

PRETEST. Name: _____ Date: _____

STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION.

Directions:

Select the word or phrase that best completes the sentence and circle **a**, **b**, **c** or **d**.

1. None of the clocks in the old section of *the city* work anymore, but they _____ perfectly.
A. were used to work B. were used to working
C. use to work D. used to work

2. Some waterspouts _____ begin over the water and, with great speed move towards the shore.
A. alike some hurricanes B. like some hurricanes
C. are like some hurricanes D. which they are like some hurricanes

3. In the zoo there was _____.
A. a hundred-years-old elephant B. hundred-year-old elephant
C. a hundred-years-aged elephant D. a hundred-year-old elephant

4. The governor has repeatedly stated that, before he leaves the office, he _____ balance the budget.
A. would like B. had wanted
C. would like to D. likes to

5. Behavioral scientists say that it is essential that an infant _____ loving attention.
A. be given B. is given C. should be given D. receives

6. The microphone went dead while the narrator _____ the cast.
A. was introduced B. was introducing C. has been introducing D. had introduced

7. _____, the students placed their pencils on their desks and left the room.
A. Being finished the test B. All the test being over
C. Before the bell's ringing D. Having completed the test

8. In the morning the streets were flooded. There _____ a cloudburst during the night.
A. must have been B. has been C. must be D. must to be

9. Although the city is small, its library is as complete _____.
A. B. C. D.

A. as a large city B. like a large city C. as that of a large city D. like larger cities.

10. The transportation director favors repairing existing highway systems _____ new highways.

A. rather than to build B. instead of to build
C. instead to build D. rather than building

11. Before Matisse, the famous French artist, _____ his own style of painting, he had painted in the classical style.

A. developed B. had developed C. was develop D. will have developed

12. Daniel Webster, _____ for his brilliant oratory, made his most famous speech in the Senate in 1830.

A. who was knowing B. known C. was known D. having known

13. Can you tell me _____?

A. who Babe Ruth was B. who was Babe Ruth
C. whom Babe Ruth was D. whom was Babe Ruth

14. North America produces a great deal more wheat _____.

A. as South America B. than does South America
C. like South America does D. than like South America

15. Most doctors agree that exercise improves the circulation of the blood. _____, there are doctors who believe that excessive exercise may do some damage.

A. On the contrary B. Otherwise C. On the other hand D. Therefore

Part II. In questions 16-40 select the underlined word or phrase that is not acceptable in standard in written English by circling it.

16. Nobody had the opportunity during the course of several meetings to express their
A B

opinion on the subject of increased taxes.
C D

17. Some art connoisseurs have remarked that Picasso was more versatile than any artist.
A B C D

18. Rarely are animals products, such as meat, milk, or eggs, sold directly to the consumer.
A B C D

19. The traffic's noise is becoming a problem to the Smiths, accustomed as they are
A B C D
to the peacefulness of country life.

20. The article stating the state Supreme Court had overturned the decision made
A B C
by the lower court on the issue of high-rise construction.
D

21. The winner had indeed demonstrated remarkable reserves of energy, which
A
was apparently available to him at the crucial time.
B C D

22. A diamond, used not only in jewelry but in industrial cutting devices, is one of
A B C
nature's hardest substances.
D

23. In a corporation it is usual the chairman who presides over meetings.
A B C D

24. Having worked with the elderly for several years, Mrs. Jones knows how important it is
A B C
to behave kindly and with thoughtfulness towards them.
D

25. The photosynthesis process, which plants absorb carbon dioxide and release
A B
oxygen, is just the opposite of that of man.
C D

26. Although Ponce de Leon didn't find the "Fountain of Youth" which he had sought
A
but he did discover a beautiful area of land named Florida.
B C D

27. Those who shop regularly for food and clothing generally they are aware of
A B C D
quality and prices.

28. It was King Louis XIV who had the magnificent Palace of Versailles build.
A

However, the cost was so great that the people of France were angered.
B C D

29. The people of Pakistan, which land is quite mountainous, are nevertheless primarily farmers.
A B C D

30. Much of the forest, along with the farmland, near the Mount Saint Helens volcano,
A B

appears to be destroyed at the time of the eruption.
C D

31. Of the two suspension bridges in Northern California, the Bay Bridge, not the Golden Gate Bridge,
A B
is the largest.
C D

32. The man avoided, by turning suddenly into a driveway, to hit the child riding a
A B C
tricycle across the street.
D

33. The inventor found himself laying awake at night in an effort to understand the
A B C D
the error in his design.

34. Naturally, one would not suspect that people like ourselves would neglect to vote in an election.
A B C D

35. Vaslav Nijinsky was the Polish ballet dancer leaped remarkable heights into the air.
A B C D

36. Predicting a shortage of young workers in the near future, unemployment and low wages
A B C
are expected to decrease, researchers say.
D

37. The reason that the building industry declined was because the interest rate on loans was so high.
A B C D

38. Children should be given immunizing injections in order to prevent them catching
A B C
some of the serious diseases.
D

39. If Keats didn't die at the young age of 26, he might have become England's greatest lyric poet.
A B C D

40. We found the food in the Thai restaurant to be quite different than that in the Vietnamese restaurant.
A B C D