

Tutor Exam for FilipinoTutor.com by *Alexandra Moore Ph.D.*

This exam covers topics of grammar (11 questions – 15 minutes suggested), vocabulary (10 questions – 5 minutes suggested). The time allotted for this exam is 20 minutes. Be sure to pace yourself well to allocate ample time to complete the exam.

Section 3: Grammar (11 questions)

Punctuation

1. Select the sentence(s) that demonstrates correct comma usage.

- a. The woman slammed on her breaks, when she realized she was approaching, a stop sign.
- b. The public generally agreed that the movie was well done, but the critics disagreed.
- c. Though he did not hold a university degree, Alexander Pope was a successful poet and literary critic.
- d. The doctor, who prescribed her pain medication, lost his license.
- e. a and d
- f. b and c

2. Identify the sentence that has used the semi-colon incorrectly.

- a. One student studied for the test; another did not.
- b. Most people now purchase their music online; however, some music-lovers still buy albums from the store.
- c. Many northern animals are in danger of extinction; because, of global warming.
- d. She knew that the concert would finish late; therefore, she finished her homework the night before.
- e. All of the above
- f. None of the above

3. Select the option that best fits the following sentence:

The _____ and the _____ were going camping the next day.

- a. The Jones' and the Bass' . . .
- b. The Joneses and the Besses. . .
- c. The Jones's and the Bass's. . .
- d. None of the above

4. Select the sentence with the most appropriate punctuation.

- a. In class, Marcus suggested that “poetry is no longer relevant in today’s culture”; in contrast, Jackie maintained that “poetry, in the form of song, is more relevant today than ever before.”
- b. In class, Marcus suggested, that “poetry is no longer relevant in today’s culture;” in contrast, Jackie maintained that “poetry, in the form of song, is more relevant today than ever before.”
- c. In class, Marcus suggested that, “poetry is no longer relevant in today’s culture;” in contrast, Jackie maintained that “poetry in the form of song, is more relevant today than ever before.”
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Pronoun

5. Select which series of pronouns accurately completes the following sentence:

Louise disagreed with Luke and ____ even though ____ had previously agreed with ____ on the topic.

- a. myself, we, her
- b. I, she, us
- c. I, we, us
- d. me, she, us

Verb Selection

6. Select which list of verbs best fits the following sentence.

Sally's negligence ____ her at the doctor's again. This time she ____ trampled by a cow as she ____ peacefully in the meadow.

- a. landed, had been, was dozing
- b. has landed, was, dozed
- c. is landing, has been, dozed
- d. has landed, was, was dozing

7. Choose the series of verbs that best completes the following sentence.

_____ a particular person my whole life, I _____ I wouldn't like those bright red shoes.

- a. To be, had to know
- b. Having been, knew
- c. Having been, had known
- d. Being, knew

Verb Tense

8. Choose the verb tense that best completes the following sentence.

John was so late arriving home that Melanie _____ to work.

- a. had already gone
- b. has already gone
- c. already went
- d. will already have gone

Parallelism

9. Select the correct sentence(s) which amend(s) the parallelism error located in the following sentence:

Greta is either moving to Germany next month or she will stay in Iceland for another year.

- a. Greta is either moving to Germany next month or staying in Iceland for another year.
- b. Either Greta is moving to Germany next month, or she is staying in Iceland for another year
- c. Either Greta will move to Germany next month or staying in Iceland for another year.
- d. a and b
- e. b and c

Pronoun-antecedent Agreement

10. Select which sentence demonstrates proper pronoun-antecedent agreement.

- a. If one wants to do well in this class, you should listen, learn, and work hard.
- b. The chemistry department will be sharing the findings of their students next year.
- c. When the hygienist is done with the cleaning utensils, they must be sterilized.
- d. The rain, which was falling heavily, pounded on my umbrella.

11. Which of the following sentences contains a pronoun-antecedent agreement error?

- a. The news of his defying win has lost much of its effect by now.
- b. Either the doctor or his nurses will eat their lunch in the cafeteria today.
- c. Myrtle believes that anyone who deceives their wife is a useless rascal.
- d. A number of neighbors are offering their time to find the missing bird.