

Exercises on Noun Clauses

From the four words or phrases (A), (B), (C), or (D), choose the one that best completes the sentence.

1. Astronomers studied the 1987 Supernova to learn _____ when a star explodes.
 (A) what happens
 (B) that happens
 (C) that is happen
 (D) what does happen
2. Despite recent attempts to prove _____ did indeed reach the North Pole in 1909, the evidence still remains questionable.
 (A) what Robert Peary
 (B) that Robert Peary
 (C) Robert Peary, who
 (D) Robert Peary was
3. Around 1789, Antoine Lavoisier was the first person to demonstrate _____ all kinds of burning involve the addition of oxygen.
 (A) if
 (B) what
 (C) that
 (D) so that
4. Where _____ is the commonest form of color-blindness.
 (A) are the red and green not easily distinguished
 (B) they are not easily distinguished red and green
 (C) are not easily distinguished red and green
 (D) red and green are not easily distinguished
5. It has been estimated _____ milligram of skin scales have over half a million bacteria.
 (A) that a
 (B) how a
 (C) a
 (D) to be a
6. It is only in the last 200 years _____ have begun climbing mountains.
 (A) because people
 (B) that people
 (C) people
 (D) as people
7. _____ of smell might, without our realizing it, affect who we choose as friends has been suggested.
 (A) That our sense
 (B) Sense
 (C) For our sense
 (D) Because our sense
8. From the existence of radio waves, most scientists were convinced _____ really happened.
 (A) the Big Bang was
 (B) it was the Big Bang
 (C) how the Big Bang
 (D) that the Big Bang

9. Samples of rock showed _____ 4600 million years old.
(A) that the moon is
(B) how is the moon
(C) when is the moon
(D) to be the moon
10. _____ was lowered to the sea bed in a glass container to make observations is debated.
(A) Alexander the Great who
(B) Whether Alexander the Great
(C) Alexander the Great
(D) What Alexander the Great
11. _____ so incredible is that it can grow 385 miles of roots in four months, or about 3 miles in a day.
(A) That makes the rye plant
(B) What makes the rye plant
(C) The rye plant
(D) The rye plant which was
12. Science fiction writers believe _____ in the future, with new material and greater knowledge, their vision will become reality.
(A) that they
(B) they
(C) that
(D) they will