

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Identify the Parts of Speech

Choose the answer option that identifies the italicized word or words in the sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. John Stuart Mill was an oldest *son*.
- noun
  - verb
  - adjective
  - pronoun
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. His father was his *only* teacher.
- noun
  - verb
  - adjective
  - pronoun
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. *He* learned Greek before he was eight years old.
- noun
  - verb
  - adjective
  - pronoun
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. "I might not have enough hours *for* practice."
- conjunction
  - preposition
  - adverb
  - interjection

### B. Classifying Sentences

Choose the answer option that identifies the structure of the sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. She fills the cavity with cement, and the cement hardens into the shape of the roots.
- simple
  - compound
  - complex
  - compound-complex
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. They also study the gardens shown in paintings that decorated many houses of Pompeii.
- simple
  - compound
  - complex
  - compound-complex

- \_\_\_ 7. These paintings can suddenly disintegrate if they are exposed to rain, and some have been lost.
- simple
  - compound
  - complex
  - compound-complex
- \_\_\_ 8. This loss saddens Jashemski.
- simple
  - compound
  - complex
  - compound-complex
- \_\_\_ 9. However, the result of all this labor is that the gardens of Pompeii are coming alive again through replantings.
- simple
  - compound
  - complex
  - compound-complex

### C. Identify the Prepositional Phrase

**Choose the answer option that identifies the prepositional phrase or phrases in the sentence.**

- \_\_\_ 10. The tires and gears on his bike were brand-new.
- The tires and gears
  - and gears
  - on his bike
  - were brand-new
- \_\_\_ 11. The owner of the bike shop had given Hector's ten-speed a complete tuneup.
- The owner
  - of the bike shop
  - had given Hector's ten-speed
  - a complete tuneup

### D. Identify the Correct Type of Phrase

**Choose the answer option that identifies the type of phrase that is italicized in each sentence.**

- \_\_\_ 12. That man, *the one with Mr. Hodgkin*, is always happy.
- participial phrase
  - gerund phrase
  - infinitive phrase
  - appositive phrase

- \_\_\_ 13. I like *baking bread* because of its wonderful smell.
- participial phrase
  - gerund phrase
  - infinitive phrase
  - appositive phrase
- \_\_\_ 14. My greatest wish is *to become an artist*.
- participial phrase
  - gerund phrase
  - infinitive phrase
  - appositive phrase
- \_\_\_ 15. *Hoping it wouldn't rain*, we made plans for the picnic.
- participial phrase
  - gerund phrase
  - infinitive phrase
  - appositive phrase

### E. Identifying Independent Clauses and Dependent (Subordinate) Clauses

**Choose the answer option that classifies the italicized clause in each sentence as either an independent clause or a dependent (subordinate) clause.**

- \_\_\_ 16. Irving Berlin, *who immigrated to the United States from Russia*, became a great composer.
- independent clause
  - dependent clause
- \_\_\_ 17. I remembered *that I locked the apartment this morning*.
- independent clause
  - dependent clause
- \_\_\_ 18. *It is an important number system to know* because it is used by computers.
- independent clause
  - dependent clause
- \_\_\_ 19. *Please bring me the pitcher of juice* that is in the refrigerator.
- independent clause
  - dependent clause
- \_\_\_ 20. The concert *that we attended last night* was excellent.
- independent clause
  - dependent clause

### F. Classifying Dependent (Subordinate) Clauses

**Choose the answer option that identifies the kind of dependent (subordinate) clause that is italicized in each sentence.**

- \_\_\_ 21. *Whether Toshio intends to run again for the student senate* is a secret.
- noun clause
  - adjective clause
  - adverb clause

- \_\_\_ 22. Flying squirrels, *which glide rather than flap their arms*, are an impressive sight.
- noun clause
  - adjective clause
  - adverb clause
- \_\_\_ 23. *When Mom goes on an emergency call*, Anjan helps me cook dinner.
- noun clause
  - adjective clause
  - adverb clause
- \_\_\_ 24. I thought *that I should collect wood for a fire*.
- noun clause
  - adjective clause
  - adverb clause

### G. Identify the Correct Subject-Verb and Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

Choose the answer option that best completes the sentence.

- \_\_\_ 25. The least expensive bottles \_\_\_ have famous names on them.
- doesn't
  - don't
- \_\_\_ 26. The committee \_\_\_ reached a decision.
- has
  - have
- \_\_\_ 27. Who \_\_\_ the first settlers in this area?
- was
  - were
- \_\_\_ 28. The frog and the rat \_\_\_ made of carved wood.
- is
  - are
- \_\_\_ 29. Some of the nails \_\_\_ on the bottom shelf.
- is
  - are
- \_\_\_ 30. Neither Luna nor Aretha \_\_\_ in Spanish as well as I do.
- writes
  - write
- \_\_\_ 31. Many a decision \_\_\_ been made in haste.
- has
  - have
- \_\_\_ 32. Paco and Larry have \_\_\_ models on display.
- his
  - their
- \_\_\_ 33. Each of the women raised \_\_\_ hand to vote.
- her
  - their

- \_\_\_ 34. Either he or they \_\_\_\_\_ guilty.  
a. is  
b. are
- \_\_\_ 35. Economics \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting class.  
a. is  
b. are

#### **H. Identify the Correct Pronoun**

**Choose the answer option that identifies the pronoun form that correctly completes each of the following sentences.**

- \_\_\_ 36. Lila sent both Josh and \_\_\_\_\_ an invitation.  
a. I  
b. me
- \_\_\_ 37. \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese eat fish at many meals.  
a. We  
b. Us
- \_\_\_ 38. He saw \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the game.  
a. she, I  
b. her, me
- \_\_\_ 39. Shantala was depending upon Harun and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. they  
b. them
- \_\_\_ 40. Mrs. Daly handed \_\_\_\_\_ guests warm napkins.  
a. our  
b. ours
- \_\_\_ 41. Shannon explained \_\_\_\_\_ wove each rug.  
a. who  
b. whom

#### **I. Identify the Correct Usage of the Word**

**Choose the answer option that identifies the correct word or words to complete each of the following sentences.**

- \_\_\_ 42. My mother has \_\_\_\_\_ the bricks down in a circular pattern.  
a. lain  
b. laid
- \_\_\_ 43. The whole family has \_\_\_\_\_ early so we can go to the silver fair in Taxco.  
a. risen  
b. raised

- \_\_\_ 44. Hakeem spent \_\_\_\_\_ money at the market because he clipped coupons.
- fewer
  - less
- \_\_\_ 45. My aunt Lucy walks a long \_\_\_\_\_ from her apartment to work.
- ways
  - way
- \_\_\_ 46. Exercising has a positive \_\_\_\_\_ on my energy level.
- affect
  - effect

### J. Identify the Correct Capitalization

**Choose the sentence in which all words are correctly capitalized.**

- \_\_\_ 47. *Choose the answer option that is correctly capitalized.*
- My Grandmother is taking me to hear it next month.
  - My grandmother is taking me to hear it next month.
  - my grandmother is taking me to hear it next month.
- \_\_\_ 48. *Choose the answer option that is correctly capitalized.*
- She tried to persuade the Conductor of the orchestra to perform *The Barber of Seville*.
  - She tried to persuade the conductor of the orchestra to perform *The Barber of Seville*.
  - she tried to persuade the conductor of the orchestra to perform *The barber of Seville*.
- \_\_\_ 49. *Choose the answer option that is correctly capitalized.*
- I read about that opera in *Stories Of The Operas*.
  - I read about that opera in *Stories of the Operas*.
  - I read about that Opera in *Stories of the Operas*.
- \_\_\_ 50. *Choose the answer option that is correctly capitalized.*
- According to Grandmother, the conductor, dr. park, was determined to perform another work, *Nixon in China*, and he wouldn't budge.
  - According to Grandmother, the Conductor, Dr. Park, was determined to perform another work, *Nixon in China*, and he wouldn't budge.
  - According to Grandmother, the conductor, Dr. Park, was determined to perform another work, *Nixon in China*, and he wouldn't budge.

### K. Identify the Correct Use of Apostrophes, Quotation Marks, End Marks and Italics

**Read each pair of items, and identify the item that is correctly punctuated.**

- \_\_\_ 51. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- the article "Yesterday is Gone"
  - the article *Yesterday is Gone*
- \_\_\_ 52. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- the book "Starting Out"
  - the book *Starting Out*

- \_\_\_ 53. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- Who said, “You may?”
  - Who said, “You may”?
- \_\_\_ 54. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- “Ouch” she said!
  - “Ouch!” she said.

### L. Identify the Correct Use of Punctuation

**Read each sentence, and decide which answer option is punctuated correctly with commas, semicolons, and colons.**

- \_\_\_ 55. My brother was accepted at Troy State University his first choice
- My brother was accepted at Troy State University, his first choice.
  - My brother was accepted at Troy State University: his first choice
  - My brother was accepted at Troy State University, his first choice
- \_\_\_ 56. There were many layoffs in the following industries transportation manufacturing and real estate
- There were many layoffs in the following industries, transportation, manufacturing, and real estate.
  - There were many layoffs in the following industries: transportation manufacturing, and real estate.
  - There were many layoffs in the following industries: transportation, manufacturing, and real estate.
- \_\_\_ 57. Yes I brought pencil and paper and a calculator and a ruler
- Yes I brought pencil and paper and a calculator and a ruler.
  - Yes, I brought pencil and paper and a calculator and a ruler.
  - Yes I brought pencil, and paper, and a calculator, and a ruler.
- \_\_\_ 58. Harold will conduct the interviews Francine will meet the managers and Charles will guide the plant tour
- Harold will conduct the interviews, Francine will meet the managers, and Charles will guide the plant tour.
  - Harold will conduct the interviews, Francine will meet the managers and Charles will guide the plant tour.
  - Harold will conduct the interviews, Francine will meet the managers and, Charles will guide the plant tour.
- \_\_\_ 59. Her low soft whisper could not be heard in the big noisy room
- Her low soft whisper could not be heard in the big, noisy room
  - Her low, soft whisper could not be heard in the big, noisy room.
  - Her low, soft, whisper could not be heard in the big, noisy, room.
- \_\_\_ 60. The Tlingit wore a mask of which this is a reproduction only during special ceremonies
- The Tlingit wore a mask, of which this is a reproduction, only during special ceremonies.
  - The Tlingit wore a mask of which this is a reproduction, only during special ceremonies.
  - The Tlingit, wore a mask of which this is a reproduction, only during special ceremonies.

- \_\_\_ 61. Please try to arrive before dark otherwise call ahead
- Please try to arrive before dark; otherwise call ahead.
  - Please try to arrive before dark; otherwise, call ahead.
  - Please try to arrive before dark, otherwise, call ahead.

### **M. Identify the Correct Use of Contractions and the Possessive**

**Read each pair of items, and identify the item that is correctly punctuated.**

- \_\_\_ 62. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- their song
  - they're song
- \_\_\_ 63. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- Its a sunny day!
  - It's a sunny day!
- \_\_\_ 64. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- the childrens' toys
  - the children's toys
- \_\_\_ 65. Choose the answer option that is correctly punctuated.
- Your welcome.
  - You're welcome.

### **N. Identifying Fragments and Run-ons**

**Choose the answer option that correctly identifies the sentence as a fragment, run-on or complete sentence.**

- \_\_\_ 66. Even though I was tired
- Fragment
  - Run-on
  - Complete Sentence
- \_\_\_ 67. He asked for a raise she got it.
- Fragment
  - Run-on
  - Complete Sentence
- \_\_\_ 68. She is a good mother she pays attention to her children
- Fragment
  - Run-on
  - Complete Sentence
- \_\_\_ 69. When Alex calls.
- Fragment
  - Run-on
  - Complete Sentence
- \_\_\_ 70. He laughed.
- Fragment
  - Run-on
  - Complete Sentence



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Answer Section****MULTIPLE CHOICE**

1. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
2. ANS: C                   PTS: 1
3. ANS: D                   PTS: 1
4. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
5. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
6. ANS: C                   PTS: 1
7. ANS: D                   PTS: 1
8. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
9. ANS: C                   PTS: 1
10. ANS: C                   PTS: 1
11. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
12. ANS: D                   PTS: 1
13. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
14. ANS: C                   PTS: 1
15. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
16. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
17. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
18. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
19. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
20. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
21. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
22. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
23. ANS: C                   PTS: 1
24. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
25. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
26. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
27. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
28. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
29. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
30. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
31. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
32. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
33. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
34. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
35. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
36. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
37. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
38. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
39. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
40. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
41. ANS: A                   PTS: 1
42. ANS: B                   PTS: 1
43. ANS: A                   PTS: 1

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| 44. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 45. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 46. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 47. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 48. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 49. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 50. | ANS: C | PTS: 1 |
| 51. | ANS: A | PTS: 1 |
| 52. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 53. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 54. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 55. | ANS: A | PTS: 1 |
| 56. | ANS: C | PTS: 1 |
| 57. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 58. | ANS: A | PTS: 1 |
| 59. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 60. | ANS: A | PTS: 1 |
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| 62. | ANS: A | PTS: 1 |
| 63. | ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
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| 70. | ANS: C | PTS: 1 |