

# DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

## DIAGNOSTIC TEST A

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE.** Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) We chose the \_\_\_\_\_ of the two remaining DVDs in the store for the children's party.  
A) better      B) best
- 2) Neither you nor I \_\_\_\_\_ to be at fault.  
A) want      B) wants
- 3) Do you really want to give \_\_\_\_\_ the money that you earned?  
A) she and Jim      B) Jim and she  
C) Jim and her      D) them two
- 4) The sick old man \_\_\_\_\_ eat his dinner.  
A) could hardly      B) couldn't hardly
- 5) Each cat in the four-state cat show had \_\_\_\_\_ own elaborate display area.  
A) it's      B) its      C) their      D) there
- 6) Ford is one of the American auto manufacturers that \_\_\_\_\_ especially well overseas.  
A) do      B) does
- 7) I \_\_\_\_\_ to bed two hours before it started raining  
A) had went      B) went      C) had gone
- 8) The doctor said that both you and \_\_\_\_\_ must make immediate changes in order to reduce the possibility of heart disease.  
A) he      B) him      C) them
- 9) The sleek brown seals did not know what had ruined \_\_\_\_\_ breeding grounds when the oil washed onto the beaches.  
A) they're      B) there      C) their
- 10) Johnny's best friend wondered why he was doing \_\_\_\_\_ in his science courses since he had been an A student for years.  
A) bad      B) badly

- 11) The instructor allowed the class an extra day to turn in \_\_\_\_\_ reports.  
A) his      B) her      C) their      D) it's
- 12) I don't have any idea what you \_\_\_\_\_ doing out that night.  
A) were      B) we're      C) where
- 13) The NFL teams that I dislike the most \_\_\_\_\_ the Dallas Cowboys, the Cleveland Browns, and the Jacksonville Jaguars.  
A) are,      B) are      C) are:      D) are;
- 14) Would the holder of ticket number 08537 please do the \_\_\_\_\_ go to the main lobby information desk to claim your prize.  
A) Following      B) following,      C) following;      D) following:
- 15) The nurse carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the precise side effects of the drug, as well as its potential benefits.  
A) inferred      B) explained      C) implied      D) alluded to
- 16) Because his father \_\_\_\_\_ his ten-speed bike away to punish him for his failing grades, the boy sulked for two days.  
A) took      B) taken      C) had took      D) had taken
- 17) If I \_\_\_\_\_ to my father, I would not be in prison today.  
A) listened      B) woulda listened      C) had listened      D) would have listened
- 18) His sister is the only one of his seemingly endless friends and acquaintances who \_\_\_\_\_ to help him now that he has lost his job.  
A) has      B) have
- 19) She found his iPad and \_\_\_\_\_ it to him yesterday.  
A) give      B) gave      C) had gave      D) given
- 20) At the international conference, the scientists had to defend the \_\_\_\_\_ points of their research.  
A) principal      B) principle
- 21) The young boy ran over to give his sad uncle a hug because he knew the uncle felt \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) bad      B) badly
- 22) To protect your teeth, \_\_\_\_\_ important to brush and floss every day.  
A) its      B) its'      C) it's
- 23) She graduated from \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) High School      B) High school

C) Washington high school D) Washington High School

24) I connected two \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time.

- A) monitor's cables                      B) monitors' cables
- C) monitor's cables'                    D) monitors cable's

25) We knew who had been elected chairman, but we did not yet know \_\_\_\_\_ had been appointed to fill the various vacancies in the standing committee.

- A) who                                      B) whom

26) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?

- A) In order to achieve a life that is both successful and rewarding, individuals must focus on developing one set of skills that they can sell and many outside interests.
- B) In order to live a life that is both successful and rewarding, one must develop a particular skill that is in demand by the marketplace and diverse outside interests to amuse one throughout life.
- C) For a successful, rewarding life, an individual must develop a marketable skill and diverse interests.
- D) To have a successful, rewarding life, individuals must develop particular, marketable skills, and they also must explore diverse interests.

27) Which sentence is the most correct, clear and concise?

- A) Of the catastrophic airplane crash on the late-night news we heard.
- B) We heard of the catastrophic air crash on the late-night news.
- C) On the late-night news, we heard about the catastrophic airplane crash.

28) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?

- A) The decision to be honest about her own needs in the relationship was made by Jane.
- B) The decision about the need for her to be honest about her own needs in the relationship was made by Jane.
- C) Jane decided to be honest about her own needs in the relationship.
- D) The decision was made by Jane to be honest about her own needs in the relationship.

29) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?

- A) My son has learned responsibility by having a dog, learning to take care of it, and giving it consistent care.
- B) Having a dog has helped my son who has to learn, by this experience, how to take care of his new pet and how consistent he must be in giving it the care that all new pets, young or old, need from their owners.
- C) Having a dog, learning to take care of it, and because it requires consistent care teach my son responsibility.

- 30) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?
- A) The adolescent's dominant mood was one of intense exhilaration.
  - B) The youth most often felt a sense of excitement about the manifold possibilities inherent in life.
  - C) The immature person's preponderant emotional state was one of extreme excitement.
  - D) The teenager was often excited.
- 31) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?
- A) In the world's society of today, what most people agree is needed is some sort of decisive action.
  - B) Today we need prompt action.
  - C) At this point in time there is a need for swift, prompt action.
  - D) In this modern world of today, what is needed is immediate action.
- 32) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?
- A) The Statue of Liberty made me aware of the importance of this symbol of our country standing on the bottom of the steps to the torch.
  - B) Standing on the bottom of the steps to the torch of the Statue of Liberty, I realized the importance of this symbol of our country.
  - C) Standing on the bottom of the steps to the torch, the Statue of Liberty made me aware of the importance of this symbol of our country.
- 33) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?
- A) In our present day and time, on the anniversary of the World Trade Center attack, federal officials have indicated clearly that they have new rules and procedures to prevent another attack of that magnitude.
  - B) Today, the anniversary of the World Trade Center attack, federal officials stressed that they have instituted stricter procedures to prevent another attack.
  - C) At this moment of the anniversary of the World Trade Center attack, the officials of the federal government forcefully stressed that they have put into place a series of tougher regulations and procedures to prevent another such catastrophic tragedy.
  - D) On this day, the anniversary of the World Trade Center attack, the federal government administration put emphasis on the fact that they have new regulations to prevent another such catastrophic tragedy.
- 34) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?
- A) Doctors must work hard to care for their patients.
  - B) Every doctor must work hard to care for their patients.
  - C) All doctors must work hard to care for his patients.
  - D) A doctor must work hard to care for their patients.
- 35) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?
- A) We asked every girl who plays on the team for her opinion.
  - B) We asked every girl, who plays on the team, for her opinion.

- C) We asked every girl who plays on the team for their opinion.  
D) We asked every girl, who plays on the team, for their opinion.

*Choose the sentence that best expresses the relationship between the two clauses.*

36)

- A. Sara is both a creative and disciplined writer; however, she won a prize for writing the most innovative mystery series of the decade.  
B. Sara is both a creative and disciplined writer; as a result, she won a prize for writing the most innovative mystery series of the decade.  
C. Sara is both a creative and disciplined writer; nonetheless, she won a prize for writing the most innovative mystery series of the decade.  
D. Sara is both a creative and disciplined writer; otherwise, she won a prize for writing the most innovative mystery series of the decade.

37)

- A. Dave twisted his ankle during the second mile of the marathon; consequently, he finished the race.  
B. Dave twisted his ankle during the second mile of the marathon; likewise, he finished the race.  
C. Dave twisted his ankle during the second mile of the marathon; nevertheless, he finished the race.  
D. Dave twisted his ankle during the second mile of the marathon; therefore, he finished the race.

*One of the four underlined sections may mark an error in punctuation. Choose the letter that marks the error in punctuation. If there is no error, choose E.*

38) Often it is difficult to get along with another, for each person often has different

A

expectations in a relationship. In two cases involving friends of

mine, relationships seemed to go smoothly for the first six weeks, however, the

B

C

next six weeks brought frequent misunderstandings. The friends found that they

had to alter their expectations, that they had to work on the relationship, and

D

that they had to talk about any misunderstandings immediately. No error.

E

39) Lake Michigan, which stretches all along the eastern edge of Chicago, Illinois, is

A
B  
 beautiful but dangerous. Dr. Janet Mathus, a noted authority on the Great Lakes,  
C  
 reports that within the twenty-four-hour period of June 14, 1989, the lake claimed  
D  
 the lives of twenty-two people in fifteen different accidents. No error.  
E

40) For most of us who are not reading specialists, learning to read is a mysterious  
A  
process; why a child is ready to learn to read one week and not two weeks earlier is  
B  
 a puzzle. Although, the process of learning to read is perplexing, experts are  
C
D  
 conducting research that promises to unravel the mysteries, thereby suggesting  
 ways to help children learn to read. No error.  
E

*One of the four underlined sections may mark an error in capitalization. Choose the letter that marks the error in punctuation. If there is no error, choose E.*

41) During the Vietnam War, some families were split apart when some sons went to  
A  
 fight, while others went north to Canada to escape the draft. Twenty years later  
B  
psychiatrists work with Veterans to heal their psychic scars. No error.  
C
D
E

42) For my birthday last spring, I went to New York City, New York, and explored the  
A  
American Craft Museum, which had shows on interlacing, contemporary  
B
C  
European glass works, and recent acquisitions. No error.  
D
E

*In each of the following sets, identify the example that illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence, or comma splice.*

- 43)
- A. Help!
  - B. Especially when I'm tired from working at the grocery store all night without any help.

- C. Run for your life!
- D. Get serious!

44)

- A. The doorbell rang, so I went to answer it.
- B. The doorbell rang; I answered it.
- C. The doorbell rang I answered it.
- D. When the doorbell rang, I answered it.

45)

- A. Remember to think of others as well as yourself.
- B. Remember it is not just you, think of others as well.
- C. Remember it is not just you; think of others too.
- D. Remember it is not only you. Think of others also.

46)

- A. I call my grandparents' landline on Sundays, then I am more likely to find someone at home.
- B. I call my grandparents' landline on Sundays, for I am more likely to find someone at home.
- C. I call my grandparents' landline on Sundays because I am more likely to find someone at home.
- D. I call my grandparents' landline on Sundays; I am more likely to find someone at home.

47)

- A. In Uno there is the skip card this is also a common card.
- B. In Uno there is the skip card, also a common card.
- C. There is also the skip card, a common card in Uno.
- D. The game of Uno has a common card called the *skip card*.

48)

- A. After you get a good night's sleep, you should be ready for a productive day.
- B. You should be ready for a productive day after you get a good night's sleep.
- C. You are more likely to have a productive day after getting a good night's sleep.
- D. After you get a good night's sleep. You should be ready for a productive day.

49)

- A. The oven setting placed to bake.
- B. Place the oven setting to bake.
- C. You should set the oven to bake.
- D. First, set the oven to bake.

50)

- A. Monday's workout will consist of bench presses, squats, and curls.
- B. Monday's workout will consist of lifts. They include bench presses, squats, and curls.
- C. Monday's workout will consists of three lifts. Bench presses, squats, and curls.
- D. Monday's workout will consist of three lifts: bench presses, squats, and curls.

