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This test has thirty questions. Read each passage/story and choose the best answer for each question. Fill in the circle in the spaces provided for questions 1 through 30 on your answer sheet.

1. What is the predicate in the sentence below?

Bitterly disappointed, the twins sobbed and wailed.

- A. sobbed
- B. disappointed
- C. wailed
- D. sobbed and wailed

2. Which sentence in the following paragraph is a run-on sentence?

¹Is popcorn a healthful snack? ²It depends on how you season it. ³Air-popped popcorn is fat-free, popcorn loaded with butter is obviously not. ⁴You can buy a popcorn air-popper for not very much money. ⁵Then you can have popcorn at home, without guilt.

- A. sentence 2
 - B. sentence 3
 - C. sentence 4
 - D. sentence 5
3. Brett wants to know how farmers get permission to label their fruits and vegetables as "organic" when their produce goes to market. His teacher suggested looking for information on Web sites posted by the United States Department of Agriculture, also known as USDA. Which key

words should he enter in the search box of his browser?

- A. bananas oranges apples grocery store
- B. usda farmers
- C. organic fruits vegetables usda department of agriculture
- D. fruits vegetables farmers united states department organic

4. Mariel has read a book about the unique language of whales, and she is giving a talk to her class. Which source could Mariel use to demonstrate what whale language sounds like?

- A. a pamphlet on endangered whale species
- B. a passage about whales from a zoology encyclopedia
- C. a picture book of whales
- D. a CD of whale "singing"

5. Which word is used as a modifier in the sentence below?

Matt missed the movie because the bus had a minor accident.

- A. minor
- B. missed
- C. because
- D. accident

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6. What correction should be made in this sentence?

Maria, our school's basketball star, easy lobbed the ball through the hoop.

- A. change *school's* to *schools'*
- B. change *easy* to *easily*
- C. change *lobbed* to *lobed*
- D. change *basketball* to *basket ball*

7. Suppose you combine the following two sentences into one compound sentence. What will the resulting sentence be?

Green is my favorite color.
Purple is my least favorite color.

- A. While green is my favorite color, purple is my least favorite color.
- B. Green is a better color than purple.
- C. Green is my favorite color, but purple is my least favorite color.
- D. Green is my favorite color, or purple is my least favorite color.

8. In a research paper, what information does the bibliography provide?

- A. list of sources used to write the paper
- B. additional content not included in the main body of the paper

- C. the author's personal comments on the topic
- D. definition of terms

9. Which sentence does NOT contain a prepositional phrase?

- A. Outdone by her rivals, Tana accepted the loss with good humor.
- B. Mick tightened his stance, lowered his head, and shot down the luge track.
- C. Members of the winning team filed onto the stage for the awards ceremony.
- D. Dee gripped her tennis racket tightly as she faced her opponent.

10. Which word or phrase marks a logical transition in the paragraph below?

The Arts and Crafts style of design of the early 1900s emphasizes traditional hand-crafted work that reveals the "bones" of structures. It can be truly said that "form follows function." By contrast, the Art Deco style of the 1930s expresses a sleekness derived from the rapid movement of trains, cars, and airplanes. These technological wonders are far removed from the workshop of the carpenter.

- A. truly
- B. By contrast
- C. derived from
- D. far removed

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11. Diagnose what is wrong with this sentence.

The naturalists explored the swamp wearing high protective boots.

- A. The phrase *wearing high protective boots* seems to modify *swamp*.
- B. The sentence structure is not parallel.
- C. The subject and predicate do not agree in number.
- D. The verb is intransitive and thus should not take a direct object.

12. In a research paper about knee-replacement surgery, which type of graphic would be most helpful to readers?

- A. a map
- B. a photograph of someone's knee
- C. a drawing showing where inside the knee the artificial parts are implanted
- D. a chart listing all the working parts of the knee and their scientific names

13. Which sentence contains a punctuation error?

- A. "You have been a great help," she observed.

- B. "I apologize to my constituents," said the politician, "for my behavior."
- C. "May I help you" asked the store clerk.
- D. Zak asked, "What should we study for Friday's quiz?"

14. Which sentence provides the clearest, most complete account of the event?

- A. People gathered on Wye Street to see what was going on.
- B. On Monday evening, TV Channel 7 reported a water main break.
- C. Water gushed from a water main on Wye Street around noon Monday.
- D. A water main broke on Wye Street at noon Monday, releasing 100 gallons.

15. Which pronoun correctly replaces the underlined words in the sentence below?

The teacher asked me to give Treesa and Hussein some paper.

- A. their
- B. them
- C. her
- D. him

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16. What is the subject of the following sentence?

Please find your desk and sit down.

- A. down
 - B. your
 - C. desk
 - D. you (understood)
17. How could the following sentence be revised to make the structure parallel?

The painters set up their scaffold and were hauling up their paint cans and rollers.

- A. The painters set up their scaffold and hauled up their paint cans and rollers.
 - B. The painters were setting up their scaffold and hauled their paint cans and rollers.
 - C. The painters setting up their scaffold and hauling up their paint cans and rollers.
 - D. The painters set up their scaffold and did haul up their paint cans and rollers.
18. Which sentence is a compound sentence?
- A. While camping in Yellowstone, Ari and Kit saw several bears.
 - B. Ari and Kit went on a camping trip and saw several bears.

- C. Ari and Kit don't like camping, but at least they saw bears on their trip.
- D. After returning home, Ari and Kit reported that they saw several bears.

19. In the sentence below, what change should be made to correct the capitalization error?

The Jackson family and the Lopez family visited the Supreme court of the United States in Washington, D.C.

- A. Capitalize *family* both times.
 - B. Change *D.C.* to lowercase *d.c.*
 - C. Change the *S* in *Supreme* to lowercase *s*.
 - D. Capitalize the *c* in *court*.
20. Which words are the simple subject and the simple predicate of the sentence below?

The pyramids of Giza, in Egypt, are the greatest testimony to engineering in the ancient world.

- A. pyramids, engineering
- B. pyramids, are
- C. Egypt, engineering
- D. testimony, engineering

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21. Suppose you are assigned a research paper on the early history of your city, and your teacher asks you to include at least one primary source in your research. Which source would satisfy this requirement?
- A. a book about Native American culture before Europeans arrived in the Americas
 - B. an encyclopedia article about your state
 - C. a photocopy of a treaty between city founders and Native American tribal leaders
 - D. your city's Web page

22. In the following sentence, which noun does the underlined pronoun replace?

The pioneers, rugged specimens of humanity, drove their wagons and cattle steadily westward.

- A. wagons
 - B. specimens
 - C. humanity
 - D. pioneers
23. Read the following sentence. Suppose you intend to replace the underlined phrase with one of the phrases below. Which change would most strongly enhance the description of the scene?

Awestruck, we viewed the big ocean from the cliff

- A. large ocean
 - B. vast sweep of ocean
 - C. sizeable ocean
 - D. really big ocean
24. Which sentence below contains a punctuation error?
- A. The frog croaked, and plopped into the water.
 - B. Do frogs eat crickets as well as flies?
 - C. The frog croaked, and the cricket chirped.
 - D. The frog croaked, snapped a fly, and plopped into the water.
25. What revision needs to be made in the chart?

Vitamin Power in Fruits and Vegetables

Fruit or Vegetable	Vitamin Content
apple	A, C
banana	A, C
carrot	A
chicken	B ₁₂
dried beans	B ₁
orange	C

- A. Change the title.
- B. Capitalize the first letter of all the fruits and vegetables.
- C. Reverse the position of the columns.
- D. Delete the entry for "chicken."

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26. In which sentence is a pronoun used incorrectly?

- A. I like the shirt, but its sleeves are too long.
- B. Its rudder broken, the boat wallowed in the harbor.
- C. The cat pitifully held out its injured paw.
- D. It's time for the club to change it's admissions policy.

27. Which sentence contains a simile?

- A. The birds chattered noisily.
- B. Wet rocks on the beach gleamed like mirrors.
- C. Hugh hastily stitched the pieces of the quilt together.
- D. The spring flowers danced in the soft breeze.

28. In the following sentence, what word does the clause modify?

While slicing the bread, Nina cut her finger deeply and painfully.

- A. Nina
- B. finger
- C. cut
- D. her

29. What is the writer's purpose?

Have you been missing it? "What?" you ask . . . Why it's the world's greatest breakfast cereal, Crunch'em. Packed full of vitamins, minerals, and energy-boosting ingredients, Crunch'em will launch you into your day like a rocket blasting into space. And you'll love the crunchy, fruity taste of Crunch'em. Look for the bright yellow box on your grocery store shelf.

- A. to entertain
- B. to inform
- C. to persuade
- D. to instruct.

30. Which of the following is NOT a complete sentence?

- A. Before the performance began, and while cast members were running about.
- B. Cast members found their places, and the curtain went up.
- C. Cast members, disorganized a moment before, positioned themselves precisely.
- D. Before the performance began, cast members were running about in all directions.

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