

to the other clause. (D) looks like a subordinate clause but does not have a verb.

**Example:** \_\_\_\_\_ realistic painting or sculpture, emotion is expressed mainly through people's poses and expression.

- (A) In a
- (B) It is in a
- (C) As
- (D) A

The best answer is (A). (B) is a clause but there is no connector joining it to the other clause. (C) looks like a clause but does not have a verb. (D) is not correct as there is no connector joining it to the rest of the sentence.

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### EXERCISES ON PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

**From the four words or phrases, choose the one that best completes the sentence.**

1. Camels store water \_\_\_\_\_ of fat in their humps.
  - (A) with the form
  - (B) in the form
  - (C) by the form
  - (D) form
2. Tears contain an antiseptic that helps protect our eyes \_\_\_\_\_ infection.
  - (A) from bacterial
  - (B) in bacterial
  - (C) bacterial
  - (D) with bacterial
3. So far only two other of our neighboring planets \_\_\_\_\_ the solar system have been visited by unmanned spacecraft.
  - (A) by
  - (B) that they are in
  - (C) in
  - (D) they are by

4. Many tropical orchids grow \_\_\_\_\_ branches of trees and have aerial roots that absorb water from the moist air around them.

(A) of the  
(B) the  
(C) they are in the  
(D) in the

5. \_\_\_\_\_ compact disc, sound is stored as digital information in tiny pits on the surface.

(A) On a  
(B) A  
(C) It is on a  
(D) Of a

6. Giraffes sleep only \_\_\_\_\_ an hour at a time and often do not sleep at all during twenty-four hours.

(A) by  
(B) for  
(C) in  
(D) during

7. \_\_\_\_\_ were invented, patients had to be held down by force during painful operations.

(A) As anesthetics  
(B) Because anesthetics  
(C) Before anesthetics  
(D) Anesthetics

8. The surface of a cactus is coated \_\_\_\_\_ waxy layer that prevents water from evaporating from the plant.

(A) it is a  
(B) a  
(C) by a  
(D) with a

9. \_\_\_\_\_ eighteenth century, people began to realize that certain chemicals are affected and changed by light.

(A) By the  
(B) The  
(C) It was the  
(D) That in the

10. In addition to their homes, the Pomo Indians of California built dance houses \_\_\_\_\_ religious ceremonies.

(A) of  
(B) for  
(C) in which  
(D) were for

11. The wood of many pine species makes excellent pulp \_\_\_\_\_ manufacture of paper.

(A) in  
(B) to  
(C) for the  
(D) the

12. The photos of the American Civil War made by Matthew Brady and his assistants rank \_\_\_\_\_ finest war pictures of all time.

(A) the  
(B) in the  
(C) between the  
(D) among the