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Homework 15

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This practice section contains 20 high-level practice items designed for advanced learners (CEFR C1–C2). It tests sophisticated grammatical structures, advanced inversion, subjunctive mood, complex clauses, parallel structures, and nuanced lexical-grammatical accuracy characteristic of academic English.

PART 1: STRUCTURE

Directions: *Questions 1–10 are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.*

1. Not until the late nineteenth century _____ to synthesize organic compounds with predictable chemical properties.

(A) organic chemists were able
(B) were organic chemists able
(C) when organic chemists were able
(D) were able organic chemists

2. Had the preliminary research team _____ the anomalous thermal readings during the initial calibration, the catastrophic core failure could have been averted.

(A) not overlooked
(B) haven't overlooked
(C) did not overlook
(D) not have overlooked

3. The governing board recommended that the principal investigator _____ a revised budgetary proposal prior to the third quarter fiscal audit.

(A) submits
(B) submit
(C) submitted
(D) will submit

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4. Rarely _____ so profound a paradigm shift in theoretical physics as occurred during the rapid emergence of quantum mechanics in the early twentieth century.

(A) the scientific community witnessed
(B) did the scientific community witness
(C) has the scientific community witnessed
(D) was the scientific community witnessing

5. _____ by the severe drought, the indigenous agricultural cooperatives were forced to adopt advanced drip-irrigation methodologies.

(A) Having adversely affected
(B) Adversely affecting
(C) Adversely affected
(D) To be adversely affected

6. So intricate _____ that specialized electron microscopes are required to analyze their structural nuances.

(A) the molecular frameworks of synthetic polymers are
(B) are the molecular frameworks of synthetic polymers
(C) the molecular frameworks are of synthetic polymers
(D) synthetic polymers' molecular frameworks are

7. The committee reached a consensus that under no circumstances _____ confidential participant data without prior written authorization.

(A) lead researchers should disclose
(B) should lead researchers disclose
(C) lead researchers disclose should
(D) disclose should lead researchers

8. Modern macroeconomic theory suggests that the central bank adjust interest rates, _____ mitigating systemic inflationary pressure.

(A) thereby
(B) whereon
(C) in order that
(D) whereas

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9. No sooner _____ their longitudinal study on neuroplasticity than a competing research group published identical findings in a peer-reviewed journal.

(A) the neuroscientists completed
(B) had the neuroscientists completed
(C) completed the neuroscientists
(D) have the neuroscientists completed

10. The architectural preservation board insists that the historic facade _____ intact despite proposed structural renovations to the interior.

(A) remains
(B) remain
(C) remained
(D) is remaining

PART 2: WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Directions: *In questions 11–20, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the ONE underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. For clarity, the underlined choices are also reproduced directly below each sentence.*

11. The executive board recommended that the chief financial officer resigns **(A)** immediately, citing **(B)** widespread financial discrepancies uncovered **(C)** during the external audit **(D)**.

(A) resigns (B) citing
(C) uncovered (D) audit

12. Scarcely had the clinical trials begun **(A)** than **(B)** several research subjects reported experiencing severe side effects, forcing the safety panel to halt **(C)** the study indefinitely **(D)**.

(A) had the clinical trials begun (B) than
(C) to halt (D) indefinitely

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13. Neither the lead astrophysicist nor her senior research assistants was **(A)** able to offer a persuasive explanation for **(B)** the anomalous signals detected by **(C)** the deep-space observatory last month **(D)**.

(A) was (B) explanation for
(C) detected by (D) last month

14. Despite of **(A)** the overwhelming evidence demonstrating **(B)** the efficacy of the new vaccine, several public health officials remained skeptical about **(C)** its long-term safety profile **(D)**.

(A) Despite of (B) demonstrating
(C) skeptical about (D) safety profile

15. The new urban redevelopment plan aims not only to modernize outdated infrastructure and also to create **(A)** sustainable green spaces accessible to **(B)** residents across all socio-economic demographics **(C)** in the metropolitan area **(D)**.

(A) and also to create (B) accessible to
(C) all socio-economic demographics (D) area

16. Had the engineering team conducted more rigorous stress tests, the structural defect would be **(A)** detected prior to the inauguration of **(B)** the transcontinental bridge last autumn **(C)**, preventing costly repairs later on **(D)**.

(A) would be (B) the inauguration of
(C) last autumn (D) later on

17. The director requested that all department heads are **(A)** present at the emergency briefing to discuss **(B)** the impending regulatory changes affecting **(C)** overseas manufacturing operations **(D)**.

(A) are (B) to discuss
(C) affecting (D) operations

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18. The economic analyst argued that the rapid inflation was due to **(A)** the sudden devaluation of the domestic currency rather then **(B)** structural weaknesses within the nation's **(C)** banking sector **(D)**.

(A) due to (B) rather then
(C) the nation's (D) sector

19. Subsequent to **(A)** publishing her seminal paper on quantum entanglement, the theoretical physicist was awarded a prestige **(B)** fellowship that enabled **(C)** her to pursue independent research abroad **(D)**.

(A) Subsequent to (B) a prestige
(C) that enabled (D) abroad

20. The synthetic material displays an extraordinary resistance to high temperatures **(A)**, making it superior than **(B)** traditional metallic alloys for use in **(C)** aerospace propulsion systems **(D)**.

(A) to high temperatures (B) superior than
(C) for use in (D) systems

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