STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Directions: These questions 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.

Look at the following examples.

Example I

The president _____ the election by a landslide.

(A) won
(B) he won
(C) yesterday
(D) fortunately

Sample Answer



The sentence should read, "The president won the election by a landslide." Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

Example II

When _____ the conference?

(A) the doctor attended
(B) did the doctor attend
(C) the doctor will attend
(D) the doctor's attendance

Sample Answer



The sentence should read, "When did the doctor attend the conference?" Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

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1. _____ range in color from pale yellow to bright orange.

(A) Canaries which

(B) Canaries

(C) That canaries

(D) Canaries that are

2. _____ of precious gems is determined by their hardness, color, and brilliance.

(A) The valuable

(B) It is the value

(C) It is valuable

(D) The value

3. _____ a tornado spins in a counterclockwise direction in the northern hemisphere, it spins in the opposite direction in the southern hemisphere.

(A) However

(B) Because of

(C) Although

(D) That

4. The Caldecott Medal, _____ for the best children's picture book, is awarded each January.

(A) a prize

(B) which prize

(C) is a prize which

(D) is a prize

5. The horn of the rhinoceros consists of a cone of tight bundles of keratin _____ from the epidermis.

(A) grow

(B) grows

(C) growing

(D) they grow

6. Most species of heliotropes are weeds, _____ of them are cultivated.

(A) some

(B) but some

(C) for some species

(D) some species

7. Thunder occurs as _____ through air, causing the heated air to expand and collide with layers of cooler air.

(A) an electrical charge

(B) passes an electrical charge

(C) the passing of an electrical charge

(D) an electrical charge passes

8. Researchers have long debated _____ Saturn's moon Titan contains hydrocarbon oceans and lakes.

(A) over it

(B) whether it

(C) whether

(D) whether over

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9. Nimbostratus clouds are thick, dark grey clouds _____ forebode rain.

(A) what

(B) which

(C) what they

(D) which they

10. _____ in several early civilizations, a cubit was based on the length of the forearm from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow.

(A) It was used as a measurement

(B) A measurement was used

(C) The use of a measurement

(D) Used as a measurement

11. Only when air and water seep through its outer coat _____

(A) does a seed germinate

(B) to the germination of a seed

(C) a seed germinates

(D) for a seed to germinate

12. _____ seasonal rainfall, especially in regions near the tropics, is winds that blow in an opposite direction in winter than in summer.

(A) Causing

(B) That cause

(C) To cause

(D) What causes

13. The extinct Martian volcano Olympus Mons is approximately three times as _____ Mount Everest.

(A) high

(B) high as is

(C) higher than

(D) the highest of

14. The flight instructor, _____ at the air base, said that orders not to fight had been given.

(A) when interviewed

(B) when he interviewed

(C) when his interview

(D) when interviewing

15. In the northern and central parts of the state of Idaho _____ and churning rivers.

(A) majestic mountains are found

(B) found majestic mountains

(C) are found majestic mountains

(D) finding majestic mountains

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Written Expression

Directions: In these questions, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are 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. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Look at the following examples.

Example I

The four string on a violin are tuned
A B C D
in fifths.

Sample Answer



The sentence should read, "The four strings on a violin are tuned in fifths." Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

Example II

The research for the book *Roots* taking
A B C
Alex Haley twelve years.
D

Sample Answer



The sentence should read, "The research for the book *Roots* took Alex Haley twelve years." Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

Do not forget to write the word that corrects the sentence.

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16. Mosquitoes will accepts the malaria parasite at only one stage of the parasite's complex life cycle.

17. The counterpart of a negative electrons is the positive proton.

18. Alexander Hamilton's advocacy of a strong national government brought he into bitter conflict Thomas Jefferson.

19.There are more than eighty-four million specimens in the National Museum of Natural History's collection of biological, geological, archaeological, and anthropology treasures.

20. After George Washington married widow Martha Custis, the couple comes to reside at Mount Vernon.

21. At this stage in their development, rubberized asphalt can hardly be classified as cutting edge.

22. Rhesus monkeys exhibit patterns of shyness similar to that in humans.

23. In space, with no gravity for muscles to work against, the body becomes weakly.

24. Fort Jefferson, in the Dry Tortugas off the southern tip to Florida, can be reach only by boat or plane.

25. Quarter horses were developed in the eighteenth-century Virginia to race on courses short of about a quarter of a mile in length.

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26. Supersonic flight is flight that is faster the speed of sound.

27. Since the dawn of agriculture 9,000 years ago, only a few animal species had been domesticated.

28. The Betataken House Ruins at Navajo National Monument is among the largest and most elaborate cliff dwellings in the country.

29. The island of Kauai has much streams, some of which have worn deep canyons into the rock.

30. It is a common observation that liquids will soak through some materials but not through other.

31. Surrounded by forested mountain slopes are the town of Telluride, a former gold-mining town 7,500 feet about sea level.

32. The newsreels of Hearst Metronome News, which formed part of every moviegoer's experience in the era before television, offer an unique record of the events of the 1930s.

33. Probably the best known of all dinosaurs, the *Tyrannosaurus* was larger and last of the meat-eating Carnotaurus.

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34. Unlikely gas sport balloons, hot air balloons do not have nets.

35. Born in Massachusetts in 1852, Albert Farbanks has begun making banjos in Boston in the late 1870s.

36. Methane in wetlands comes from soil bacteria that consumes organic plant matter.

37. Alois Alzheimer made the first observers of the telltale signs of the disease that today bears his name.

38. Edward MacDowell remembers as the composer of such perennial favorites as "To a Wild Rose" and "To a Water Lily."

39. Animism is the belief that objects and natural phenomena such as rivers, rocks, and wind are live and have feelings.

40. Newtonian physics accounts from the observation of the orbits of the planets and the moons.

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