

## FRAGMENTS

### I. Pick the correct options

1. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? The grass, which was very long because nobody had cut it for a few weeks.
- ? Because the grass hadn't been cut in a long time.
- ? Before cutting the grass.
- ? Cut the grass.

2. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? And as for myself.
- ? For example, delivering letters or parcels, which used to be a solely male profession.
- ? More and women are choosing engineering as a career.
- ? As soon as she leaves the office today.

3. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? The watch your parents gave you for your birthday.
- ? For example, coffee shops.
- ? The people that you met last weekend at the barbeque.
- ? He is one.

4. Choose the independent clause.

- ? Because getting a good education is necessary in order to lead a productive and rewarding life in an industrialized society.
- ? A good education from a reputable institute, be it a university, college or trade school.
- ? The importance of education in today's industrialized society.
- ? Education is important.

5. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? I will when you are ready.
- ? For example, online dating.
- ? Many years ago, medical training for instance.
- ? Among all the reasons for choosing to date online, the most important.

6. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? The award which he received.
- ? Because he was not expecting the award.
- ? Being a complete surprise.
- ? The award was a complete surprise.

7. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? Seasons such as spring and summer.
- ? They are.
- ? After you have finished your homework.
- ? Later in the year when the weather has improved.

8. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? Rain is expected through the night.
- ? Because the weather was so bad.
- ? The weather, which everyone had expected to be bad.
- ? Heavy rain throughout the night which will turn into showers tomorrow afternoon.

9. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? If the washing machine and dryer that we bought are delivered on Thursday.
- ? Living abroad changes people.
- ? Life, and being free to pursue one's goals.
- ? Arriving on time.

10. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? Which, as many people know, can be a frustrating experience.
- ? If you won't, I will.
- ? At least two or three times a week.
- ? Anyone wishing to improve his or her English writing skills.

11. Choose the complete sentence.

- ? Any sort of clothing that people use in cold weather.
- ? Dogs, cats and other popular family pets.

? He is one and she is another.

? Anyone who rides a bicycle to school or work.

12. Choose the complete sentence.

? Which, as you know, is illegal.

? For it is very convenient.

? That isn't the reason.

? Because we need one as soon as possible.

13. Choose the complete sentence.

? As long as we find what we are looking for at reasonable prices.

? Before my wife and I met.

? Every morning, as soon as I get out of bed.

? As soon as I have finished, I'll call you.

**II. Determine which of the following word groups are sentence fragments and which are complete sentences.**

• If the group of words is a complete sentence, write **S**.

• If the group of words is a fragment, write **F**.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Antarctica has the highest average elevation of the seven continents.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. No native people on Antarctica.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Because it is too cold.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Although scientists and other workers live in Antarctica for about a year at a time.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. These people there to study many things.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Examine the ozone layer, sleep patterns, and fish survival in subzero temperatures.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Ninety-five percent of Antarctica covered with ice.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Antarctica approximately 70 percent of the world's fresh water in its ice.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Even though Antarctica is covered in ice and snow, it can be considered a desert.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. A desert an area that gets very little precipitation.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Antarctica receives only two inches of rain each year.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Also has very high winds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Sometimes winds as high as 200 miles per hour.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Many animals in the ocean around Antarctica.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Include whales and seals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. One type of bird found on Antarctica is the penguin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Antarctica so isolated that its snow and ice are very pure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The continent is far away from pollution.

**III. Revise these fragments so that they have a complete meaning and correct grammatical rules.**

- 1. when he walked into the supermarket \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. people who exercise daily \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. the dog chewing on the bone \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. the flamingo near the lake \_\_\_\_\_