For those who survived, it's as happy an ending as anyone could have hoped for.

9

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following information.

without putting their livelihoods at risk

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it offers an example of the daily struggles faced by peasants.
- B) Yes, because it makes explicit why peasants were previously tied to their lords.
- C) No, because it shifts the focus of the paragraph from the lords to the peasants.
- D) No, because it contradicts a point made in a previous paragraph.

10

Which choice most clearly ends the passage with a restatement of the writer's primary claim?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) It's too bad they had to contend with the trauma left by the plague.
- C) This change in the social landscape laid the ground work for the middle class and the fall of the feudal system.
- D) Many were able to start their own businesses as independent blacksmiths, merchants, and cooks.



Exercise 3:

Harvesting Asparagus

Asparagus is not like other vegetables. **1** Because it's more difficult to grow asparagus from seeds, farmers typically buy crowns, **2** dormant roots ready to be planted. They place them in deep trenches, wait several years for them to mature, and then finally cut the plants in the spring, **3** when artichokes are also in season. I learned about the entire process one year when I applied for a job on a busy asparagus farm during harvest time. **4** There was asparagus on this farm that was ready to be harvested.

1

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following sentence.

It isn't planted in the spring to be harvested in the fall.

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it emphasizes the importance of the seasons in growing vegetables.
- B) Yes, because it provides a specific justification for the previous statement.
- C) No, because it does not specify which vegetables follow the usual harvest schedule.
- D) No, because it does not clarify when asparagus is planted and harvested.

2

The writer is considering deleting the underlined portion (ending the sentence with a period). Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because it distracts from the focus of the paragraph by introducing irrelevant material.
- B) Yes, because it implies that growing asparagus is easy.
- C) No, because the underlined portion defines a term that is important to the paragraph.
- D) No, because it serves as a transition to the next sentence.

3

Given that all of the following statements are true, which one provides the most relevant detail?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) my favorite season of the year.
- C) when they've grown strong enough to be harvested.
- D) just in time for the opening of the farmer's market in many cities.

4

The writer is considering deleting the underlined sentence. Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because it offers information that is repetitive and obvious.
- B) Yes, because it is inconsistent with the style and tone of the passage.
- C) No, because it reinforces the difference between asparagus and other vegetables.
- D) No, because it helps establish the setting of the passage.

5 The pay wasn't much but I saw the job as an opportunity to learn about farming and agriculture. The manager explained to me that the crowns had been planted five years ago. During the first year, asparagus can look like a field of weeds. Those weeds have to be cut down so that they don't sap the nutrients from any developing asparagus roots. The next spring, small sprouts, also known as spears, start appearing but none of them should be picked as the plants are still establishing themselves in the soil. They grow a little bit each year but are cut down because they still aren't tall enough for harvest. During this phase, 6 it's difficult to predict how many plants will survive long enough to fully mature.

5

At this point, the writer wants to convey the fact that he was fortunate to get the job. Given that all of the choices are true, which one best accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) Before I got hired, I introduced myself to all the crew members, who all thought I'd work well with them in a team.
- C) On my first day of work, I felt intimidated by the long stretches of farmland that we needed to clear.
- D) Despite my inexperience, I landed the job because there was a larger yield than the farm anticipated.

6

At this point, the writer wants to reinforce the idea that growing asparagus is a delicate process that requires a lot of attention. Which of the following most effectively accomplishes this goal?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) fertilizer can be especially helpful in stimulating their growth.
- C) farmers must check everything from the moisture in the soil to the diameter of the spears to ensure they are growing properly.
- D) a lack of sunlight can lead to a variety known as white asparagus.

In the next phase, **7** when the spears are a few inches apart, the asparagus is ready to be harvested. As with all vegetables, some of the plants are ready to be cut before others. This is why one harvest can last up to six weeks. Farmers get up by five in the morning everyday **8** to avoid the midday heat. Spears are cut or snapped just above soil level, leaving benign stubs. The spears are then collected in crates for cleaning and packaging. **9** Five years to wait for one crop to mature seems like a very long time, but once it is established, it can keep on reproducing for up to twenty years. Working on this farm was a great learning experience, but I haven't been able to eat asparagus since.

7

The writer is considering deleting the underlined portion. Should the writer make this deletion?

- A) Yes, because it unnecessarily repeats information from earlier in the passage.
- B) Yes, because it does not describe any other aspects of the asparagus.
- C) No, because it specifies an important condition that is relevant to the sentence.
- D) No, because it establishes that spears are the outgrowth of an asparagus plant.

8

Given that all of the choices are true, which one most clearly provides a reason for the prior statement in this sentence?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) to brush their teeth.
- C) to the sound of rooster's crow.
- D) to find breakfast waiting for them.

9

At this point, the writer is considering adding the following sentence.

Asparagus grows the best when the nights are cool and the days are hot.

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it elaborates on the conditions needed for the successful growing of asparagus.
- B) Yes, because it explains why asparagus is grown only in certain regions of the world.
- C) No, because it diverts the focus from the harvesting process back to the growing process.
- D) No, because it contradicts the previous point that asparagus requires stable conditions to grow in.

Exercise 1:

1. [1] Machines that play chess have been around for a long time, but never have they been as powerful as they are today. [2] Given that level of computing power, they usually win. [3] But a new type has been designed that is intended to lose. [4] The idea is aimed at novice players, who would benefit from a boost in confidence by beating a computer. [5] Grandmaster Garry Kasparov thinks the new machine is a great invention and intends to use it with his beginner students in the near future. [6] They are now able to perform millions of calculations within seconds in order to determine what moves to play.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 6 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
 - B) after sentence 1.
 - C) after sentence 2.
 - D) after sentence 4.
2. [1] Chloe smiled, but didn't reply to his joke. [2] Erik searched her face for a clue as to what she was thinking. [3] Silently, they strolled on, Erik walking a little behind her in the dying light of the day. [4] Chloe turned to ask him something, but he was gone. [5] She called his name, but no response. [6] She knew then that she'd lost him forever.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 6 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
 - B) after sentence 1.
 - C) after sentence 2.
 - D) after sentence 4.
3. [1] Four workmen stand on a road in front of a small steel-mill. [2] They have a tricky problem. [3] How do they lift a weighty piece of machinery onto the second floor of the factory without the aid of a mechanical vehicle? [4] Even if it could be held up, it would be impossible to carry it up the steep, narrow stairs to where it needs to be fitted. [5] It is extremely heavy, too heavy to lift.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
 - B) after sentence 1.
 - C) after sentence 2.
 - D) after sentence 3.
4. [1] The Prince built a barracks adjacent to the castle and stationed a garrison of men there to carry on the assault in his absence. [2] After he left north to negotiate with Edwin of Lancaster, the soldiers surprised the opposing province in a daring, early morning ambush. [3] According to the rules of medieval chivalry, he could not be pursued by the Prince's soldiers once he was there. [4] But the soldiers ignored these conventions, stormed the monastery, and captured him. [5] The duke escaped and fled to a nearby monastery.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

5. [1] The drier conditions of the Ice Age suited one of the larger mammal species that made it to the Central American archipelago—the tree sloth. [2] However, there were a number of evolutionary relatives of this creature that didn't survive. [3] Was it the animal's unusual metabolism that gave the tree sloth a competitive advantage? [4] We can't know for sure. [5] What we do know from fossil findings is that the morphological characteristics of this kind of sloth are the same today as they were fifteen thousand years ago.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

6. [1] The city was established in 1781, when a group of Spanish colonialists came up from Mexico and built a small town of mud houses with red tile roofs. [2] Would you recognize the name El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora La Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula? [3] You've probably heard of it before. [4] In fact, it's the Spanish name for what is now known as the city of Los Angeles. [5] It wasn't until 1847, after the Mexican-American War, that the city came under U.S. control, with the signing of the Treaty of Cahuenga finally confirming American ownership and the name change to Los Angeles.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 1 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 2.
- C) after sentence 4.
- D) after sentence 5.

7. [1] Plantation owners typically divided their fields between coffee beans and the native rubber crop. [2] In the 1800s, however, a coffee crop disease which spread throughout the region wiped out much of the farmland devoted to it. [3] The renewed taste for coffee elsewhere meant that it didn't take long for Sri Lanka's farms to recover with a complete shift to coffee production. [4] New, blight-resistant strains were re-planted where old ones had been decimated. [5] During that time, coffee was becoming more and more popular overseas, with the middle-class in America selecting it as its drink of choice. [6] Those who remembered the earlier blight thought this reliance on one export was foolish, but their warnings would go unheeded.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 2.
- C) after sentence 3.
- D) after sentence 6.

8. [1] In Spanish soccer teams, to score without the right aesthetic and technique is almost frowned upon. [2] Juande Ramos, the Real Madrid coach who previously led Seville to the UEFA Cup final in 2006, disagrees. [3] His utilitarian approach to management—to win at all costs, even if it isn't pretty—has predictably lost him favor with the fans. [4] But silverware and trophies are what count in the long-run, and many journalists, and even some spectators, are beginning to warm to him. [5] The Spanish believe that a victory in soccer must be achieved in style, that winning with flair is the only way to win.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

9. [1] The Earth's poles may appear permanent, but they have reversed many times in the planet's history. [2] The North becomes the South, and the South becomes the North. [3] It is not known why this happens, just that it does. [4] Without this vital physical clue, it would've been impossible to tell whether this phenomenon had really occurred. [5] Magnetized rock on the ocean floor serves as a record for the changing orientation of the Earth's magnetic field.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

10. [1] Many people mistakenly believe a wave is just a mass of water careening across the surface of the sea. [2] There's a much deeper science behind it. [3] If one observes a bird bobbing on the waves, it appears as if it's going to be carried away to another place. [4] If one keeps on looking, however, it looks like it's actually staying in the same place, not heading towards shore or anywhere else. [5] If they could just find a way to replicate the motions of an ocean wave in laboratory conditions, they could begin to investigate this peculiar phenomenon in more detail.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

It was this lack of movement that first gave scientists an insight into how waves behave.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 3
- D) After sentence 4

11. [1] The ships developed out of a maritime "arms-race" of sorts, in what was a unique set of economic circumstances at the time. [2] Tea drinking was quickly replacing beer as the national drink of England, and the tea came mostly from China. [3] Buyers were desperate to be the first to try a new variety of tea arriving in port, and so the ships that could deliver their cargo the fastest could charge the highest prices. [4] One such merchant was the flamboyant Irving Ironhammer, who had made his name in the cotton trade and now sought his riches from tea plantations in remote areas of China, far up the Yangtze River.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

Merchants were willing to invest in building the sleekest ships to compete with one another.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 3
- D) After sentence 4

12. [1] Oil is utilized in many industrial processes. [2] It provides fuel for heavy machinery used in the agriculture and farming sectors. [3] Much of the oil we extract from nature provides energy for the nation's power stations, which in turn provide heat and light for our homes and places of work. [4] It might surprise some people to discover that crude oil is also a crucial part of the plastic manufacturing process. [5] Hydrocarbons found in oil are the raw ingredients used to synthesize common household necessities, such as kitchenware and furniture. [6] They are also increasingly being used to create sophisticated biomedical devices, such as pacemakers and artificial limbs.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 2.
- C) after sentence 3.
- D) after sentence 6.

13. [1] The active ingredient in this medicine is Chlorphenamine Maleate. [2] Symptoms of an allergic reaction include itching, streaming eyes, and a blocked nose. If you suffer from hayfever, allergies, or insect bites, this drug may be of help. [3] Remember, do not give this medicine to anyone else whom it has not been prescribed to by a health professional. [4] Do not take this medication if you are taking any other treatment that your pharmacist or doctor has not been informed of.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

An antihistamine, the drug blocks the effects of a compound that can cause allergic reactions in some people.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 3
- D) After sentence 4

14. [1] They reached the door of the hunting lodge. [2] Daisy dropped her bucket and looked around. [3] No one had been here for a long time. [4] She really couldn't remember. [5] The door was still unlocked, just as it had been when they were there last year. [6] She peered through the dusty window. [7] The bed had been made. [8] Had she left it like that?

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 4 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 2.
- C) after sentence 5.
- D) after sentence 8.

15. [1] Because of his reputation as a great artist, Michelangelo was eventually pardoned and resumed work for the Medicis again. [2] During this period, he spent time crafting the tomb of Lorenzo de Medici. [3] His sculpture of Lorenzo seeks to capture the inner personality of the dark, pensive, and brooding man. [4] Indeed, Lorenzo's nickname, "The Thoughtful One," wasn't given to him for no reason.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

He would never finish the project during his lifetime, but scholars still acknowledge it as one of his finest pieces ever.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 3
- D) After sentence 4

Exercise 2:

1. [1] India is a land of riches. [2] Precious metals and priceless stones have been mined from the earth there for as long as anyone can remember. [3] Yet the natural bounty that gave rise to its wealth has also brought with it a dark side. [4] However, the people have not surrendered so easily; even Alexander the Great was driven out, never to return. [5] Invaders have sought to conquer her lands to possess the riches underground.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

2. [1] It is impossible to differentiate between cane sugar and beet sugar. [2] Cane molasses are what we know as the treacle in our puddings and desserts. [3] Beet molasses are not typically consumed by humans but go towards producing cattle food when mixed with beet pulp. [4] Both cane and beet molasses can be used to produce alcohol as well. [5] However, the molasses obtained from each are somewhat different.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

3. [1] One of the saddest stories in Greek mythology is that of Echo the nymph. [2] Echo liked to have the last word in every conversation, but upon upsetting the goddess Hera, her punishment was to never speak again, except to repeat the last words spoken by other people. [3] But Narcissus cared only for himself and sat admiring his reflection on the surface of a pond until he died. [4] Echo was heartbroken and died not long after, the only remaining trace of her being the anguished cry heard between the mountains of her home. [5] One day, she encountered the handsome Narcissus and was smitten with his youth and beauty.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

4. [1] Along the beaches of the Pribilof Islands is a sea creature prized for its luxuriant fur. [2] The bulls, or males, arrive first. [3] Snorting and threatening other males, they battle for prime territory. [4] Then, packs of females return to the islands, completing their winter migration from the north. [5] The bulls pack them into harems and spend the rest of their time defending their territory and mating with the females.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

Northern fur seals, as they are known, gather here every year to play out their violent breeding ritual.

- A) After sentence 1
 - B) After sentence 2
 - C) After sentence 3
 - D) After sentence 4
5. [1] Many of Charles Dickens' characters are as famous today as they were when he wrote them into his books over a century ago. [2] Despite the great fortunes he made from his writings, Dickens always felt a special concern for the plight of the poor. [3] Characters like Tiny Tim and Oliver Twist portray the harsh lives that children suffered in Victorian times. [4] Dickens himself had a childhood not unlike those depicted in *A Christmas Carol* or *The Old Curiosity Shop*. [5] He never forgot those times and used the experiences as a resource for his works of fiction.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

After his father went to debtors' prison, young Charles had to work long hours in dismal conditions to pay back what the family owed.

- A) After sentence 1
 - B) After sentence 2
 - C) After sentence 4
 - D) After sentence 5
6. [1] In 1849, the British government repealed the British Navigation Acts and opened up previously inaccessible tracts of the global marketplace to foreign traders. [2] Suddenly, merchants in the United States and all over Europe were free to compete with British businessmen on level terms, and they wasted no time in building even faster ships to capitalize on the situation. [3] They were still admired, but their aura of invincibility had gone. [4] The golden age of the British vessel was over; the new age of the steam ship was just around the corner.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

Soon, the ships of Great Britain were no longer the envy of the world.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 3
- D) After sentence 4

7. [1] You do not want to be overly relaxed when executing a maneuver. [2] But nor do you want to be too tense. [3] You should be able to "relax into tension," to enable proper breathing while exerting sufficient muscle strength. [4] The concept seems like an oxymoron, but once you begin kettlebell training, you will start to understand. [5] In kettlebell training, you must keep a special balance between tension and relaxation.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) at the beginning of the paragraph.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

8. [1] The Brazilian portion of the Amazon is enormous, but it contains only about 7 percent of the country's population. [2] Much of that 7 percent is concentrated around the town of Belen. [3] Belen is known mostly for its tree farming industry. [4] Somehow, the seeds of its magnificent trees were stolen and later taken abroad where they were grown in special tree-nurseries, ending the monopoly Belen had enjoyed. [5] The timbers from that region of the Americas were once the finest in the world.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

9. [1] The cat is often portrayed as a creature of leisure, stretching itself before a cozy fire, or curled up beside its owner. [2] Yet this animal, though it appears tame, is still a semi-wild pet, not reliant on its "master" as much as we'd like to think. [3] The cat has hardly changed in 4000 years of domestication. [4] Many farm cats, for instance, are fed sporadically so that they keep on catching mice and other countryside rodents.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

Its hunting instinct is still strong.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 3
- D) After sentence 4

10. [1] It was once believed that fermentation was caused by little creatures living within substances in which gases or acids are formed. [2] Louis Pasteur discovered that it was actually due to tiny organisms floating in the air. [3] He tested his hypothesis by heating a liquid, like wine or milk, very rapidly. [4] He found that the microorganisms that soured the liquid were killed and that further contamination depended on whether the bottle was open to the air. [5] This process of treating foods with heat, pasteurization, still bears his name to this day.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

11. [1] Tanks have been used as fighting vehicles in every modern war. [2] Compared to the latest designs, which incorporate electric range-finding devices and laser gun-control technology, those older models may seem like relics of the past. [3] Nevertheless, human beings are still required to drive the machines, no matter how technologically advanced they currently are. [4] But with automation science and remote-controlled drone-like piloting now being developed, tanks may become independent weapons of destruction sooner than we think.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

Early versions were pedal-powered and demanded a great deal of physical effort to propel them.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 3
- D) After sentence 4

12. [1] The tabor is a small, drum-like instrument. [2] It can be held aloft with one hand, or rested in the crook of an arm. [3] Should the musician play both instruments at the same time, he or she would use crooked drumsticks to make it easier to blow the pipe. [4] Evidence from manuscript records shows that the tabar was used nearly 1000 years ago. [5] It is even mentioned in some of Shakespeare's plays!

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

Beaten with either a drumstick or the palm of an opposing hand, the tabor would sometimes be accompanied by a flute or three-holed pipe, often played by the same musician.

- A) After sentence 1
- B) After sentence 2
- C) After sentence 4
- D) After sentence 5

13. [1] Soil provides a medium in which plants and other living things can grow. [2] The basis of all soil is rock. [3] These particles, over time, mix with other rocks, plants, bacteria, and a variety of organic materials. [4] The resulting soil rarely comprises more than a layer 10 inches thick, but it is a complete, functioning, living environment in and of itself. [5] When water and wind break rock down, finer and finer pieces are formed.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

14. [1] Numerology is the belief that numbers have an inherent mystical dimension over and above their significance to mainstream mathematics. [2] There was a strong belief around that time that the universe could be understood through numbers, though this stemmed from a religious concept of the divine, in which man could be united with God through numerical relationships. [3] The idea was that the human understanding of numbers was a God-given attribute, put there to better appreciate the world that God created. [4] Yet it would be the early Church councils of the 4th century AD that eventually condemned this notion as superstitious nonsense, a move that many people today might find hard to believe. [5] Despite its unscientific character, numerology has a history going back to the Pythagorean school of philosophers of the 6th century BC.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.
- D) after sentence 3.

15. [1] There is still no definitive cause of aging. [2] One theory is that cells have a pre-determined lifetime. [3] Some cells, like those that make up skin and blood, can be replaced, while others, such as nerve cells, cannot. [4] If a cell is damaged, and it cannot be replaced, it is lost forever. [5] This division process allows subsequent generations of cells to carry errors caused during replication. [6] These errors may degrade the quality of the duplicated cells, leading to what we know of as aging.

Where is the most logical place in this paragraph to add the following sentence?

But cells that can be replaced do so by splitting in two.

- A) After sentence 2
- B) After sentence 4
- C) After sentence 5
- D) After sentence 6



Exercise: Correct the noun inconsistency errors in the following sentences. There may be more than one error in each sentence.

1. The football players put on their helmet and grabbed their water bottle.
2. The two students put their mind to the test by participating in the state chess competition.
3. Revered as talented magicians who can do much more than card tricks, David Blaine surprises audiences with superhuman feats of endurance.
4. The caterpillars that emerged from their cocoon will soon turn into a butterfly.
5. Environmental scientists are currently promoting ethanol, natural gas, and chemically stored electricity as an alternative to fossil fuels.
6. Mary and Ann dreamed of blossoming into a princess and being rescued by a prince.
7. We competed in many exciting baseball games this year, but our win against last year's champions is by far the most memorable victories.
8. Curiosity, diligence, and the willingness to think on one's feet are a strong prerequisite for a successful career in any industry.
9. An expert in the federal tax code, the bank's financial advisors can tell you where to put your investments to maximize your deductions.
10. You will not be able to pass the preliminary background check unless the document you provide is a driver's license, passport, or other valid forms of identification.
11. The two teams from Pittsburgh won the first and second place prize in the international robotics competition.
12. Two out of every fifteen college students who major in computer science will go on to become a small business owner at some point in their lives.

Exercise:

1. The agency recruited overseas teachers (*who/whom*) would be able to demonstrate a native fluency in English.
2. At Kim's birthday party were millionaires and celebrities, some of (*who/whom*) had flown in from New York to attend.
3. Julie's math teacher was a graduate student (*who/whom*), after completing his finance degree, decided to get into teaching instead.
4. The police officers, (*who/whom*) were eating donuts at the time, didn't hear the cries for help.
5. The girl (*who/whom*) Dave was matched with was unimpressed by his sense of humor.
6. Anyone (*who/whom*) has read the book will say that it's much better than the movie.
7. Reflecting on all her past accomplishments, the winner thanked everyone with (*who/whom*) she had been associated.
8. Can you tell the boys (*who/whom*) are at the door to go away?
9. The girls with (*who/whom*) I'm going shopping need to borrow money.
10. I want to hire those chefs (*who/whom*) cooked the perfect pasta at the restaurant we ate at last week.

Exercise 1: Which choice most effectively combines the two sentences at the underlined portion?

1. Water filters are designed to handle any tap water that flows through. They eliminate the chlorine and bacteria growth that can affect the taste of drinking water and cause infections in humans.
 - A) through; they can eliminate
 - B) through, which is eliminating
 - C) through, eliminating
 - D) through, so they eliminate
2. Many of the courses in law schools today are purely theoretical exercises. These exercises have little to do with their initial purpose.
 - A) exercises that
 - B) exercises, so they
 - C) exercises; they
 - D) exercises, being so these
3. In addition to farming crops, slaves in Egypt during the rise of Mesopotamia had the mundane tasks of cleaning the house. They also cooked the food.
 - A) house, but also cooked the food.
 - B) house and cooking the food.
 - C) house, and the food was cooked by them.
 - D) house and food being cooked.

4. Jane had originally intended to completely wash her large aquarium by hand. She decided against doing so because it would have taken too much effort.
- A) hand: she
 - B) hand while she
 - C) hand, but she
 - D) hand unless she
5. Since Joan took office as governor, some public issues have been solved in very clever ways. Others have been completely ignored.
- A) ways, whereas others
 - B) ways, since others
 - C) ways, provided that others
 - D) ways, considering that others
6. Jojoba oil is made from the seeds of jojoba plants. These plants are sometimes mistaken for boxwood shrubs.
- A) plants; these
 - B) plants, for they
 - C) plants, which
 - D) plants as they
7. Located near the abundant coasts of Maine, the town of Portland is a famous fishing port. That is where lobstermen set their traps in the early morning.
- A) port, which is where
 - B) port, the location where
 - C) port, a place at which
 - D) port where
8. The online retailer Amazon completely has changed how many consumers purchase goods. They managed to make the whole online buying and selling experience trustworthy and easy.
- A) goods; they made
 - B) goods by making
 - C) goods to make
 - D) goods, and this made
9. Debbie has a habit of giving long speeches during her performances. They are so long in fact that her regular clients have stopped inviting her to perform at their dinner parties.
- A) performances, and these are so long
 - B) performances, which are so long
 - C) performances, so long
 - D) performances as so long
10. The planet of Venus, which routinely revolves around the Sun in an ellipse, has many active volcanos. One of them is taller than Mount Everest.
- A) volcanos, one of which
 - B) volcanos; there is one that
 - C) volcanos, and one
 - D) volcanos, such that one

11. Language is the door to other cultures. It is a means of understanding other perspectives and traditions.
- A) cultures,
 - B) cultures, and it is
 - C) cultures, being
 - D) cultures while serving as
12. After a month of deliberation, the prime minister unveiled his prescription for revitalizing the economy. His economic plan entails lower interest rates, higher tax cuts, and less government spending.
- A) economy such as
 - B) economy:
 - C) economy—entailing
 - D) economy; it entails

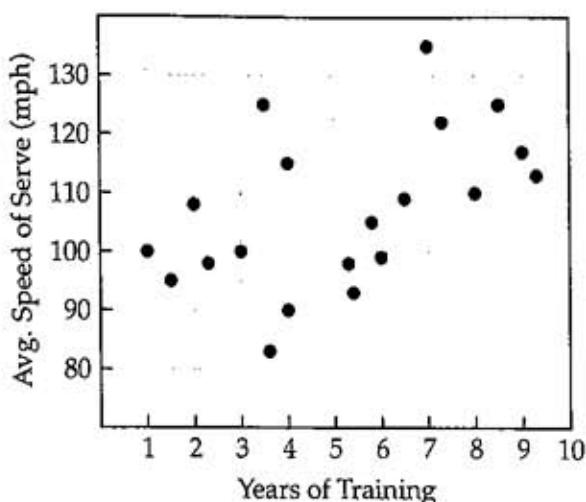
Exercise 2: Which choice most effectively combines the underlined sentences?

1. There were more than 80 applications for the elite summer English program. Megan's essay was proclaimed most eloquent by the committee of admissions officers.
- A) Of the more than 80 applications for the elite summer English program, Megan's essay was proclaimed most eloquent by the committee of admissions officers.
 - B) Megan's essay was proclaimed most eloquent by the committee of admissions officers, which there were more than 80 applications for the elite summer English program.
 - C) The committee of admissions officers, who are at the elite summer English program, which had more than 80 applications, proclaimed Megan's essay most eloquent.
 - D) The committee of admissions officers proclaimed it to be most eloquent; Megan's essay was one of 80 applications for the elite summer English program.
2. My financial advisor has a suggestion. Before selling an old house, have it carefully evaluated by a real estate expert.
- A) My financial advisor has an old house carefully evaluated by a real estate expert before selling it.
 - B) To have a real estate expert carefully evaluate an old house before selling it is a suggestion from my financial advisor.
 - C) My financial advisor suggests that before selling an old house, have it carefully evaluated by a real estate expert.
 - D) My financial advisor's suggestion is to sell an old house before it is carefully evaluated by a real estate expert.
3. Influenza is a well-known, contagious virus that is transmitted through the air. It can infect large groups of pigs, birds, and even horses.
- A) Infecting large groups of pigs, birds, and even horses is a well-known, contagious virus, which is transmitted through the air and called influenza.
 - B) It is a well-known, contagious virus that is transmitted through the air; influenza can infect large groups of pigs, birds, and even horses.
 - C) Influenza is a well-known, contagious virus that is transmitted through the air by infecting large groups of pigs, birds, and even horses.
 - D) A well-known, contagious virus that is transmitted through the air, influenza can infect large groups of pigs, birds, and even horses.

4. New evidence confirms that blood was not found on the defendant's clothes. The prosecutor's earlier claim that the defendant physically wounded the victim is now contradicted.
- A) New evidence, which is contradicting the prosecutor's earlier claim that the defendant physically wounded the victim, confirms that blood was not found on the defendant's clothes.
 - B) In a contradiction to the prosecutor's earlier claim that the defendant physically wounded the victim, new evidence confirms that blood was not found on the defendant's clothes.
 - C) What's contradicted by the new evidence confirming that blood was not found on the defendant's clothes is the prosecutor's earlier claim that the defendant physically wounded the victim.
 - D) New evidence confirms that blood was not found on the defendant's clothes, contradicting the prosecutor's earlier claim that the defendant physically wounded the victim.
5. Often advertised as the most luxurious hotel in the world, the Four Seasons is completely averse to serving anything in moderation. That is unlike most other hotel chains.
- A) Unlike most other hotel chains, often advertised as the most luxurious hotel in the world, the Four Seasons is completely averse to serving anything in moderation.
 - B) Often advertised as the most luxurious hotel in the world, the Four Seasons is, unlike most other hotel chains, completely averse to serving anything in moderation.
 - C) Often advertised as the most luxurious hotel in the world, most other hotel chains are unlike the Four Seasons, which is completely averse to serving anything in moderation.
 - D) Most other hotel chains are unlike the Four Seasons in that the Four Seasons is advertised as the most luxurious hotel in the world and completely averse to serving anything in moderation.
6. The author of the study guide knows that there are students who must take the test on short notice. For that reason, the author has included an index of the most common grammar rules.
- A) The author of the study guide has included an index of the most common grammar rules for the students who must take the test on short notice.
 - B) The reason the author has included an index of the most common grammar rules is because he knows that there are students who must take the test on short notice.
 - C) The author has included an index of the most common grammar rules, the reason being that he knows that there are students who must take the test on short notice.
 - D) The author of the study guide knows that there are students who must take the test on short notice because he has included an index of the most common grammar rules.
7. A survey of human buying behavior that raises interesting questions about the mental processes was done. These processes govern the spontaneous and quick judgments we make when we see a product.
- A) A survey of human buying behavior that raises interesting questions about the mental processes was done, and these are what govern the spontaneous and quick judgments we make when we see a product.
 - B) A survey of human buying behavior raises interesting questions about the mental processes we make when we see a product and have spontaneous and quick judgments.
 - C) A survey of human buying behavior raises interesting questions about the mental processes governing the spontaneous and quick judgments we make when we see a product.
 - D) A survey of human buying behavior—about the mental processes—raises questions that govern the spontaneous and quick judgments we make when we see a product.

8. Rosa Park's refusal to obey led to a fight for racial equality that forever changed the cultural and political landscape of America. It was the start of the Civil Rights movement.
- A) Rosa Park's refusal to obey led to a fight, the start of the Civil Rights movement, for racial equality that forever changed the cultural and political landscape of America.
 - B) The fight for racial equality that forever changed the cultural and political landscape of America was the Civil Rights movement that Rosa Park's refusal to obey started.
 - C) Rosa Park's refusal to obey led to the start of the Civil Rights movement, a fight for racial equality that forever changed the cultural and political landscape of America.
 - D) Rosa Parks refused to obey and it led to a fight for racial equality that forever changed the cultural and political landscape of America; it was the start of the Civil Rights movement.
9. Many immigrants work long hours at menial jobs despite the low wages. They hope to provide a better life for their kids.
- A) Hoping to provide a better life for their kids are many immigrants, despite the low wages, who work long hours at menial jobs.
 - B) Despite the low wages, many immigrants work long hours at menial jobs in the hopes of providing a better life for their kids.
 - C) Hoping to provide a better life for their kids, long hours are worked, despite the low wages, at menial jobs by many immigrants.
 - D) Many immigrants working long hours at menial jobs and having low wages hope to provide a better life for their kids.
10. Today's restaurants' ordering systems maximize efficiency both in the kitchen and behind the counter. Many of which have expanded their seating spaces to accommodate the increasing number of customers.
- A) Today's restaurants' ordering systems maximize efficiency both in the kitchen and behind the counter; seating spaces have been expanded by them to accommodate the increasing number of customers.
 - B) Ordering systems maximize efficiency both in the kitchen and behind the counter; many restaurants have expanded their seating spaces in the accommodation of the increasing number of customers.
 - C) Ordering systems maximizing efficiency both in the kitchen and behind the counter are why many restaurants have expanded their seating spaces, accommodating the increasing number of customers.
 - D) Today's restaurants, whose ordering systems maximize efficiency both in the kitchen and behind the counter, have expanded their seating spaces to accommodate the increasing number of customers.

Exercise 1: Which choice offers the most accurate interpretation of the data in the chart?



1. The average speed of serve was measured for each player in a sample of professional tennis athletes and the results were graphed with his or her number of years of training. The data indicate that the player with the least number of years of training had the slowest serve.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) the player with the highest number of years of training had the fastest serve.
 - C) players with the same years of training can have average serve speeds that are different.
 - D) all the professionals surveyed average a serve above 100 miles per hour.

Percentage of Adults who report consuming fruits and vegetables less than one time daily

State	Fruits	Vegetables
Alabama	43.8	28.3
Maryland	36.4	22.8
Hawaii	39.5	22.6
Ohio	40.5	26.0
Texas	34.3	21.8
Georgia	41.9	23.2

Percentage of Adolescents who report consuming fruits and vegetables less than one time daily

State	Fruits	Vegetables
Alabama	44.4	45.7
Maryland	38.7	38.9
Hawaii	45.1	48.8
Ohio	42.4	40.2
Texas	42.1	47.5
Georgia	42.9	43.1

2. A recent study indicated that across all six states, adults are more likely to consume fruits than vegetables at least once per day.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) adults are more likely to consume vegetables than fruits at least once per day.
 - C) adolescents are more likely to consume fruits than vegetables at least once per day.
 - D) adolescents are more likely to consume vegetables than fruits at least once per day.

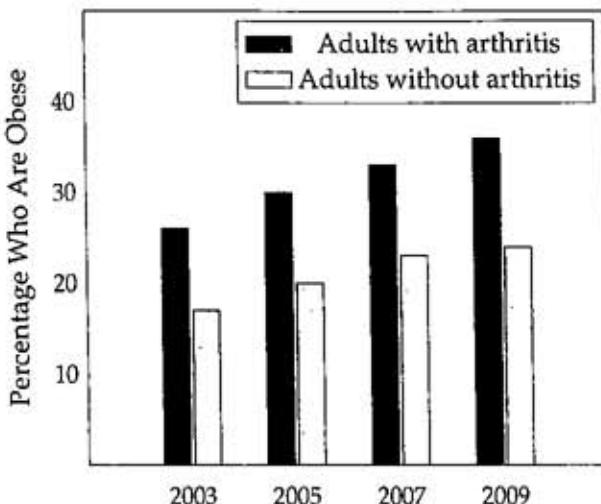
3. Doctor Andrews has argued that as people grow up, they tend to make healthier choices, citing evidence that among six states surveyed, the percentage of adults who ate vegetables less than once per day was smaller than the percentage of adolescents.
- NO CHANGE
 - adolescents avoided vegetables and fruits almost equally.
 - adults ate fruits at least once per day more frequently than vegetables.
 - the percentage of adults who ate fruits less than once per day was greater than the percentage of adolescents.
4. If a population's eating habits were judged by the percentage of adults who eat fruits and the percentage of adults who eat vegetables at least once per day, the state with the best eating habits among those surveyed would be Hawaii.
- NO CHANGE
 - Alabama.
 - Texas.
 - Maryland.
5. Researchers can likely conclude that as adolescents transition to adulthood, they tend to eat roughly the same amount of fruits as vegetables.
- NO CHANGE
 - more and more fruits relative to vegetables.
 - more and more vegetables relative to fruits.
 - less fruits but more vegetables.

Percentage of High School Students Who Drank a Specific Beverage in the Past Week

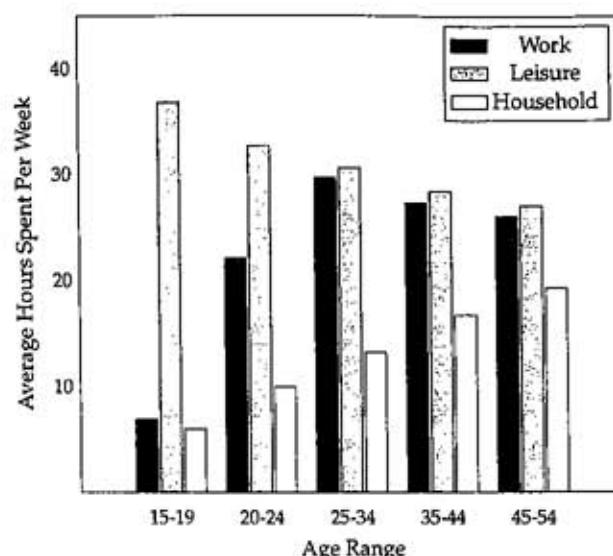
	Water	Milk	Fruit Juice	Soda	Sports Drink	Coffee
Female	71.8	49.1	26.5	20.3	11.1	15.7
Male	72.9	58.9	33.9	28.4	21.1	12.1
Total	72.4	54.2	30.2	24.3	16.1	13.8

6. The study suggests that the least frequently consumed beverages are unhealthy drinks like fruit juice, soda, and sports drinks.
- NO CHANGE
 - high school boys are more accustomed to having
 - high school girls are more accustomed to having
 - high school boys and girls are equally likely to have
7. Among the two genders, the common denominator was water, which, compared to other drinks, was consumed by nearly equal percentages of male and female students in the past week.
- NO CHANGE
 - milk,
 - fruit juice,
 - coffee,

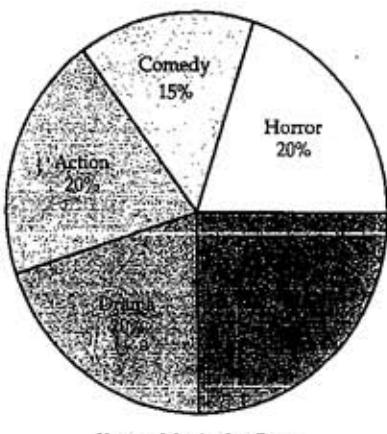
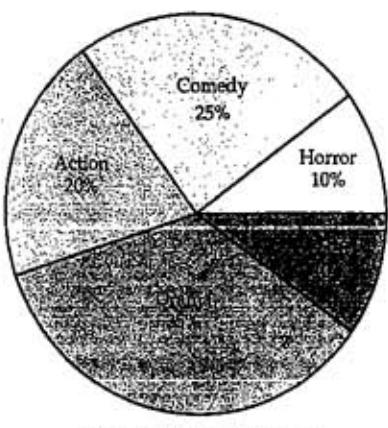
8. In general, a higher percentage of males than females consumed each drink that was listed. In fact, the only drink more common among females than males was water.
- NO CHANGE
 - soda.
 - sports drink.
 - coffee.
9. In the 1990s, the famous "Got Milk?" campaign was a massive success among high school students. In a study done after the campaign, milk was the most common drink.
- NO CHANGE
 - milk was consumed by three times as many students as soda.
 - milk was as commonly chosen as water when it came to beverages.
 - more than half of those surveyed had consumed milk within the past week.



10. Hospitals have long studied the relationship between obesity and other ailments like arthritis. For example, doctors have gathered enough data to conclude that those who are obese are about 10 percent more likely to have arthritis.
- NO CHANGE
 - obesity rates among those who have arthritis are about 10 percent higher than for those who don't.
 - those who have arthritis are roughly 10 percent less likely to be obese than those who don't.
 - the percentage who are obese among people who suffer from arthritis is double than that among people who don't.
11. Throughout the years, obesity has become an increasingly widespread problem, but only among those without arthritis.
- NO CHANGE
 - but only among those with arthritis.
 - regardless of the presence of arthritis.
 - more so in 2005 than in any other year.

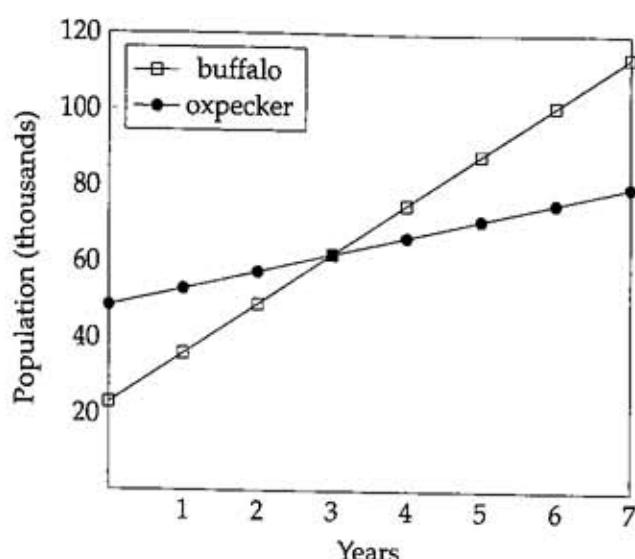


12. Teenagers should be encouraged to take on more responsibility. The average hours that 15-19 year olds spent on work turned out to be more than the average hours they spent on leisure and household activities combined.
- NO CHANGE
 - leisure was more than the leisure time spent by 20-24 year olds and 25-34 year olds
 - leisure exceeded the average hours they spent on work and household activities
 - household activities eclipsed the average hours they spent on work and leisure
13. As people get older, they spend more and more time on work and less and less on household activities.
- NO CHANGE
 - more and more time on household activities and less and less on leisure.
 - more and more time on work and less and less on leisure.
 - more and more time on household activities and less and less on work.
14. Because of complaints about work-life imbalance among employees, the director believed that his workers weren't getting enough leisure time to relax from a long workday. A study he conducted, however, found that his employees as a whole spent more time on leisure than on household activities, even though average leisure time went down as the age range went up.
- Which choice best fits the sentence with accurate information from the graph above?
- NO CHANGE
 - spent more time on leisure than on work,
 - spent more time on work than on household activities,
 - spent more time on household activities than on leisure,
15. The company has decided to give special benefits to those who work at least 25 hours a week. On the average, employees above the age of 15 will be able to receive these benefits.
- NO CHANGE
 - 20
 - 25
 - 35

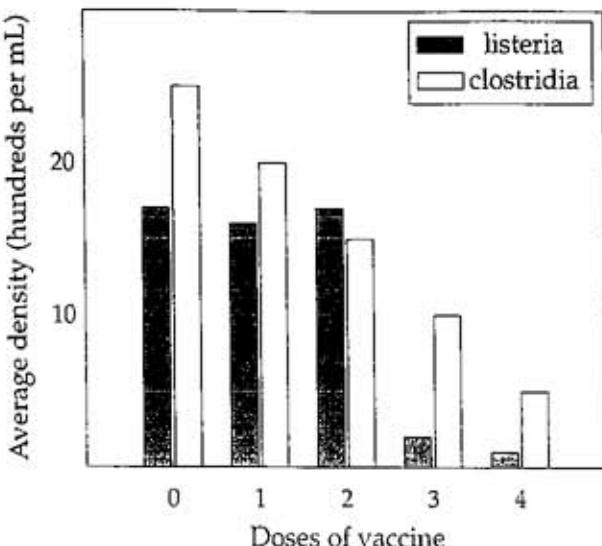


16. In following the American movie industry, Korean studios are encouraging directors to make less action and comedy movies.
- NO CHANGE
 - action and drama
 - horror and sci-fi
 - drama and horror
17. When critics looked at the distribution of genres in different countries, they found that over a third of the movies in Korea fall under the sci-fi genre.
- NO CHANGE
 - sci-fi is the most common genre in Korea but one of the least common in America.
 - sci-fi is as popular as comedy among American audiences.
 - American cinemas are more likely to show sci-fi movies than action movies.
18. In Korea, action and horror make up over half of the movie offerings.
- NO CHANGE
 - sci-fi and drama
 - drama and action
 - no two genres

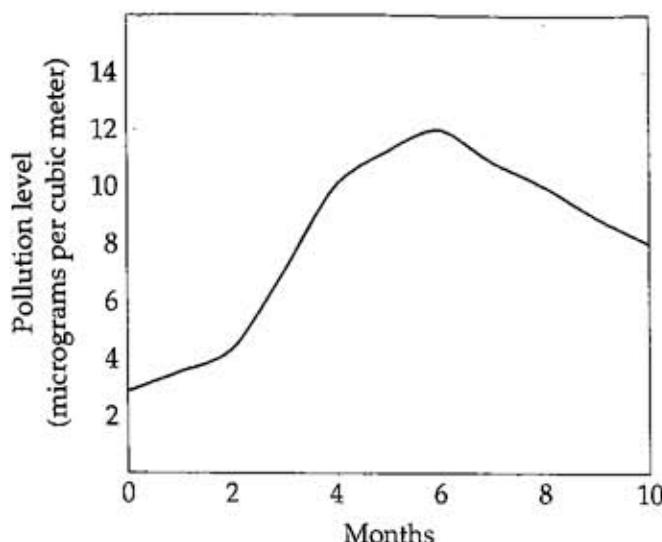
Exercise 2: Which choice offers the most accurate interpretation of the data in the chart?



1. Oxpecker birds and buffalo form one of nature's most successful symbiotic relationships. Oxpeckers rid the buffalo of parasites and alarm them when predators are near. In return, the buffalo naturally attract insects and parasites that serve as food for the oxpeckers. Over the years, as the population of oxpeckers declined, so too did the population of buffalo, though at a slower rate.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) as the population of oxpeckers grew, so too did the population of buffalo,
 - C) as the population of buffalo grew, so too did the population of oxpeckers,
 - D) as the population of buffaloes declined, so too did the population of oxpeckers,
2. By the seventh year, the oxpeckers outnumbered buffaloes by about thirty-eight thousand.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) At the start, the buffalo population exceeded the oxpecker population by roughly thirty thousand.
 - C) In the fourth year, the oxpecker population surpassed the buffalo population.
 - D) By the third year, there were equal numbers of buffaloes and oxpeckers.



3. A selected group of patients were prescribed different dosages of a new vaccine. To test its effectiveness, doctors measured the presence of harmful bacteria listeria and clostridia in a milliliter of blood drawn from each patient. They found that at least two doses of the vaccine are necessary to significantly reduce the number of listeria bacteria.
- NO CHANGE
 - the vaccine is effective in reducing listeria only after three or more doses.
 - the vaccine is capable of completely eliminating listeria bacteria with enough doses.
 - the vaccine has no effect on the number of listeria bacteria, regardless of the number of doses.
4. The data also show that the vaccine has no influence on the amount of clostridia bacteria.
- NO CHANGE
 - the vaccine encourages the growth of more clostridia bacteria.
 - clostridia density decreases proportionally as the doses of vaccine increase
 - after three doses, the number of clostridia bacteria decreases substantially.
5. The doctors decided to recommend the vaccine for mass production once the study showed that five doses will completely rid a patient of clostridia.
- NO CHANGE
 - one dose is just as effective in combating clostridia as it is clearing listeria.
 - four doses are enough to completely eradicate both types of bacteria.
 - it is capable of reducing both listeria and clostridia.

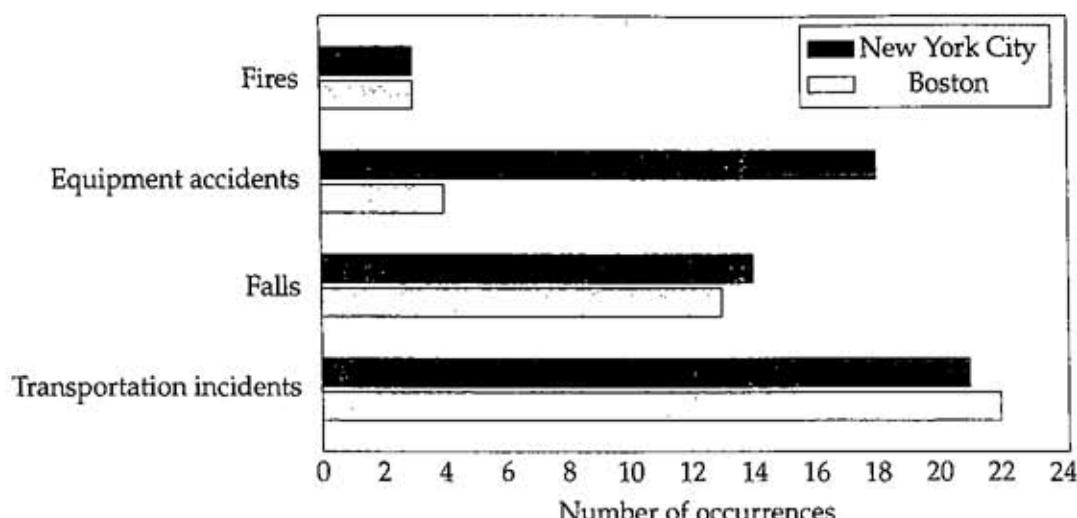


6. Environmentalists measured the air pollution in Beijing over 10 months. Pollution levels above 10 micrograms per cubic meter of air are considered to be dangerous. The data show Beijing was exposed to dangerous levels for two months.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) four months.
 - C) six months.
 - D) eight months.
7. Pollution levels were at their highest after six months and at their lowest at the start.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) six months in and at their lowest after 10 months.
 - C) at the start and at their lowest after 10 months.
 - D) after ten months and at their lowest at the start.

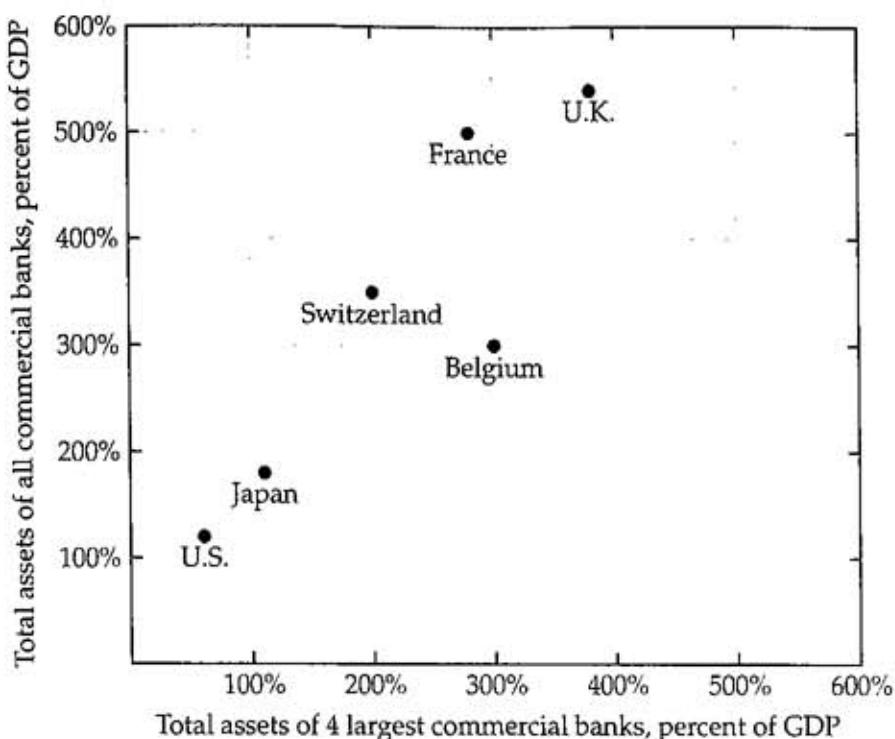


8. Which of the following correctly ranks the countries from lowest to highest with respect to women's average participation rates in the labor force since 1970?
- Sweden, United States, Germany
 - Germany, United States, Sweden
 - Germany, Sweden, United States
 - United States, Germany, Sweden
9. After 1995, Germany had more than half of its women in the labor force.
- NO CHANGE
 - Sweden's proportion of women in the labor force dropped to less than 50 percent.
 - the United States had a smaller proportion of women in the workforce than Germany.
 - the United States had roughly the same proportion of women in the labor force as Sweden.
10. Historically speaking, never has there been a time in the United States when the majority of women were in the labor force.
- NO CHANGE
 - Germany's proportion of women in the labor force has always been above 40 percent.
 - women's labor force participation rates have always increased in all three of the countries studied.
 - women in Germany were always less likely to be in the labor force compared to those in the United States and Sweden.

Fatal work injuries in 2007



11. Several New York City companies are making it mandatory that employees wear protective gear when working with machinery after a report indicated that there were more equipment related accidents than transportation incidents in New York City.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) there were over 20 fatal equipment accidents in New York City.
 - C) the number of fatal equipment accidents in New York City were over triple the number in Boston.
 - D) a few fires occurred in both Boston and New York City.
12. Residents in both New York City and Boston are pushing city officials to expand the budget for public transit infrastructure, citing evidence that transportation accidents led to as many deaths as fires.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) over half of all fatal work injuries were transportation related.
 - C) transportation incidents were the leading cause of fatal work injuries.
 - D) other cities did not have as many fatal transportation incidents.



13. As a percentage of GDP (gross domestic product), the banking system of Switzerland is the smallest of all the advanced economies that were studied.
- NO CHANGE
 - Belgium
 - Japan
 - the U.S.
14. Belgium has the largest banking system relative to its GDP.
- NO CHANGE
 - The four largest banks in Belgium control all of the commercial banking assets in the country.
 - Relative to GDP, Japan has a larger banking system than Belgium.
 - Belgium's banking system is proportionally equal in size to Switzerland's.
15. France has a banking system that is roughly five times its GDP.
- NO CHANGE
 - four times
 - three times
 - two times

Exercise 1:

1. James hopes that what the political activists are doing will be enough to inspire change.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) will what the political activists are doing be enough to inspire change?
 - C) what the political activists are doing will be enough to inspire change?
 - D) if what the political activists are doing will be enough to inspire change.
2. The employees at the after-school daycare were required to take in and abide the new safety rules and regulations.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) take and abide in
 - C) take and abide by
 - D) take in and abide by
3. In France, a tourist can spend a romantic night overlooking the Eiffel tower and you can also enjoy delicious coffee at all the cafes.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) one
 - C) he or she
 - D) we
4. Some doctors claim that eating lutein-containing foods (an antioxidant related to beta-carotene and vitamin A) can improve eyesight and decrease the risk of macular degeneration.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) foods high in lutein
 - C) lutein-rich food
 - D) foods that increase lutein intake
5. Delirium, also known as acute confusional state, is an organically caused decline in mental function must be treated aggressively with the effective tools that are available.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) function and
 - C) function, must
 - D) function that must
6. The host inquired why we threw blueberry muffins on the living room floor during his dinner party with the managers?
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) why did we throw blueberry muffins on the living room floor during his dinner party with the managers?
 - C) why did we throw blueberry muffins on the living room floor during his dinner party with the managers.
 - D) why we threw blueberry muffins on the living room floor during his dinner party with the managers.
7. One is more likely to come back to the store when they are treated with respect.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) We are
 - C) He is
 - D) Customers are

8. The members of the community service group are great role models because they show concern of their fellow students and respect in their teachers.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) concern of their fellow students and respect for
C) concern for their fellow students and respect
D) concern for their fellow students and respect in
9. The couple asked the salesperson whether an air handler—the NP2900 model in particular—quietly and efficiently could circulate conditioned air throughout an entire building?
- A) NO CHANGE
B) quietly and efficiently could circulate conditioned air throughout an entire building.
C) could quietly and efficiently circulate conditioned air throughout an entire building.
D) could quietly and efficiently circulate conditioned air throughout an entire building?
10. In the face of declining business, the publisher cut costs by as much as 30 percent, laid off more than 20 staff writers in the process.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) percent, laying
C) percent to lay
D) percent: laid

Exercise 2:

1. Even when we arrive ahead of time at the doctor's office, the receptionist makes you wait at least 15 minutes.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) us
C) me
D) one
2. Even though we grew up in a country different from theirs, we have chosen to comply rather than deviate from our parents' cultural norms and expectations.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) comply with rather than deviate from
C) comply rather than deviate against
D) comply with rather than deviate against
3. Although Dr. Kiln is aware that the research was published today in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, shows significant process irregularities in the development of the new treatment, he still believes that it is more effective than the alternatives.
- A) NO CHANGE
B) research, was published
C) research, published
D) research published

4. The optometrist collected data from 80 patients to examine what is the effect of switching from eyeglasses to contact lenses on myopia progression as children reach adolescence.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) what is the effect of switching from eyeglasses to contact lenses on myopia progression as children reach adolescence?
 - C) what effect switching from eyeglasses to contact lenses might have on myopia progression as children reach adolescence.
 - D) whether switching from eyeglasses to contact lenses might have an effect on myopia progression as children reach adolescence?
5. The tulip orchid grows at a rate that depends greatly on the amount of sunlight available in their environment.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) one's
 - C) our
 - D) its
6. Over the past few years, audio downloads have increased by more than 300%, thereby highlighting podcasting's popularity, the practice of distributing audio files to users over the Internet, in the United States.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) popular podcasting,
 - C) the popularity of podcasting,
 - D) how popular podcasting has become,
7. It's amazing Drew hasn't been punished yet given his blatant disregard and distaste for the rules.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) disregard and distaste in
 - C) disregard in and distaste for
 - D) disregard with and distaste for
8. "How were the speeds of light and sound first determined and measured," she wondered?
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) measured," she wondered.
 - C) measured?" she wondered?
 - D) measured?" she wondered.
9. To truly appreciate computer programming as a craft, software engineers must take the time to study higher-level algorithms and data structures, regardless of whether one finds them useful on the job.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) he or she finds
 - C) they find
 - D) you find
10. It wasn't until her groundbreaking phytochemistry research—the study of chemicals derived from plants—was published that Lynette finally received the recognition she deserved.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) phytochemistry research,
 - C) research in phytochemistry,
 - D) research in phytochemistry—



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Review Cheat Sheet

This chapter consists of a lot of incorrect example sentences from previous chapters. They cover most of the hard-and-fast rules you'll encounter on test day, so it's a great review for the day before the test. See if you can fix these sentences without looking back at the corresponding chapter. Answers are at the end of this chapter.

Idioms

- The Olympic athlete was capable in climbing Mt. Everest.
- The public was opposed against the war.
- The children were prohibited against playing outside at dark.
- Unless you comply to those food safety standards, we will shut you down.

Subject-Verb Agreement

- The diner near the dorms which (*houses/house*) the students (*serves/serve*) breakfast all day.
- The widely recognized red coloring of stop signs everywhere (*alerts/alert*) people who can't even read them to stop.
- Each team made up of one girl and one boy (*has/have*) to reenact a scene from Romeo and Juliet.
- Her jewelry, in addition to her pokemon cards, (*was/were*) stolen by the robber.
- Beside the bins, where one could smell the stench of rotten eggs, (*was/were*) a pack of philosophy majors gathering cans for recycling.

Modifiers

- The magician dazzled and surprised the audience members wearing a cloak and top hat.
- Decorated with colorful ornaments and stars, we took pictures by the Christmas tree.
- After missing an easy goal, the crowd booed the soccer player.

Run-ons

- He was hungry, he bought a Chipotle burrito.
- In New York, the train system is difficult to learn, however the food is fantastic and diverse.
- He believed that a career in nursing would guarantee a stable job, Joseph applied to nursing school.

Fragments

- In the middle of the night, when most people are sleeping while I sneak to the kitchen to eat.
- Although pandas are one of the most likable mammals but are one of the most rare.

Redundancy

- The reason why red pandas have ringed tails is because they are relatives of both the giant panda and the raccoon.
- After hearing the spy's information, the general knew that an attack was imminent in the future.
- In her biography about her life, she writes about overcoming poverty and fear.
- It's only on the night before the test that I wish my notes had been more clearer.

Parallelism I – Lists

- That she looks beautiful and her charm help her get out of speeding tickets.
- In chess, remember these three goals: get your pieces to the center, capture the opposing pieces, and attacking the opposing king.
- The 300 men trained diligently, screamed fiercely into battle, and valiantly fights.

Parallelism II – Pairs

- It's so hard to decide between the cheaper priced meal or the higher quality one.
- The candidate ran for office not only because he was power-hungry and also his belief that he could do a better job.
- Neither the fierce yelling nor the screams that were loud could wake Travis from his midday nap.

Parallelism III – Faulty Comparisons

- Characters in Chekhov's plays have always been crazier than Vogel's plays.
- Like the underwear made by Hanes and Armani, Calvin Klein makes you feel comfortable.
- The competition among recreational chess players is much more intense than recreational bingo players.

Pronoun Reference

- Whenever Jason and Alexander sit down at a buffet, he eats way more food.
- Even if a student gets in early, they still have to maintain good grades during senior year.
- At the police station, they found a pile of cash stashed in her bra.
- Although it is small and furry, koalas are able to protect themselves from predators by quickly climbing trees.

Tenses

- Although the cheetah holds the record for fastest land animal, many other mammals outlasted it.
- Whenever we stopped by the market, my mom always tries to negotiate the prices.
- She bought her dress at Wal-Mart yet it impresses everyone at the party.

Commas, Dashes, and Colons

- The platter was filled with berries, crackers; and cheese.
- Trapped in a mine the victims found it hard to see and breathe.
- Great white sharks the most fearsome creatures of the sea are actually less dangerous than they appear.
- The guy, cleaning the room, is the janitor.
- Runners around the world participate in the Boston Marathon which is 26 miles long.
- Penguins unlike most other birds cannot fly.
- Most bats are blind. Their sense of hearing however is amazing.
- The report indicates, that the pollution above Beijing has reached an all-time high.
- The Thai restaurant serves noodle dishes such as: pad thai, pad see ew, and kua gai.
- Cambridge is home to two of the best universities in the world MIT and Harvard.
- What you should remember from this whole ordeal is: that there can be no progress without sacrifice.

Apostrophes

- Tonys hat is on the floor.
- Louis' scarf is 3 feet long.
- Both players's jerseys were soaked with sweat.
- The book has a cool picture on it's cover.
- He is the actor whose most known for his role in *Batman*.

Word Choice

- The start of the tennis tournament was effected by the rain.
- The apartment in North Quincy has a nicer view then the one in Brighton.

Singular Plural Noun Inconsistency

- The three boys want to become a superhero.
- Witness testimony, documents, and a consumer guarantee have been a key piece of evidence in many major landmark trials involving corporations and their customers.

Who vs. Whom

- The agency recruited overseas teachers (*who/whom*) would be able to demonstrate a native fluency in English.
- Jane is the girl for (*who/whom*) I brought these gifts.
- The chaperones (*who/whom*) the students were assigned to made sure they walked in a single file.

Odds and Ends

- One of our school's students, came from India, was awarded the national scholarship.
- Many sci-fi authors have wondered what it would be like to live on Uranus?
- Tony wanted to know did Eric finish his homework.
- If someone wants to play tennis, you should know how to serve.
- I am interested and familiar with graphic design.
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Model Answers to the Review Cheat Sheet:**Idioms**

- The Olympic athlete was capable of climbing Mt. Everest.
- The public was opposed to the war.
- The children were prohibited from playing outside at dark.
- Unless you comply with those food safety standards, we will shut you down.

Subject-Verb Agreement

- The diner near the dorms which house the students serves breakfast all day.
- The widely recognized red coloring of stop signs everywhere alerts people who can't even read them to stop.
- Each team made up of one girl and one boy has to reenact a scene from Romeo and Juliet.
- Her jewelry, in addition to her pokemon cards, was stolen by the robber.
- Beside the bins, where one could smell the stench of rotten eggs, was a pack of philosophy majors gathering cans for recycling.

Modifiers

- Wearing a cloak and top hat, the magician dazzled and surprised the audience members.
- We took pictures by the Christmas tree, which was decorated with colorful ornaments and stars.
- After he missed an easy goal, the crowd booed the soccer player.

Run-ons

- He was hungry, so he bought a Chipotle burrito.
- In New York, the train system is difficult to learn; however the food is fantastic and diverse.
- Because he believed that a career in nursing would guarantee a stable job, Joseph applied to nursing school.

Fragments

- In the middle of the night, when most people are sleeping, while I sneak to the kitchen to eat.
- Although pandas are one of the most likable mammals, they are one of the most rare.

Redundancy

- The reason why Red pandas have ringed tails is because they are relatives of both the giant panda and the raccoon.
- After hearing the spy's information, the general knew that an attack was imminent in the future.
- In her biography about her life, she writes about overcoming poverty and fear.
- It's only on the night before the test that I wish my notes had been more clearer.

Parallelism I – Lists

- Her beauty and her charm help her get out of speeding tickets.
- In chess, remember these three goals: get your pieces to the center, capture the opposing pieces, and attack the opposing king.
- The 300 men trained diligently, screamed fiercely into battle, and fought valiantly.

Parallelism II – Pairs

- It's so hard to decide between the cheaper priced meal and the higher quality one.
- The candidate ran for office not only because he was power-hungry but also because he believed that he could do a better job.
- Neither the fierce yelling nor the loud screaming could wake Travis from his midday nap.

Parallelism III – Faulty Comparisons

- Characters in Chekhov's plays have always been crazier than characters in Vogel's plays.
- Like the underwear made by Hanes and Armani, underwear made by Calvin Klein makes you feel comfortable.
- The competition among recreational chess players is much more intense than the competition/that among recreational bingo players.

Pronoun Reference

- Whenever Jason and Alexander sit down at a buffet, Jason eats way more food.
- Even if a student gets in early, he or she still has to maintain good grades during senior year.
- At the police station, the officers found a pile of cash stashed in her bra.
- Although they are small and furry, koalas are able to protect themselves from predators by quickly climbing trees.

Tenses

- Although the cheetah holds the record for fastest land animal, many other mammals outlast it.
- Whenever we stop by the market, my mom always tries to negotiate the prices.
- She bought her dress at Wal-Mart yet it impressed everyone at the party.

Commas, Dashes, and Colons

- The platter was filled with berries, crackers, and cheese.
- Trapped in a mine, the victims found it hard to see and breathe.
- Great white sharks, the most fearsome creatures of the sea, are actually less dangerous than they appear.
- The guy, cleaning the room, is the janitor.
- Runners around the world participate in the Boston Marathon, which is 26 miles long.
- Penguins, unlike most other birds, cannot fly.
- Most bats are blind. Their sense of hearing, however, is amazing.
- The report indicates that the pollution above Beijing has reached an all-time high.
- The Thai restaurant serves noodle dishes such as pad thai, pad see ew, and kua gai.
- Cambridge is home to two of the best universities in the world: MIT and Harvard. (A dash also works.)

- What you should remember from this whole ordeal is that there can be no progress without sacrifice.

Apostrophes

- Tony's hat is on the floor.
- Louis's scarf is 3 feet long.
- Both players' jerseys were soaked with sweat.
- The book has a cool picture on its cover.
- He is the actor who's most known for his role in *Batman*.

Word Choice

- The start of the tennis tournament was affected by the rain.
- The apartment in North Quincy has a nicer view than the one in Brighton.

Singular Plural Noun Inconsistency

- The three boys want to become superheroes.
- Witness testimony, documents, and a consumer guarantee have been key pieces of evidence in many major landmark trials involving corporations and their customers.

Who vs. Whom

- The agency recruited overseas teachers who would be able to demonstrate a native fluency in English.
- Jane is the girl for whom I brought these gifts.
- The chaperones whom the students were assigned to made sure they walked in a single file.

Odds and Ends

- One of our school's students, who came from India, was awarded the national scholarship.
- Many sci-fi authors have wondered what it would be like to live on Uranus.
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