

## Exercises on Noun Clauses

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

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