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**Directions**

Items in the first part of this section are incomplete sentences. Under each of these sentences, there are four words or phrases. You will choose the **one** word or phrase—(A), (B), (C), or (D)—that best completes the sentence.

## EXAMPLE I

Reflexes _____ very valuable in protecting the body against harm.

(A) that are
(B) being
(C) are
(D) are being

The sentence should read, "Reflexes are very valuable in protecting the body against harm." You should therefore choose (C).

## EXAMPLE II

Seismographs are used to locate oil, to determine ocean depth, and _____ and measure earthquakes.

(A) detect
(B) to detect
(C) be detecting
(D) are detecting

The sentence should read, "Seismographs are used to locate oil, to determine ocean depth, and to detect and measure earthquakes." You should therefore choose (B).



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1. Dow Jones and Company, _____, computes averages for each trading hour of every business day.
   (A) a financial publishing firm
   (B) is a financial publishing firm
   (C) that is a financial publishing firm
   (D) it is a financial publishing firm

2. _____ pipelines are expensive to build, they are relatively cheap to operate and maintain.
   (A) Because
   (B) That
   (C) Although
   (D) Despite

3. The pulse rate of children is faster _____ healthy adult.
   (A) the average
   (B) than that of the average
   (C) that of the average
   (D) as that of the average

4. During the 1970s, Thomas G. Stockham, Jr., a U.S. electrical engineer, _____ digital recording.
   (A) he developed
   (B) that developed
   (C) that he has developed
   (D) developed

5. In 1850 _____ established one of the first detective agencies in the United States.
   (A) detective Allan Pinkerton
   (B) it was detective Allan Pinkerton
   (C) detective Allan Pinkerton who
   (D) when detective Allan Pinkerton

6. _____, scientists have greatly increased the yield of crops such as corn, rice, and wheat.
   (A) As using the laws of genetics
   (B) Using the laws of genetics
   (C) The laws of genetics
   (D) The laws of genetics are to be used

7. _____, and they are separated from one another by vast distances.
   (A) Being millions of galaxies
   (B) Are millions of galaxies
   (C) Of the millions of galaxies
   (D) There are millions of galaxies

8. In 1776 Thomas Paine's popular and influential pamphlet *Common Sense* _____ the American colonists to declare their independence from English rule.
   (A) urged
   (B) to urge
   (C) to be urged
   (D) that urged

9. Artificial satellites provide data on atmospheric temperatures, solar radiation, and _____ the earth's surface.
   (A) reflect
   (B) reflecting
   (C) the reflection of
   (D) can reflect

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10. The United States leads the world in the production of plastics, _____ about half the total output.
    (A) it supplies
    (B) supplying
    (C) to supply
    (D) supplies

11. _____ affect a person's body has long been known by doctors.
    (A) That emotional disturbances
    (B) Emotional disturbances
    (C) As emotional disturbances
    (D) If emotional disturbances

12. Regarded as one of the greatest physicists, _____.
    (A) the relationship between force and motion was first expressed by Isaac Newton
    (B) the first to express the relationship between force and motion was Isaac Newton
    (C) Isaac Newton was the first to express the relationship between force and motion
    (D) it was Isaac Newton who was the first to express the relationship between force and motion

13. When direct-dial telephones achieved _____ in the 1960s, nationwide faxing became possible.
    (A) used widespread
    (B) were used widespread
    (C) being used widespread
    (D) widespread use

14. Willa Cather, _____ a prominent American writer, grew up in Nebraska during the early farming years.
    (A) who became
    (B) became
    (C) she became
    (D) it is she who became

15. _____ few species that live on the ground, most monkeys live in trees.
    (A) There are
    (B) A
    (C) All but
    (D) Except for a

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**Directions**

The rest of the items in this section consist of sentences in which four words or phrases have been underlined. You must identify the one underlined expression—(A), (B), (C), or (D)—that must be changed in order to correct the sentence.

## EXAMPLE I

Navajo Indians (A) are far (B) more numerous today as (C) they were in (D) the past.

The sentence should read, "Navajo Indians are far more numerous today than they were in the past." You should therefore choose answer (C).

Though (A) it is one of the rarest metals (B), gold was one of the (C) first to be discover (D).

The sentence should read, "Though it is one of the rarest metals, gold was one of the first to be discovered." You should therefore choose answer (D).

16. A (A) Geiger counter is an electronic (B) instrument is used (C) to measure the presence and intensity (D) of radiation.

17. Warning (A) coloration protects a skunk by reminding the (B) animal's enemies of their (C) ability to spray a foul-smelling (D) liquid.

18. Natural gas was probably (A) formed from (B) plants and animals that (C) decayed million (D) of years ago.

19. Three months after they have been laid (A), crocodile (B) eggs are ready (C) hatched (D).

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20. The terrain of Antarctica, near (A) one and a half times (B) as big as (C) the United States, is amazingly (D) varied.

21. Peas require rich (A) soil, constant moistures (B), and a cool growing (C) season to develop well (D).

22. The amount (A) of pectin in (B) a fruit depends (C) the species and ripeness (D).

23. Most (A) pageants are plays of special significant (B) such as a (C) drama portraying (D) the growth of a city or the development of medicine.

24. Joseph Priestley is immortal (A) in the history (B) of chemistry (C) as the discover (D) of oxygen, in 1774.

25. Mosses are useful in (A) nature because of (B) they are among (C) the (D) first plants to grow in barren lands.

26. Dreaming (A) sleep may play a role in (B) restoring the brain's ability to handle such tasks as focused (C) attention, memorize (D), and learning.

27. The most (A) desert animals avoid (B) the extreme midday heat (C) by feeding (D) at night.

28. Although (A) fewer (B) Americans work on farms today, they are too (C) productive that the U.S. is now the world's top (D) food exporter.

29. Seals, turtles, and seabirds can navigate over (A) thousands (B) of miles of open ocean with amazing (C) accurate (D).

30. Most mollusks have a (A) hard shell (B) that (C) is protected (D) their soft bodies.

31. Foods of animal origin generally supply (A) greatest (B) amounts (C) of iron to the (D) diet than do foods of plant origin.

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32. A dolphin locates underwater objects in (A) its (B) path by doing (C) a series of clicking and whistling (D) sounds.

33. In 1829 (A), James Smithson set aside (B) money for creating (C) of the (D) Smithsonian Institute.

34. A (A) pheromone is a chemical substance released by many (B) kinds of animals to communicate with another (C) members of their (D) species.

35. The skin receives nearly (A) the (B) third of the blood pumped out (C) by (D) the heart.

36. Alike (A) most (B) small bats that fly by night, the large flying foxes fly (C) by (D) day.

37. Recognition for (A) Herman Melville did not come (B) until (C) more than thirty years afterward (D) his death in 1891.

38. The Dewey system is (A) widely used by libraries throughout (B) the world; the classification (C) be (D) constantly revised.

39. Ten percent (A) of blood plasma is made up mainly (B) of (C) blood proteins which enable itself (D) to clot.

40. The American frontiersman (A), politician, and soldier Davy Crockett is one of the most popular (B) of (C) American hero (D).

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