

## Writing Test 41

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(A) ● (C) (D) (E)

1. While working as a nurse in the streets of Calcutta, that was when Mother Teresa developed a profound love for the poor.
  - (A) that was when Mother Teresa developed a profound love for the poor
  - (B) Mother Teresa developed a profound love for the poor
  - (C) then the development of Mother Teresa's profound love for the poor took place
  - (D) Mother Teresa's profound love for the poor developed
  - (E) a profound love for the poor developed in Mother Teresa
2. The legislators agreed to return to their districts and they would hold a series of town meetings on the recently passed tax bills.
  - (A) to return to their districts and they would hold
  - (B) to return to their districts to hold
  - (C) to returning to their districts, thereby holding
  - (D) with returning to their districts for holding of
  - (E) on the return to their districts to the holding
3. Legend has it that medieval Chinese warriors using manned kites to survey enemy troops anticipating modern aerial surveillance.
  - (A) using manned kites to survey enemy troops anticipating
  - (B) using manned kites to survey enemy troops and anticipate
  - (C) using manned kites and surveying enemy troops, they anticipated
  - (D) used manned kites to survey enemy troops, a technique anticipating
  - (E) used manned kites surveying enemy troops, so anticipating techniques of
4. For months, one of the most popular breakfast foods were selling for so little that people thought something was wrong.
  - (A) were selling for so little that people thought something was
  - (B) was selling for so little that people thought something were
  - (C) were selling for so little; so people thought something has gone
  - (D) was selling for so little that people thought something was
  - (E) was selling for very little; so people thought of it as
5. The programmers always talked of having too much to do, but in truth they had a lesser amount of work to do than their colleagues.
  - (A) they had a lesser amount of work to do than
  - (B) their work was the least among
  - (C) they were having less work to do than
  - (D) the amount of work they had to do was the least of
  - (E) they had less work to do than
6. Film audiences in the 1950's saw more musicals than the 1960's and 1970's.
  - (A) than
  - (B) than did
  - (C) than the films of
  - (D) than with the audiences in
  - (E) than did audiences in
7. Unlike American architects who preceded him, Frank Lloyd Wright did not draw on classical or European architecture for inspiration.
  - (A) Unlike American architects who preceded him, Frank Lloyd Wright
  - (B) Unlike the inspiration of American architects who preceded him, Frank Lloyd Wright
  - (C) Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture, unlike American architects who preceded him,
  - (D) Different from the American architects who preceded him, Frank Lloyd Wright's designs
  - (E) Frank Lloyd Wright's inspirations, different from, American architects who preceded him,
8. The revolt against Victorianism was perhaps even more marked in poetry than either fiction or drama.
  - (A) either fiction or drama
  - (B) either fiction or in drama
  - (C) either in fiction or drama
  - (D) in either fiction or drama
  - (E) in either fiction or in drama
9. Because economic hardship is the real source of many other problems is the reason why the revolutionary government attacked inflation first.
  - (A) Because economic hardship is the real source of many other problems is the reason why
  - (B) Because economic hardship is the real source of many other problems,
  - (C) Economic hardship causes many other problems and is the reason for why
  - (D) As a result of economic hardship causing many other problems,
  - (E) The fact that economic hardship is the real source of many other problems is why

10. In Germany, foresters discovered that trees killed by acid rain had begun to die four years earlier, even though the trees had shown no signs of disease then.  
 (A) earlier, even though the trees had shown no signs of disease then  
 (B) earlier, but not showing any signs of disease then  
 (C) earlier, no outward signs of disease had been shown then in the trees, however  
 (D) earlier without any signs of disease shown then  
 (E) earlier, not then having shown any signs of disease, however
11. In the wild, pygmy chimpanzees are found only in an inaccessible region south of the Zaire River, since such is the case, very few are in captivity.  
 (A) since such is the case, very few are in captivity  
 (B) and very few are in captivity because of that  
 (C) no more than a few are in captivity as a result  
 (D) the number in captivity is very few for this reason  
 (E) and so no more than a few are in captivity
12. The new music class, eagerly anticipated by our students, include exercises for developing vocal range and for making musical notation understandable to new musicians. No error
13. The extremely cold weather in the Alps has managed preventing children and parents alike from going out for a day of skiing. No error
14. Implementing new procedures and eliminating outdated ones can be difficult, especially since office workers are used to a routine. No error
15. It is likely that we will be able to purchase concert tickets inexpensive if we order them online. No error
16. Although the train schedule have not yet been posted, we will probably take the one leaving closest to noon. No error
17. Right after those of us who had to catch the bus left for the station, the running back himself scores the winning touchdown. No error
18. Although their research was neither original or current, the doctors received grant money from the university. No error
19. Sister Margaret belongs to of an order of nuns who dedicate their life to helping children in impoverished countries. No error
20. After Rory graduated from college, she spends most of the next five years working towards a graduate degree in computer science. No error
21. In a time that tuition costs are rising alarmingly, tuition itself is often beyond the means of most middle-class families. No error
22. Jonathan asked David and I if we would consider going to the Central Park Zoo on Saturday. No error
23. Something of a history buff, my uncle has a collection of first edition biographies that has been featured in newspaper articles and magazine stories alike. No error
24. In the future, co-op members will be responsible for a self-managed work plan, under which they, rather than salaried workers, figures out the monthly duties. No error

25. Looking to the display of goods for sale, the young  
 A  
 man realized that the store did not carry  
 B  
 everything he was responsible for bringing to the  
 C D  
 office party. No error  
 E
26. The school principal and vice-principal were given  
 A  
 the same vacation week, although she came back a  
 B C  
 few days early to attend a series of seminars on  
 D  
 educational reform. No error  
 E
27. Reaching a weight of up to 100 tons, the great blue  
 A B  
 whale is likely the largest mammal currently in  
 C D  
 existence. No error  
 E
28. Though not all of us are talented as  
a photographer, digital cameras have made the  
 A B  
 taking and printing of photographs into a viable  
 C D  
 hobby. No error  
 E
29. The highly disturbing news of the looming civil  
 A  
 war makes it understandable that the family  
 B  
has become more inclined to leave the country.  
 C D  
No error  
 E

**Questions 30–35 are based on the following passage.**

Dear Senator Simon,

(1) I am writing in support of your bill that, if passed, will be instrumental in getting legislation which will put a warning label on violent television programs. (2) Violence needs to be de-glamorized. (3) One must detest and deplore violence of excess and other such excesses in one's viewing choices.

(4) Unfortunately, violence sells. (5) One of the main reasons is because violent shows are easily translated and marketed to other countries. (6) Network executives have actually requested their script writers to include more violence in certain shows with a steady audience, as well as to create new violent shows for the late evening slot just before the news.

(7) The National Institute of Health did a study. (8) In this study children viewed violent scenes. (9) After this, children are more prone to violent acts. (10) Maybe parents will pay more attention to their children's viewing if this labeling system is enacted. (11) Maybe commercial sponsors will hesitate to sponsor programs that are labeled violent, so these programs will diminish in number and children will have fewer such programs to view.

(12) Yes, I think people need to be aware of violent events happening around the world and within our own country. (13) We need to know what is happening in the Balkans, Somalia, South Africa, as well in Los Angeles riots and the bombings in New York, are just to name two examples. (14) However, these are real events, not glamorizations.

(15) Please keep up your campaign to get rid of excessive violence!

Sincerely,

Sue Chan

30. Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 1 as follows?

I am writing in support of your bill that, if passed, will be instrumental in getting legislation which will put a warning label on violent television programs.

- (A) in order to pass out legislation in order to put
- (B) passing legislation which will require putting
- (C) to pass a law that will legislate putting
- (D) requiring passage of legislation requiring
- (E) for a law requiring

31. In the context of the sentences preceding and following sentence 3, which of the following is the best revision of sentence 3?

- (A) One should agree with me that excessive violence should be detested and deplored.
- (B) I detest and deplore excessive violence.
- (C) You can see that I think wanton violence should be detested and deplored.
- (D) Detesting and deploring wanton violence and other such excesses is how I feel.
- (E) Excessive violence should be detested and deplored.

32. In relation to the passage as a whole, which of the following best describes the writer's intention in paragraph 2?

- (A) To present background information
- (B) To contradict popular opinion
- (C) To provide supporting evidence
- (D) To outline a specific category
- (E) To rouse the emotions of the reader

33. Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 5 as follows?

One of the main reasons is because violent shows are easily translated and marketed to other countries.

- (A) is being that violent shows
- (B) being that violent shows are
- (C) is that violent shows are
- (D) is due to the fact that violent shows seem to be
- (E) comes from violent shows containing violence because

34. Which of the following is the best way to combine sentences 7, 8, and 9?

- (A) After doing a study, the children viewing violent scenes at the national Institute of Health were more prone to violent acts.
- (B) Children viewing violent scenes at the National Institute of Health were more prone to violent acts.
- (C) After viewing violent scenes, children at the National Institute of Health were more prone to doing violent acts themselves.
- (D) The National Institute of Health did a study proving that after viewing violent scenes, children are more prone to violent acts.
- (E) The National Institute of Health did a study proving that children viewing violent scenes are more prone to violent acts.

35. Which of the following would be the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 13?

We need to know what is happening in the Balkans, Somalia, South Africa, as well in Los Angeles riots and the bombings in New York, are just to name two examples.

- (A) as well as in Los Angeles riots, and the bombings in new York just to name two examples.
- (B) as well as, to name two examples, the Los Angeles riots and the bombings in New York.
- (C) as well as riots in Los Angeles and the bombings in New York.
- (D) as well as events such as the riots in Los Angeles and the bombings in New York.
- (E) Best as it is.

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A  B  C  D  E

1. She prefers to write poems which describe the slums and study the habits of the underprivileged.
  - (A) study the habits of the underprivileged
  - (B) study the underprivileged's habits
  - (C) studying the habits of the underprivileged
  - (D) to study the habits of the underprivileged
  - (E) she prefers to study the habits of the underprivileged
2. By studying during weekends, her grades improved surprisingly.
  - (A) By studying during weekends, her grades improved surprisingly.
  - (B) By studying during weekends, she improved her grades surprisingly.
  - (C) She was surprised to find her grades improved after studying during weekends.
  - (D) Her grades, by studying during weekends, improved surprisingly.
  - (E) Surprisingly, by studying during weekends, her grades improved.
3. The streets here are as dirty as any other city, according to recent research studies.
  - (A) as dirty as any other city
  - (B) so dirty as any other city
  - (C) dirty like any other city
  - (D) as dirty as those of any other city
  - (E) as those of any city
4. Betty is buxom, with blue eyes, and has a pleasant manner.
  - (A) with blue eyes, and has a pleasant manner
  - (B) with eyes of blue, and a pleasant manner
  - (C) blue-eyed and pleasant
  - (D) blue eyes as well as pleasant
  - (E) and has blue eyes as well as a pleasant manner
5. Further acquaintance with the memoirs of Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning enables us to appreciate the depth of influence that two people of talent can have on one another.
  - (A) of talent can have on one another
  - (B) of talent can exert on one another
  - (C) with talent can have one for the other
  - (D) of talent can have on each other
  - (E) who are talented can have
6. If you saw the amount of pancakes he consumed at breakfast this morning, you would understand why he is so overweight.
  - (A) If you saw the amount of pancakes he consumed
  - (B) If you would see the amount of pancakes he consumed
  - (C) When you see the amount of pancakes he consumed
  - (D) If you saw the number of pancakes he consumed
  - (E) If you had seen the number of pancakes he consumed
7. The debutante went to the concert with her fiancé wearing a sheer blouse.
  - (A) The debutante went to the concert with her fiancé wearing a sheer blouse
  - (B) The debutante went to the concert, wearing a sheer blouse, with her fiancé
  - (C) The debutante, wearing a sheer blouse, went to the concert with her fiancé
  - (D) With her fiancé, wearing a sheer blouse, the debutante went to the concert
  - (E) To the concert, wearing a sheer blouse, went the debutante with her fiancé

8. Briefly the functions of a military staff are to advise the commander, transmit his instructions, and the supervision of the execution of his decisions.
- (A) and the supervision of the execution of his decisions  
 (B) also the supervision of the execution of his decisions  
 (C) and supervising the execution of his decisions  
 (D) and supervise the execution of his decisions  
 (E) and have supervision of the execution of his decisions
9. The 15-round decision that Frazier was given over Ali was not popular with all of the boxing fans.
- (A) The 15-round decision that Frazier was given over Ali  
 (B) Frazier's 15-round decision over Ali  
 (C) The Frazier 15-round decision over Ali  
 (D) The decision of 15 rounds that Frazier was given over Ali  
 (E) Ali's 15-round decision that Frazier was given over him
10. This test was as hard, if not harder than, the one I took last week.
- (A) This test was as hard  
 (B) This test was so hard  
 (C) This test was as hard as  
 (D) This test was so hard as  
 (E) This was a test as hard
11. We took a plane from JFK Airport which carried few passengers.
- (A) We took a plane from JFK Airport which carried few passengers  
 (B) The plane that was taken by us from JFK Airport carries few passengers  
 (C) The plane we took carried few passengers  
 (D) We took a plane which carried few passengers from JFK Airport  
 (E) The plane which we took from JFK Airport carried few passengers

**Directions:** Each of the following sentences has four underlined words or phrases. Read each sentence and determine which underlined portion, if any, has an error in grammar, usage, word choice, or idiom (standard expression). If there is no error, select choice e—No error. No sentence has more than one error.

12. According to recent statistics, approximately 9,000 people die annual from injuries caused by an accident involving a fall, a number only exceed by deaths and injuries resulting from automobile accidents.

a b c d

No error.  
e

13. One of the best ways to prepare for a career in journalism is to become an informed citizen by reading a variety of newspapers, watching documentaries and televised news programs, and you should read books about world leaders, politics, and grassroots movements. No error.

a b c d e

14. Many travelers use Internet ticket outlet sites and travel agents to find low-priced airline fares, not to realize that the airlines themselves often offer the cheapest tickets. No error.

a b c d e

15. The physical and psychological unrest of the working class was explored often in the plays of Arthur Miller, for who the subject of the American Dream, and its achievability for ordinary Americans, never got stale.

a b c d e

No error.  
e

16 Although it had its beginnings in Buddhism, mindful meditation is practiced around the world by people of many religions, and are shown to be effective for not only stress reduction, but for healing purposes as well. No error.

17 It is an enormous commitment, but every morning the members of the team get up at five and head to the pool to practice swimming. No error.

18 Many people believe that the end justifies the means, so weather their intentions are good or bad is irrelevant—the result is the only thing that matters. No error.

19 The word Gestalt, meaning a configuration that is so unified it can't be considered in terms of parts but only as a whole, come from a school of psychology developed by Max Wertheimer, Wolfgang Kohler, and Kurt Koffka in 1912 Germany. No error.

20 In 1839, Romantic painter and printmaker Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre revealed an invention to the French Academy of Sciences that he called the daguerreotype, which we now know as photography. No error.

21 The pilgrims whose journey is followed in Geoffrey Chaucer's masterpiece *The Canterbury Tales* represent a cross section of 14th-century English life, and told tales that include a variety of medieval genres. No error.

22 Americans get almost one-third of their calories from junk food that offers little nutrition, but plenty of problems, such as obesity, diabetes, and chronic disease. No error.

23 Think twice before sending potentially computer-clogging e-mail attachments such as pictures and videos; if the recipient is low on disk space, or uses a dial-up service to get their e-mail, he or she won't appreciate the gesture. No error.

24 During the nineteenth century, the sport of fly fishing underwent a period of great change as rod designs <sup>a</sup> were improved, plaited silk lines entered in production, and Calcutta bamboo became the rod wood of <sup>b</sup> choice over the previously popular lancewood. No error. <sup>c</sup> <sup>d</sup> <sup>e</sup>

25 The Taj Mahal, a marble monument designed by Shah Jehan as a tributary to his wife, was completed <sup>a</sup> in 1648, and incorporates many of the traditional themes of Islamic architecture, such as onion-shaped <sup>b</sup> domes and flanking towers. No error. <sup>c</sup> <sup>d</sup> <sup>e</sup>

26 Many birdwatchers, or birders as they prefer to be called, keep journals called life lists, in which they <sup>a</sup> formally note birds they have seen and identified, typically beginning with the feathered creatures <sup>b</sup> <sup>c</sup> observed in one's own backyard. No error. <sup>d</sup> <sup>e</sup>

27 Vintage handmade marbles, including mica shooters, a sulfide (in which a small figure is imbedded), <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> <sup>c</sup> and latticinio cores, have seen their values skyrocket as collectors place greater demand on the market. <sup>d</sup> No error. <sup>e</sup>

28 Among debaters, a straw man is not a bird-chaser used in cornfields, but rather a logical fallacy in which <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> one side creates a ridiculous image of the other side and then it is easily attacked it for its ridiculousness. <sup>c</sup> <sup>d</sup> No error. <sup>e</sup>

29 The purpose of the camp is improving the overall physical condition of each camper so <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> his or her performance in any sport is enhanced. No error. <sup>c</sup> <sup>d</sup> <sup>e</sup>



Questions 30–35 are based on the following passage.

(1) There was one simple thing from my recent trip to the Mohave Desert that amazed me. (2) At night, millions of stars were clearly visible in a way they never are at home. (3) When brilliant city lights shine into the sky, they obstruct our view of the galaxy. (4) Scientists have given this phenomenon a name, they call it “light pollution.”

(5) I am concerned about light pollution because I think stargazing is an important intellectual and historical pastime. (6) Looking at the night sky helps us remember that we all inhabit the same planet in space. (7) I have also enjoyed many evenings studying the constellations, like so many humans throughout history, talking with my friends about ancient Greek myths. (8) I hope people will be willing to improve the situation, because light pollution is truly a growing concern.

(9) The Internet lists some excellent solutions to light pollution. (10) For example, individuals can simply turn off lights when they weren’t using them. (11) In some cities, local ordinances require people to install lights that are directed down towards the ground. (12) Lights around malls and used car lots don’t need to light up the whole sky just to advertise their products.

(13) I think that anyone who views the brilliant night sky in a remote rural area will understand my point.

32. In context, what is the best version of sentence 4 (reproduced below)?

*Scientists have given this phenomenon a name, they call it “light pollution.”*

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) Scientists have given this phenomenon a name; they call it “light pollution.”
- (C) Scientists have given this phenomenon a name, because they call it “light pollution.”
- (D) This phenomenon has been given a name by scientists; they call it “light pollution.”
- (E) Scientists naming this phenomenon “light pollution.”

33. Sentence 8 would make the most sense if placed after which sentence?

- (A) sentence 3
- (B) sentence 4
- (C) sentence 9
- (D) sentence 12
- (E) sentence 13

30. The sentence that best states the main idea of the passage is:

- (A) sentence 1
- (B) sentence 3
- (C) sentence 5
- (D) sentence 12
- (E) sentence 13

31. Of the following, which is the best version of sentence 1, (reproduced below)?

*There was one simple thing from my recent trip to the Mohave Desert that amazed me.*

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) It was simply amazing in the Mohave Desert during my recent trip.
- (C) There was one thing from my recent trip to the Mohave Desert that amazed me.
- (D) I recently traveled to the Mohave Desert and was amazed by one simple thing.
- (E) One simple thing from my recent trip to the Mohave Desert that amazed me.

34. In the context, what revision is needed in sentence 10?

- (A) No revision is necessary
- (B) Change “individuals” to “an individual”
- (C) Change “simply” to “simple”
- (D) Change “when” to “if”
- (E) Change “weren’t” to “aren’t”

35. In context, which is the best version of sentence 12 (reproduced below)?

*Lights around malls and used car lots don’t need to light up the whole sky just to advertise their products.*

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) You don’t need to light up the whole sky around malls and used car lots just to advertise their products.
- (C) Advertising the products of malls and used car lots doesn’t require the lighting up of the whole sky.
- (D) Lights around malls and used car lots not needing to light up the whole sky just to advertise their products.
- (E) Mall owners and used car dealers don’t need to light up the whole sky just to advertise their products.

## Writing Test 43

### Directions for Improving Sentences Questions

Each of the sentences below contains one underlined portion. The portion may contain one or more errors in grammar, usage, construction, precision, diction (choice of words), or idiom. Some of the sentences are correct.

Consider the meaning of the original sentence, and choose the answer that best expresses that meaning. If the original sentence is best, choose (A), because it repeats the original phrasing. Choose the phrasing that creates the clearest, most precise, and most effective sentence.

#### EXAMPLE:

The children couldn't hardly believe their eyes.

- (A) couldn't hardly believe their eyes
- (B) would not hardly believe their eyes
- (C) could hardly believe their eyes
- (D) couldn't nearly believe their eyes
- (E) could hardly believe his or her eyes

ANSWER: C

**1** A comprehensive program to protect the environment, often difficult for developing countries to implement because they lack sufficient governmental funds.

- (A) environment, often difficult for developing countries to implement because
- (B) environment, often difficult for developing countries to implement and
- (C) environment is often difficult for developing countries to implement because
- (D) environment, often difficult for developing countries to implement where
- (E) environment is often difficult for developing countries to implement so

**2** The wrestlers, enduring weeks of practice, they were well prepared for their first match.

- (A) The wrestlers, enduring weeks of practice, they
- (B) They, having endured weeks of practice, the wrestlers
- (C) To endure weeks of practice, the wrestlers
- (D) In enduring weeks of practice, the wrestlers
- (E) Having endured weeks of practice, the wrestlers

**3** Driving in light rain can sometimes be as treacherous as that of snow.

- (A) that of
- (B) it is in
- (C) being in
- (D) for
- (E) for that of

**4** Success in medical school requires not only intelligence but also dedication and hard work.

- (A) but also
- (B) it also includes
- (C) one must also have
- (D) and also
- (E) not to mention

**5** The president was committed to stimulating the economy through investment, decreasing the tax burden on corporations, and he wanted to eliminate burdensome regulations.

- (A) he wanted to eliminate burdensome regulations
- (B) the burdensome regulations were to be eliminated
- (C) also to eliminate burdensome regulations
- (D) to eliminate burdensome regulations
- (E) eliminating burdensome regulations

**6** Without even consulting the teachers, the school board implemented their own version of the science curriculum.

- (A) Without even consulting the teachers, the school board implemented their own
- (B) Without even consulting the teachers, the school board implemented its own
- (C) Not even consulting the teachers, the school board implemented their own
- (D) Without a consultation for the teachers, the school board implemented its own
- (E) In not even consulting the teachers, the school board implemented its own

7 Physicists can detect new subatomic particles by colliding nuclei at high energies, they then analyze the results of the collisions.

- (A) energies, they then analyze
- (B) energies by analyzing
- (C) energies; analyzing
- (D) energies and then analyzing
- (E) energies who then analyze

8 Conventional capitalist theory holds that a country benefits most when it focuses on those industries in which it has a natural advantage, and trades freely for the other goods and services it needs.

- (A) when it focuses on those industries in which it has a natural advantage, and
- (B) when it focuses on those industries that it has a natural advantage, and
- (C) in the focus on those industries to have a natural advantage for it, and
- (D) focusing on those industries having a natural advantage for it, and
- (E) from focusing on those industries in which it has a natural advantage, and

9 In some countries, choosing a leader is as much a religious ritual as that of a civic duty.

- (A) that of a civic duty
- (B) one's duty of a civic nature
- (C) a civic duty
- (D) in performing one's civic duty
- (E) one of a civic duty

10 To promote new products, many companies prefer word-of-mouth campaigns instead of the use of traditional advertisements.

- (A) instead of the use of
- (B) but not
- (C) and avoiding
- (D) over that of
- (E) to

11 Long criticized for his imperious leadership style, the team hired the controversial coach over the objections of the fans.

- (A) the team hired the controversial coach over the objections of the fans
- (B) the hiring of the controversial coach by the team was done over the objections of the fans
- (C) the fans objected to the team's hiring of the controversial coach
- (D) the controversial coach was hired by the team despite the objections of the fans
- (E) the team's hiring of the controversial coach was done despite the fans' objections

The following sentences test your ability to recognize grammar and usage errors. Each sentence contains either a single error or no error at all. No sentence contains more than one error. The error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence is correct, select choice E. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

EXAMPLE:

The other delegates and him immediately  
A B C  
accepted the resolution drafted by the  
D  
neutral states. No error  
E

(A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

12. Although born in the Midwest, Langston Hughes lived

most of his adult life in Harlem, in New York City,

where, like other writers in the 1930's, he had wrote

A B C  
some of his finest works. No error  
D E

13. In constant demand as a speaker, Ms. Chernock

A  
has never been more busier than she is now.

B C D  
No error  
E

14. During the night, there is usually two German

A B  
shepherds at the warehouse to guard against robbery  
C

attempts. No error  
D E

15. Candy manufacturers applauded the discovery by

A  
researchers that students which smell chocolate while

B  
studying and again while taking a test are able to  
C D

recall more material than students not exposed to the  
odor of chocolate. No error  
E

16. One can hardly determine which contributes more  
A B C D  
to the success of a violinist—innate skill or regular  
practice. No error  
E

17. The Red Cross workers had not expected the  
refugees from the flooded plain to be as desperate  
A B  
and as undernourished as those whom they had seen  
C D  
earlier in the week. No error  
E

18. Although naturalists have identified six hundred  
A  
different forms of the corion snail, there is actually  
B  
no more than two true species within this genus.  
C D  
No error  
E

19. The department of transportation has introduced  
A  
pictorial traffic signs because drivers can react to this  
B  
more quickly than to verbal ones. No error  
C D E

20. She claimed that the “representational” actor  
is having to imitate a character’s behavior, whereas  
A B  
the “presentational” actor attempts to reveal human  
C  
behavior through self-understanding. No error  
D E

21. Many nations, and the United Nations itself,  
A  
has issued stamps that commemorate the fiftieth  
B C  
anniversary of the signing of the UN charter.  
D  
No error  
E

22. The tribal council’s program familiarized young people  
with Cherokee history, taught them tribal traditions,  
A B  
and they had the opportunity to learn skills used by  
C D  
ancient artists. No error  
E

23. Observation of diverse animal species show that the  
A  
most successful in the struggle for survival are  
B  
those which are most adaptable to changes in their  
C D  
world. No error  
E

24. Far away from having been a diehard conservative,  
A  
Hoover was, some scholars now contend, the leading  
B C  
progressive of his day. No error  
D E

25. For the past hundred years or more, Yellowstone  
A  
National Park was a kind of sociological laboratory  
B  
in which North Americans have been exploring  
C  
the meaning of the national-park concept. No error  
D E

26. Alerted by the nervousness and evasiveness of the  
A  
witness, the jurors were quick to perceive that his  
B  
statements were inconsistent to those he had made  
C D  
earlier. No error  
E

27. In many respects Anna Karenina and Emma Bovary  
A  
are very similar characters, but Bovary has  
B C  
the most spirit and determination. No error  
D E

28. Between the sales manager and I existed an easy,  
 A B C  
 cooperative working relationship; neither of us  
 D  
 hesitated to discuss problems. No error  
 E

29. As the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas à Becket  
 A  
 assumed an independence that was intolerable to the  
 B C  
 king, who had long been his friend. No error  
 D E

*statistics do not support this concern.*

(14) *Airline accidents are very rare, and, when compared with other transportation systems, the loss of life is significantly less.*

(15) *By all objective criteria, air travel is fast, safe and convenient.* (16) *Those opposing this fact should study the evidence.*

**Questions 30 through 35** are based on the following first draft of an essay, which is a response to an assignment discussing the reasons people travel by airplane.

(1) *Not everyone is an advocate of flying.*  
 (2) *In fact, many people go to a good deal of effort to avoid flying.* (3) *Opposition to air travel is difficult for the seasoned traveler to understand, however, the confirmed nonflier can cite dates and locations of airline disasters.* (4) *In spite of the concerns of many, air transport continues to offer a combination of convenience, speed, and safety that is unmatched by any other means of transportation.*

(5) *Air travel is inconvenient.* (6) *An argument that is often made by the nonfliers.* (7) *Their contention is that passengers may have to wait for hours to receive their luggage.* (8) *Statistics, however, do not support one's argument to that effect.* (9) *Luggage is rarely delayed or lost.*

(10) *On the other hand, there is one convenience with air travel that is often overlooked.* (11) *Parking at airports is designed for long-term stays; whereas, parking at bus and train depots usually is only for the short-term user.*

(12) *Despite the obvious speed and convenience of air travel, there are some who remain convinced that flying in a commercial aircraft is very dangerous.* (13) *Once again, the*

30 Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 3 in paragraph 1?

*Opposition to air travel is difficult for the seasoned traveler to understand, however, the confirmed nonflier can cite dates and locations of airline disasters.*

- (A) to understand, however, the confirmed nonflier can cite airline disasters by dates and locations
- (B) to understand; however, the dates and locations of airline disasters can be cited by the confirmed nonflier
- (C) to understand; however, the confirmed nonflier can cite dates and locations of airline disasters
- (D) to understand, and the confirmed nonflier can cite dates and locations of airline disasters
- (E) to understand; however, the confirmed nonflier will be able to cite dates and locations of airline disasters

31 Which of the following is the best revision of sentence 4 in paragraph 1?

- (A) In spite of the concerns of many, air transportation offers an unmatched combination of convenience, speed, and safety.
- (B) In spite of the concerns of many, air transport continues to offer a combination of convenience, speed, and safety that is unmatched by any other means of transportation.
- (C) Air transport continues to offer a combination of convenience, speed, and safety that is unmatched by any other means of transportation, despite the concerns of many.
- (D) In spite of the concerns of many, air transport has continued to offer a combination of convenience, speed, and safety that is unmatched by any other means of transportation.
- (E) In spite of the concerns of many, air transport continues to offer a combination of convenience, speed, and safety, and it is unmatched by any other means of transportation.

32 Keeping in mind the context of sentences 5 and 6 in paragraph 2, which of the following is the best revision of those sentences?

- (A) Air travel is inconvenient; an argument that is often made by the nonfliers.
- (B) Nonfliers will often make an argument that air travel wasn't convenient.
- (C) The inconvenience of air travel that is an argument that is often made by nonfliers.
- (D) Nonfliers often argue that air travel is inconvenient.
- (E) It is often argued by nonfliers that air travel can be inconvenient.

33 Which of the following is the best revision of line 8 in paragraph 2?

- (A) However, statistics do not support one's argument to that effect.
- (B) Statistics, however, do not support their argument.
- (C) Statistics, however, do not support one's argument.
- (D) There is no support for their argument in statistics.
- (E) Their argument to that effect is not supported by statistics.

34 Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 12 in paragraph 4?

*Despite the obvious speed and convenience of air travel, there are some who remain convinced that flying in a commercial aircraft is very dangerous.*

- (A) there are some who remain convinced that flying in a commercial aircraft is very dangerous
- (B) flying in a commercial aircraft is very dangerous according to some people
- (C) there are some who have remained convinced that flying in a commercial aircraft is very dangerous
- (D) there are some that remain convinced that flying in a commercial aircraft is very dangerous
- (E) some people are convinced that flying in a commercial aircraft might be very dangerous

35 Which of the following is the best choice to close the last paragraph of the essay?

- (A) Doing so will make them like flying.
- (B) If they study the evidence, they will surely enjoy flying.
- (C) When you do, you will probably like to go flying.
- (D) Flying can be helpful to everyone, having looked at all of the available data.
- (E) After analyzing the facts, many nonfliers may be convinced to fly.

## Writing Test 44

- 1 Pilots in all branches of the military must be highly skilled, but Naval aviators are the ones that must complete night carrier landings.
- (A) that must complete night carrier landings.
  - (B) that must complete their night carrier landings.
  - (C) who must complete night carrier landings.
  - (D) which must complete night carrier landings.
  - (E) that have to complete night carrier landings.
- 2 Paul quickly went to the grocery store and selected the items on his mother's list, which he carelessly threw into the cart before rushing to the checkout counter.
- (A) and selected the items on his mother's list, which he carelessly threw
  - (B) and, with his mother's list in hand, he carelessly threw the items that he selected
  - (C) and, using his mother's list of items, he was carelessly throwing them
  - (D) and with his mother's list of items he was carelessly throwing them
  - (E) and throwing his mother's list of items carelessly
- 3 The man who cleaned the pool was a diligent worker, and he was enjoyable to be around because he was always whistling.
- (A) and he was enjoyable to be around because he was always whistling.
  - (B) it was enjoyable to be around him because he was always whistling.
  - (C) being around him was always enjoyable because he was always whistling.
  - (D) and he was enjoyable to be around because he always was whistling.
  - (E) to be around him would be enjoyable because he always whistled.
- 4 In winter the number of workers absent from their jobs with illness were very high.
- (A) the number of workers absent from their jobs with illness were
  - (B) absenteeism with illness was
  - (C) illness that created job absenteeism were
  - (D) the numbers of workers absent from their jobs with illness were
  - (E) the number of workers absent from their jobs with illness was
- 5 In order to get into the college of your choice, one needs to take several steps, including the submission of a complete application.
- (A) one needs to take several steps
  - (B) you need to take several steps
  - (C) one will need to take several steps
  - (D) taking several steps by you
  - (E) several steps should be taken by one
- 6 I was horrified to hear her terrible language, to feel her extreme animosity, and also seeing her horrible manners.
- (A) to hear her terrible language, to feel her extreme animosity, and also seeing her horrible manners.
  - (B) to hear her terrible language, to feel her extreme animosity, and also to see her horrible manners.
  - (C) to hear her terrible language, feeling her extreme animosity, and also seeing her horrible manners.
  - (D) to hear her terrible language, to feel her extreme animosity, and seeing her horrible manners.
  - (E) to hear her terrible language, seeing her horrible manners, and also to feel her extreme animosity.
- 7 The fastest eaters in the entire high school were Tom and him.
- (A) were Tom and him.
  - (B) was Tom and him.
  - (C) were Tom and he.
  - (D) were him and Tom.
  - (E) was he and Tom.

- 8 After his accident and the emergency surgery, Larry looked awful.
- (A) Larry looked awful.  
 (B) Larry looked awfully.  
 (C) Larry appeared awful.  
 (D) Larry looked pale and tired.  
 (E) Larry appeared awful pale and tired.

- 9 Will you please bring my Yorkshire terrier to the veterinarian about noon?
- (A) Will you please bring my Yorkshire terrier to the veterinarian about noon?  
 (B) Will you please take my Yorkshire terrier to the veterinarian about noon?  
 (C) Please, will you please bring my Yorkshire terrier to the veterinarian about noon?  
 (D) Please, will you bring my yorkshire terrier to the veterinarian about noon?  
 (E) How about taking my yorkshire terrier to the veterinarian about noon?

- 10 This electric automobile may travel as fast as 60 miles per hour.
- (A) This electric automobile may travel  
 (B) A electric automobile can travel  
 (C) That electric automobile may travel  
 (D) An electric automobile may travel  
 (E) This electric automobile can travel

- 11 By noon I will have been planting over two hundred marigolds.
- (A) I will have been planting  
 (B) I will have planting  
 (C) us will have been planted  
 (D) I will have planting  
 (E) I will have planted

12. She worked hard to prepare for the final exam, reading every assigned passage as reviewing every worksheet the instructor had given to the class. No error
- A  
B  
C  
D E

13. What the policitions say in their campaign speeches are not necessarily what they actually do, once they are in office. No error
- A  
B  
C D E

14. Las Vegas, Nevada, has been called the "entertainment capital of the world" because it offering countless drinking and eating establishments, casinos, music shows, and other forms of entertainment. No error
- A B  
C  
D E

15. Over the past year, the little boy has learned to walk, to say several words, and is feeding himself with a spoon. No error
- A  
B C  
D E



16. The strict rules about students' attire  
A  
is causing several people to protest that their  
B C  
civil rights are being violated. No error  
D E
17. Being the only mammal that flies, the bat  
A B C  
intrigues zoologists. No error  
D E
18. An effective presenter not only appeals to  
A B  
his audience's interests and emotions  
C  
and also uses appropriate humor. No error  
D E
19. Some portions of the test are timed;  
A  
therefore, you must work as quick as pos-  
B C D  
sible. No error  
E
20. When we listen to political speeches, full of  
A  
promises for the future and criticism of the  
opposing parties, you can easily become  
B  
confused about who is the best candidate.  
C D  
No error  
E
21. Each of the women wants a clearly ex-  
A B  
pressed explanation of what the legislators  
C  
intended when they passed that particular  
D  
bill. No error  
E
22. The discussion between you and I must  
A  
remain strictly confidential so that no  
B C  
one's feelings will be hurt. No error  
D E

23. Like the other students, Angel's textbooks  
 A  
were outdated and worn, but the school  
 B C  
 had no money to buy updated materials.  
 D  
No error  
 E
24. Famous American writer Mark Twain is  
 A  
well-known for his profound reflections,  
 B  
sardonic observations, and by his straight-  
 C D  
 forward witticisms. No error  
 E
25. Commonly regarded as simply smelly ani-  
 A B  
mals, the skunk is actually an entertaining,  
 C D  
fun-loving pet. No error  
 E
26. Bigots are often impatient with people  
 A  
who are open-minded and of those who  
 B C  
 have an easy-going demeanor. No error  
 D E
27. During the Christmas shopping season,  
 A  
 many online merchants hope to attract  
 B C  
 customers by offering complimentary free  
 D  
shipping. No error  
 E
28. Research indicating that many Americans  
 A  
are obese, many weighing in excess of 250  
 B C  
 pounds and having a Body Mass Index  
of more than 30. No error  
 D E
29. Some of we perfectionists become upset  
 A B  
with coworkers who are in a hurry and  
 C  
 settle for inadequate, inferior products.  
 D  
No error  
 E

**Directions:** The following passage is an early draft of an essay. Some parts of the passage need to be rewritten.

Read the passage and select the best answers for the questions that follow. Some questions are about particular sentences or parts of sentences and ask you to improve sentence structure or word choice. Other questions ask you to consider organization and development. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

**Questions 30-35 are based on the following passage.**

This essay was written in response to an assignment to describe an unusual person or an unusual characteristic in a person.

(1) My mother likes to speculate about the infirmities of the great personages of the past. (2) I remember well her analysis of schizophrenia in the Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh, and psychological conditions of other famous people. (3) Since I was a young child, I have been fascinated by them. (4) She often engages in these musings during sit-down meals with everyone in the family present to offer contrasting views. (5) Mom's interest in historical aspects of psychology is exciting—more exciting, even, than any of the programs offered by network television. (6) She says that poor programming on the part of the networks is one of the reasons she has felt the need to direct our young minds to other, more engaging avenues. (7) Imagine that her speculation is not only an expression of parental concern for a child's welfare but also an outlet for her creative mind. (8) Mom has this unusual interest, it has made me an authority among my peers. (9) Last week, my American literature teacher launched into a discussion of the writings of Edgar Allan Poe. (10) Before the discussion was over I was asked to give the class a glimpse of the personal life of Poe.

30. In context, what is the best way to deal with sentence 3 ?

- (A) Leave it as it is.
- (B) Place it after sentence 7.
- (C) Insert "On the contrary" at the beginning of the sentence.
- (D) Change "them" to "her theories".
- (E) Use "and" at the end of sentence 3 to link it with sentence 4.

31. In context, which of the following should be inserted at the beginning of sentence 7 ?

- (A) After all,
- (B) In fact,
- (C) You should
- (D) I like to
- (E) Then

32. In context, which of the following is the best way to phrase the underlined portion of sentence 8 (reproduced below) ?

Mom has this unusual interest, it has made me an authority among my peers.

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) And so it is my mom's unusual interest that has made me such
- (C) Because of my mom's unusual interest, I have become
- (D) As you can see, having my mom's unusual interest makes me
- (E) Naturally, this unusual interest of my mom's should have made me

33. In context, which is the best way to deal with sentence 9 ?

- (A) Insert "However," at the beginning of the sentence.
- (B) Insert "For example," at the beginning of the sentence.
- (C) Insert "her name is Ms. Lumberburd" after "teacher".
- (D) Change "into" to "on".
- (E) Change "launched" to "launches".

34. Which of the following sentences would be best to add after sentence 10 ?

- (A) I confidently related what my mother had taught me about him.
- (B) And in fact, you can bet that really made my day.
- (C) Indeed, my mother had always encouraged me to do my best on such occasions.
- (D) I outlined everything I knew about Poe.
- (E) Famous for his tales of terror, Poe has captivated readers for 150 years.

35. Where is the most logical place to begin a new paragraph?

- (A) After sentence 3
- (B) After sentence 5
- (C) After sentence 6
- (D) After sentence 7
- (E) After sentence 10

## Writing Test 45

**Directions:** In each of the following sentences, part or all of the sentence is underlined. The underlined text may contain an error in sentence construction, grammar, word choice, or punctuation. Choice a repeats the original underlined text. If there is no error in the underlined portion, choose a. If there is an error, select the answer choice that most effectively expresses the meaning of the sentence without any ambiguity or awkwardness.

1. The American Begonia Society publishes a bi-monthly journal called the Begonian, and maintain a virtual greenhouse on their website for those interested in the plant family Begoniaceae.
  - a. Begonian, and maintain a virtual greenhouse on their website
  - b. Begonian; they also maintain what they call a virtual greenhouse on their website
  - c. Begonian, and maintains a virtual greenhouse on their website
  - d. Begonian. The Society maintains a greenhouse that is virtual on their own website
  - e. Begonian, and on their website a virtual greenhouse is maintained
2. The history of ice cream is subject to an erroneous legend that Dolly Madison introduced it to America at a White House reception during her husband's administration but in fact it was already popular in cities such as Philadelphia and New York.
  - a. during her husband's administration but in fact it was already popular in cities such as Philadelphia and New York.
  - b. during her husband's administration, in fact it was already popular in cities such as Philadelphia and New York.
  - c. during her husband's administration; it was already popular in cities such as Philadelphia and New York.
  - d. during her husband's administration. In fact it was already popular in cities such as Philadelphia and New York.
  - e. during her husband's administration. Therefore it was already popular in cities such as Philadelphia and New York.
3. The dating of the great Sphinx at Giza became controversial between Egyptologists after John Anthony West espoused his theory that the erosion on the Sphinx was caused by water, and not blowing sand as was previously believed.
  - a. The dating of the great Sphinx at Giza became controversial between Egyptologists
  - b. The dating of the great Sphinx that is in Giza became controversial between Egyptologists
  - c. The dating of the great Sphinx at Giza became controversial among Egyptologists
  - d. The dating of the great Sphinx at Giza is becoming controversial among Egyptologists
  - e. The dating of the great Sphinx at Giza has become controversial among Egyptologists
4. Although more than 95% of earthquakes occur in plate margins (meaning areas in which plates separate, grind past each other, or collide), New York State has experienced over 400 earthquakes in the past two centuries and it is not near any plate margins.
  - a. margins (meaning areas in which plates separate, grind past each other, or collide),
  - b. margins, which are simply areas in which plates separate, or they might grind past each other, or they could collide,
  - c. margins ("margins" here refers to areas in which plates separate, grind past each other, or collide),
  - d. margins (meaning those areas in which plates of the earth's crust separate, grind past each other, or collide),
  - e. margins. Margins are areas in which plates separate, grind past each other, or collide.

5. According to the Barbecue Industry Association, three out of four U.S. households own a barbecue grill, more than half of all Americans use their grills year-round, and over 60% of barbecuers were men.
- According to the Barbecue Industry Association, three out of four U.S. households own a barbecue grill, more than half of all Americans use their grills year-round, and over 60% of barbecuers were men.
  - According to the Barbecue Industry Association, there are three out of four U.S. households that own a barbecue grill, more than half of all Americans use their grills year-round, and over 60% of barbecuers were men.
  - According to the Barbecue Industry Association, there are three out of four U.S. households that own a barbecue grill, more than half of all Americans use their grills year-round, and over 60% of barbecuers are men.
  - The Barbecue Industry Association reports that three out of four U.S. households own a barbecue grill, more than half of all Americans use their grills year-round, and over 60% of barbecuers were men.
  - According to the Barbecue Industry Association, three out of four U.S. households own a barbecue grill, more than half of all Americans use their grills year-round, and over 60% of barbecuers are men.
6. Jealousy is often defined as the desire to keep something (or someone) that one already has, while envy is the desire to obtain something that someone else has.
- has, while envy is the desire to obtain something that someone else has.
  - has, so that envy is the desire to obtain something that someone else has.
  - has, while envy is when you desire to obtain something that someone else has.
  - has, and envy is about the desire to obtain something that someone else has.
  - has, because envy is the desire to obtain something that someone else has.
7. Paprika, a powdered form of dried red peppers and mainstay of Hungarian cuisine, became commonly used in the 19th century and is available in varieties ranging from mild to hot.
- commonly used in the 19th century and is available in varieties ranging from mild to hot.
  - available in varieties ranging from mild to hot after it became commonly used in the 19th century.
  - commonly used in the 19th century. Since then, it has become available in varieties ranging from mild to hot.
  - commonly used in the 19th century; it then became available in varieties ranging from mild to hot.
  - commonly used in the 19th century, when it was available in varieties ranging from mild to hot.
8. If you've heard that shampoo can cause cancer, bananas may contain a flesh-eating bacteria, or that you could unlock your car door with a cell phone, you've read an Internet hoax.
- shampoo can cause cancer, bananas may contain a flesh-eating bacteria, or that you could unlock your car door with a cell phone,
  - shampoo can cause cancer, you can find flesh-eating bacteria in bananas, or that you could unlock your car door with a cell phone,
  - cancer can be caused by shampoo, bananas may contain a flesh-eating bacteria, or that you could unlock your car door with a cell phone,
  - shampoo can cause cancer, bananas may contain a flesh-eating bacteria, or that you could use your cell phone to unlock your car door,
  - shampoo can cause cancer, bananas may contain a flesh-eating bacteria, or that cell phones can unlock car doors,

9. The Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) began as a group of representatives of the gymnastics associations of Belgium, France, and the Netherlands in 1881, so now includes countries from around the world.
- in 1881, so now includes countries from around the world.
  - in 1881, but now include countries from around the world.
  - in 1881; now include countries from around the world.
  - in 1881, then later it would include countries from around the world.
  - in 1881, but now includes countries from around the world.
10. You can participate in a massive recycling effort just by purchasing carpeting made of polyester rather than nylon fibers, which is made from recycled plastic bottles.
- fibers, which is made from recycled plastic bottles.
  - fibers. These fibers are made from recycled plastic bottles.
  - fibers. They are made from recycled plastic bottles.
  - fibers, which are made from plastic bottles that have been recycled.
  - fibers, which makes carpeting out of recycled plastic bottles.
11. One of the longest bridges in the world, the American Society of Civil Engineers named San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, completed in 1937, a "Monument of the Millennium."
- the American Society of Civil Engineers named San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, completed in 1937, a "Monument of the Millennium."
  - the American Society of Civil Engineers, completed in 1937, named the Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco, a "Monument of the Millennium."
  - San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, a "Monument of the Millennium," was completed in 1937 by the American Society of Civil Engineers.
- the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco was completed in 1937 and was named a "Monument of the Millennium" by the American Society of Civil Engineers.
  - the American Society of Civil Engineers named the 1937 San Francisco bridge the Golden Gate a "Monument of the Millennium."
12. Although raised in Canada, Janet lived most of her adult life in the United States, where, like other expatriates, she had took some of her most memorable vacations. No error
- A B  
C  
D E
13. In constant demand as a pianist, David had never been more richer than he is now.
- A  
B C D  
No error  
E
14. During the day, there is often two guards at the entrance to prevent burglary attempts. No error
- A B  
C D E
15. Fans of downhill skiing respected the decision by the judges that athletes which take performance-enhancing drugs while training would be disqualified from the competition.
- A  
B  
C  
D  
No error  
E
16. One would have difficulty determining which factor contributes more to the success of a great writer—talent or hard work. No error
- A B  
C D  
E
17. We were surprised to find volunteers from the local high school to be as helpful and efficient as those whom we had trained to assist in earlier emergencies. No error
- A  
B C  
D  
E

18. Although rescuers found thirty people in the  
A  
wreckage, there was no more than five children  
B C  
among them. No error  
D E
19. The human resources department is using online  
A  
ads to recruit new employees because applicants  
can respond to this more quickly than  
B C  
to print ones. No error  
D E
20. The performers auditioning for the musical  
are having to prepare both a monologue and a song  
A  
whereas those who want to be in the Shakespeare  
B C  
production can try out without singing. No error  
D E
21. Many countries, including the United States,  
A  
has signed treaties that address the problem  
B C  
of the warming of the earth's atmosphere. No error  
D E
22. The botanical garden program familiarizes  
children with names of different flowers,  
A  
teaches them the conventions of naming plants,  
B  
and they have the opportunity to learn skills used  
C D  
by gardeners. No error  
E
23. Analysis of in-house memos indicate that the  
A  
most promising aspects of the plan for expansion  
B  
are also those which are the least popular with the  
C D  
company's management. No error  
E
24. Far away from having a life-threatening condition,  
A  
Jason is, doctors have determined, well enough to  
B C  
continue his recuperation at home. No error  
D E
25. For the past few years, the abandoned building was  
A B  
a kind of sanctuary in which feral cats have been  
C  
eating food brought to them by neighbors.  
D  
No error  
E
26. Concerned by the patient's chest pains and  
A  
breathing difficulty, the nursing student was quick  
to realize that these symptoms were consistent to  
B C  
those of a heart attack. No error  
D E
27. In many ways, the Catskills and the Adirondacks  
A  
offer similar hiking trails, but the Adirondacks  
B  
have the most unobstructed views. No error  
C D E
28. Between my roommate and I exists  
A B  
an exceptionally close relationship; neither of us  
C D  
has any desire to request a change. No error  
E
29. As the mayor of the city, he had a presence that was  
A B  
comforting to his constituents, who had supported  
C D  
him since he first ran for city council. No error  
E

**DIRECTIONS:** The following passage is an early draft of an essay. Some parts of the passage need to be rewritten. Read the passage and select the best answers for the questions that follow. Some questions are about particular sentences or parts of sentences and ask you to improve sentence structure or word choice. Other questions ask you to consider organization and development. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English. (30-35)

(1) Stock-car racing is a major spectator sport in this country, but an estimated thirty percent of Americans claiming to be fans of the 53-year-old sport. (2) However, racing has not always been so popular. (3) As a matter of fact, it had a rather shaky start, with a negative reputation and problems with the law.

(4) During the 1920s, with the Prohibition came moonshining; and with moonshining came bootleggers who were moonshine runners that illegally ran whiskey from the illegal stills to the markets. (5) These drivers ran races with the law; the losers were subject to jail time and steep fines. (6) Soon racing among the bootleggers became a weekend sport; they used their "whiskey run" cars to prove who was the fastest. (7) And of course the area denizens came out to watch. (8) These races became popular. (9) They continued even after the end of the Prohibition.

(10) In 1938 Bill France organized the first Daytona Beach race. (11) Winners received such prizes as rum, cigars, and motor oil. (12) After a hiatus during World War II, in the late 1940s France held a meeting of promoters.

30. What is the best way to deal with sentence 1 (reproduced below)?

*Stock-car racing is a major spectator sport in this country, but an estimated thirty percent of Americans claiming to be fans of the 53-year-old sport.*

- (A) Leave it as it is.
- (B) Change "but" to "with."
- (C) Change "claiming" to "claim."
- (D) Change "is" to "was."
- (E) Remove the comma and insert a semicolon.

31. Which of the following best describes the relationship between sentences 2 and 3?

- (A) Sentence 3 contradicts the idea presented in Sentence 2.
- (B) Sentence 3 provides examples to illustrate the idea presented in Sentence 2.
- (C) Sentence 3 offers a new idea that is unrelated to Sentence 2.
- (D) Sentence 3 defines a term that Sentence 2 presents.
- (E) Sentence 2 leads to Sentence 3 with an explanation of a situation presented in Sentence 3.



32. Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of Sentence 4 (reproduced below)?

*During the 1920s, with the Prohibition came moonshining; and with moonshining came bootleggers who were moonshine runners that illegally ran whiskey from the illegal stills to the markets.*

- (A) bootleggers, who were also called moonshine runners, because they illegally ran whiskey
  - (B) bootleggers, or moonshine runners, who ran whiskey
  - (C) the illegal running of whiskey by bootleggers, or moonshine runners,
  - (D) bootlegging, or moonshine running whiskey
  - (E) bootleggers who are moonshine runners who ran whiskey
33. What is the best way to revise the underlined wording in order to combine sentences 8 and 9?
- These races became popular. They continued even after the end of the Prohibition.*
- (A) Although these races became popular, they continued even after the end of the Prohibition.
  - (B) These races became popular, but they continued even after the end of the Prohibition.
  - (C) These races became popular even after they continued at the end of the Prohibition.
  - (D) These races became popular, since they continued even after the end of the Prohibition.
  - (E) These races became so popular that they continued even after the end of the Prohibition.

34. In relation to the passage as a whole, which of the following best describes the writer's intention in paragraph 2?

- (A) To provide an example
- (B) To provide a summary
- (C) To detail a chain of events
- (D) To describe a location
- (E) To propose a solution

35. Which of the following sentences would be the best sentence to add immediately after Sentence 12?

- (A) This three-day meeting resulted in the establishment of the rules, specifications, and official name of the organization—the National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR).
- (B) These promoters were interested in racing.
- (C) Stock-car racing continues to be popular today, with many fans who attend in person or who watch the races on television.
- (D) Although bootlegging is almost non-existent today, much racing still goes on both on and off the track.
- (E) Not many people know who Bill France was, but he definitely played an important role in the history of racing.

- 7 Despite having committed to attracting more qualified teachers, but the board did not allocate sufficient funds to pay them.
- (A) but the board did not allocate sufficient funds to pay them  
 (B) the board did not allocate sufficient funds to pay them  
 (C) sufficient funds to pay them were not allocated by the board  
 (D) the failure to allocate sufficient funds to pay them could be attributed to the board  
 (E) they were not allocated sufficient funds to pay them by the board

- 8 The climatological effect of a major volcanic eruption can be as dramatic as that of cumulative emissions from cars and factories, if not more so.
- (A) as dramatic as that of cumulative emissions from cars and factories, if not more so  
 (B) as dramatic as, if not more so, cumulative emissions from cars and factories  
 (C) as dramatic as, if not more, than that due to cumulative emissions from cars and factories  
 (D) as dramatic as cumulative emissions from cars and factories, if not more so  
 (E) as dramatic, if not more, than cumulative emissions from cars and factories

- 9 Intrigued by the prospect of becoming a real author, Lani eagerly signed the contract that the publishing company offered.
- (A) Lani eagerly signed the contract that the publishing company offered  
 (B) the contract that the publishing company offered was eagerly signed by Lani  
 (C) the publishing company offered Lani a contract, which she eagerly signed  
 (D) Lani was offered the contract by the publishing company, which she eagerly signed  
 (E) the publishing company offered Lani a contract and she eagerly signed it

- 10 As a mother of five adult children and a respected family therapist, millions of readers have followed Dr. Krone's child rearing advice for more than twenty years.
- (A) millions of readers have followed Dr. Krone's child rearing advice for more than twenty years  
 (B) Dr. Krone's child rearing advice has been followed by millions of readers for more than twenty years  
 (C) Dr. Krone has offered child rearing advice that millions of readers are following for more than twenty years  
 (D) Dr. Krone's child rearing advice has been followed for more than twenty years by millions of readers  
 (E) Dr. Krone has offered child rearing advice that millions of readers have followed for more than twenty years

- 11 The evidence from the crime scene suggested that the ones that had stole the jewelry were probably employees at the store.
- (A) the ones that had stole the jewelry were probably  
 (B) those that had stolen the jewelry probably being  
 (C) those who had stole the jewelry were probably  
 (D) those who had stolen the jewelry were probably  
 (E) those who had stolen the jewelry probably being

The following sentences test your ability to recognize grammar and usage errors. Each sentence contains either a single error or no error at all. No sentence contains more than one error. The error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence is correct, select choice E. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

**Example:**

The other delegates and him immediately  
 A B C  
 accepted the resolution drafted by the  
 D  
 neutral states. No error  
 E

(A) ● (C) (D) (E)

- 12 A good teacher should not only convey  
 A B  
 information and should also instill in his  
 C  
 students a love for learning. No error  
 D E
- 13 Psychologists have long debated the  
 A B  
 connection between violence on television  
 C  
plus actual crime. No error  
 D E
- 14 Of the nominees for the Nobel Prize in  
 A B  
 Literature this year, few are as qualified as the  
 C D  
 English novelist Anthony Powell. No error  
 E
- 15 Revered as one of the world's most versatile  
 A  
 geniuses, Leonardo da Vinci excelled in  
 B  
 everything he attempted and servng  
 C  
 as a prototype for the Renaissance man.  
 D  
No error  
 E