



PRACTICE TEST 2

Directions

Items in the first part of this section are incomplete sentences. Under each of these sentences, there are four words or phrases. You will choose the **one** word or phrase—(A), (B), (C), or (D)—that best completes the sentence.

EXAMPLE I

Reflexes _____ very valuable in protecting the body against harm.

- (A) that are
- (B) being
- (C) are
- (D) are being

The sentence should read, "Reflexes are very valuable in protecting the body against harm." You should therefore choose (C).

EXAMPLE II

Seismographs are used to locate oil, to determine ocean depth, and _____ and measure earthquakes.

- (A) detect
- (B) to detect
- (C) be detecting
- (D) are detecting

The sentence should read, "Seismographs are used to locate oil, to determine ocean depth, and to detect and measure earthquakes." You should therefore choose (B).

1. The core of the moon is much smaller, in relation to its size, _____ of the planets

(A) those
(B) than those
(C) ones
(D) than are those

2. Silver is sometimes mixed with copper _____ an alloy that is harder and stronger than pure silver.

(A) to form
(B) forms
(C) it forms
(D) the forming of

3. Samuel Clemens, _____ under the pen name Mark Twain, created characters that reflected purely American traits and habits.

(A) he wrote
(B) and he wrote
(C) who wrote
(D) wrote

4. _____ beetles have hard wing cases that protect the wings when not in use.

(A) Of all
(B) All
(C) Because all
(D) They are all

5. Not _____ anywhere in the thirteen colonies before the American Revolution.

(A) a single bank
(B) a bank existed single
(C) existed a single bank
(D) a single bank existed

6. _____ mosquito bites a human being or other animal suffering from a certain disease, it carries off the disease germs in its saliva.

(A) A
(B) Should a
(C) Whenever a
(D) That a

7. _____ in 1607, Jamestown in Virginia was the first settlement in the New World.

(A) Founded
(B) It was founded
(C) Founding
(D) To be found

8. Both the lantern fish and the deep sea angler _____ a luminous gland system in their bodies.

(A) they have
(B) have
(C) had
(D) having

9. An effective paragraph must _____ be unified and ordered but also complete.

(A) in addition
(B) either
(C) not only
(D) as well

10. _____ the Mormons fled from Illinois in 1846.

(A) Their religious beliefs made
(B) Their religious beliefs because
(C) Because their beliefs, religious
(D) Because of their religious beliefs

11. Aristotle, _____ the greatest of the Greek philosophers, wrote extensively about physics and other sciences.

(A) one of
(B) he is one of
(C) of
(D) it is he one of

12. Exactly _____ we can replace our soil disappearing through erosion is not known.

(A) what
(B) how
(C) if
(D) by which

13. _____ varieties of potato that produce three-quarters of the U.S. potato crop.

(A) There are four
(B) They are four
(C) Four of the
(D) Of the four

14. Henry Ford, _____, was an outstanding innovator.

(A) he founded the Ford Motor Company
(B) founded the Ford Motor Company
(C) who founded the Ford Motor Company
(D) the Ford Motor Company founded

15. Pheasants spend most of their time on the ground, _____ many species perch in trees at night.

(A) as well as
(B) in spite of
(C) because
(D) although

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The rest of the items in this section consist of sentences in which four words or phrases have been underlined. You must identify the **one** underlined expression—(A), (B), (C), or (D)—that must be changed in order to correct the sentence.

EXAMPLE 1

Navajo Indians are far more numerous today as they were in the past.

A

B

C

D

The sentence should read, "Navajo Indians are far more numerous today than they were in the past." You should therefore choose answer (C).

Though it is one of the rarest metals, gold was one of the first to be discovered.

A

B

C

D

The sentence should read, "Though it is one of the rarest metals, gold was one of the first to be discovered." You should therefore choose answer (D).

Though it is one of the rarest metals, gold was one of the first to be discovered.

A

B

C

D

The sentence should read, "Though it is one of the rarest metals, gold was one of the first to be discovered." You should therefore choose answer (D).

16. Wind erodes the land by picking up grains of sand and hurling it against rocks.
17. The Kodak was the first camera designed specifically for both mass production or amateur use.
18. Phlebitis, an inflammation of a vein, can develop in any part of the body, but it most commonly occurs in their legs.
19. Certain bacteria can capture light energy and uses it to make food.

20. During the 1850s and 1860s many people began to experiment with the
A B C
artist possibilities of photography.
D

21. Aristotle believed that the mind or soul, who the Greeks called psyche,
A B
was separate from the body.
C D

22. The earth is the only planet with a large number of oxygen in its
A B C D
atmosphere.

23. The exciting, naturally, free movement of modern dance began with
A B C D
Isadora Duncan.

24. Albany, a city on the Hudson River, was the capital of New York State
A B C D
since 1797.

25. Birds have a poor sense of smell but very good hearings and eyesight.
A B C D

26. Placebos look like real drugs, but most consist only in sugar or a salt
A B C D
solution.

27. The Pueblo Indians have traditionally live in stone or adobe structures
A B C
that resemble apartment buildings.
D

28. Fabrics woven from plastic fibers feel soft, but the fibers are make from
A B C
hard plastics.
D

29. In about 1960, chemists have developed synthetic pheromones that are
A B C
used to control insect pests.
D

30. The spinal cord is the main pathway for messages traveling between the
A B C
brain to the rest of the body.
D

31. After Yellowstone National Park was set up in 1871 as the first National Park, another national parks have been established throughout the world.

32. Nearly all chemical agents are harmful to living tissue if enough of them is taken.

33. In 1875, the American philosopher William James founded what was probable the world's first psychology laboratory.

34. Few natural prairie regions remain in the world because of most of them have been turned into farms or grazing land.

35. Most species of pigeons live in flocks, and many of the flocks consist more than one species.

36. Astronomers do not think are there any planets in the solar system beyond Pluto.

37. When an enemy scares a porcupine fish, it enters a hole in a rock and to fill its stomach with water to make its spines stick out.

38. Robert Frost was not well known as a poet until he reached the forties.

39. Mushrooms get their food by to cause vegetable matter to decay.

40. The pharynx plays an important significant role in speech, especially in the production of vowel sounds.