

Posttest

Decide which punctuation mark, if any, is needed in each sentence.

1. I would not want to be in Johns shoes for a million dollars.
A ' B : C " D None
2. Enthusiastically, the salesperson said, "We have the best deals in town"
F , G ! H ? J None
3. I'm pleased to introduce my father Dr. Philip Day.
A : B ; C , D None
4. The little shop sells kaleidoscopes books about scopes, and kits for making scopes.
F , G : H . J None
5. "If you have any questions" said the teacher, "please raise your hand now."
A " B , C ; D None

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Alex and Gloria _____ dogs for police work before they retired.
F has trained
G had trained
H train
J will have trained | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Before every game, the quarterback gave _____ a personal pep talk.
F hisself
G themselves
H him
J himself |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. In those days, people believed that the sun _____ stop shining.
A would never
B wouldn't never
C would never hardly
D wouldn't hardly ever | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. It's easy to see why this model is the _____ house in the development.
A expensivest
B more expensive
C most expensive
D most expensivest |

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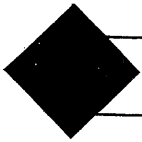
Read each set of sentences. Then choose the sentence that is written correctly and has correct capitalization and punctuation.

10. F After the temperature falls to 68°F, the furnace switched on.
G I will clean the basement before the repairman came.
H He says the furnace will need a checkup soon.
J When the part was ordered, someone is making a mistake.
11. A Everyone accept Rich was here.
B He must of overslept.
C He would of come if anyone had remembered to remind him.
D Should we accept his excuse?
12. F Many countries of Europe have adopted one currency, the euro.
G Gone are the lira of italy and the mark of germany!
H The European union began its move to the euro in 1998.
J Crossing the english channel, you switch from euros to pounds.
13. A A list of the phone numbers a person uses regularly.
B The speed-dial buttons on a telephone are useful.
C Most phones have redial buttons those save a lot of effort.
D we think cell phones are great!
14. F Rhonda said "that she hadn't slept at all the night before."
G Do you often have insomnia?" Josef asked.
H "When I can't sleep," Mort reported, "I drink some milk."
J Caren said, "my problem is falling asleep too early!"
15. A Wev'e been looking for Nancy.
B She should hear our guests reaction to the pie she brought.
C I cant imagine anything tastier!
D Won't you share your recipe?
16. F Ed and Naomi treated theirselves to a trip to Montana.
G Later, both of them discussed his favorite experiences.
H Certainly, the rodeo left its mark on their memories.
J Each of the bucking broncos threw their riders within seconds.
17. A Cher, where are mufflers stored?
B Headlights, our best-selling item are in the shelves on the right.
C We order tires from Akron Ohio.
D Wiper blades I believe are in the back room.

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Read each set of underlined sentences. Then choose the sentence that best combines the underlined sentences.

18. Lois watched a diver feed fish at the aquarium.
Haruku watched a diver feed fish at the aquarium.
- F Lois watched a diver feed fish because Haruku watched a diver feed fish at the aquarium.
- G Lois watched a diver feed fish and so did Haruku at the aquarium.
- H Lois watched and Haruku watched the diver who fed fish at the aquarium.
- J Lois and Haruku watched a diver feed fish at the aquarium.
19. Angrily, Edward tried to scrape off some gum.
The gum was stuck to his shoe.
- A Angrily, Edward tried to scrape off some gum, and the gum was stuck to his shoe.
- B Angry and stuck to his shoe, Edward tried to scrape off some gum.
- C Edward, who was angry, tried to scrape off his shoe, but the gum was stuck on his shoe.
- D Angrily, Edward tried to scrape off some gum stuck to his shoe.
20. The CD of folk songs was good.
Emily listened to the CD last night.
- F The CD of folk songs was good, but Emily listened to the CD last night.
- G The CD of folk songs that Emily listened to last night was good.
- H The CD that Emily listened to of folk songs last night was good.
- J Although Emily listened to the CD of folk songs last night, the CD was good.
21. Arnold took a course on business franchises.
Later he bought a franchise.
He opened a doughnut shop.
- A After Arnold took a course on business franchises, he bought a franchise and opened a doughnut shop.
- B Arnold took a course that was on business franchises, and later he bought a franchise, and he opened a doughnut shop.
- C Arnold, who took a course on business franchises later, bought a franchise but opened a doughnut shop.
- D Although Arnold took a course on business franchises, he bought a franchise and later opened a doughnut shop.



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Read each paragraph. Then choose the sentence that best fills the blank.

22. My five-year-old daughter has developed an unusual way of eating cereal. First she pours the cereal into her bowl. She then mashes the dry cereal into crumbs. _____. She waits about ten minutes for the milk to be absorbed. Finally she sprinkles sugar over the cereal mush and eats it.
- F Neither of my sons plays with his cereal this way.
 - G She doesn't like hot cereal much.
 - H Next she pours milk over the cereal crumbs.
 - J Next she chooses which cereal to eat that day.
23. In one production of the opera *Tosca*, the leading lady was so unpleasant that the stage crew played a joke on her. In the final scene, the character *Tosca* commits suicide by jumping from a castle window. The singer was supposed to jump onto mattresses hidden behind the scenery. _____. The singer sang her last note and jumped. When she hit the trampoline, she bounced above the castle wall—again and again! Rather than crying for the character's tragic death, the audience laughed at the singer's predicament.
- A Furthermore, the stage crew put a trampoline there.
 - B Consequently, the stage crew put a trampoline there.
 - C Finally, the stage crew put a trampoline there.
 - D Instead, the stage crew put a trampoline there.
24. At the top of my closet is a dusty box holding a partially assembled dress. I chose the pattern and cut the cloth two years ago, before styles changed. When I started to sew the pieces together, the thread jammed my sewing machine, and I stopped work. Since then I've gained weight, and I no longer fit in that size. _____.
- F Sewing is a practical hobby that offers a chance for creativity as well.
 - G It's beginning to look as if that dress will never be completed.
 - H I used a striped cotton cloth for the dress.
 - J Have you sewn any of your own clothes?

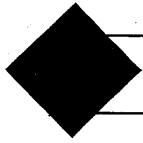


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25. Raccoons may look like cute masked robbers, but there's nothing cute about their behavior inside a house. One day my neighbor heard a noise in her living room. _____ . In the fireplace were two raccoons who had fallen down the chimney. They caught their breath and began running around the room. Before my neighbor got them out of the house, her furniture and carpet were dirty and torn.
- A The raccoons were small and appealing.
 - B Later she told us what happened.
 - C She went to investigate.
 - D She was upstairs in her bedroom.

Read each topic sentence. Then choose the answer that best develops the topic sentence.

26. Aquaculture, or raising crops in water, is gaining importance in the United States.
- F Around the world, water farmers raise both freshwater and saltwater fish. Some fish are raised in tanks, others in ponds, and still others in the ocean, enclosed in cages.
 - G Although raising animals in water is more popular than raising plants, this second kind of aquaculture is still important. For example, seaweed is grown in many Asian countries for food and for use in paint, fertilizer, and other products.
 - H At least twenty U.S. colleges or universities now offer degrees in aquaculture. Most of the graduates are going into fish farming, so that is growing more common. The number of fish farms in Utah, for example, jumped from zero in 1985 to eighteen just ten years later.
 - J In Asia, many rice fields become fish farms during the rainy season when the fields flood. Farmers fill the fields with young fish and harvest them three months later when they have grown to full size.
27. Hurrying to pick up her son from day care, Liz ran into serious gridlock.
- A As the number of working moms increases, the need for reliable day care also increases. Some companies provide day care centers within their office buildings.
 - B The term *gridlock* is an Americanism, a term that began in, or is used only in, America. Many Americanisms have made their way into the English language.
 - C Liz and her husband shared the job of picking up Leland. This was Tuesday, one of Liz's days.
 - D The first heavy snowfall of the season had started early that afternoon, resulting in a larger number of fender-bender accidents than usual. Besides, the snowplows that had come to clear the streets were now just adding to the mess.

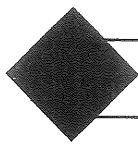


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28. Are amusement park rides, such as roller coasters, becoming more dangerous?
- F A federal agency reported that the number of injuries from rides at amusement parks, fairs, and carnivals rose from 7,185 in 1985 to 10,580 in 2000. The numbers of injuries at amusement parks alone jumped from 3,720 in 1996 to 7,260 in 2000.
 - G The modern roller coaster may have begun with a sled ride popular in Russia in the 1600s. The ride had two towers connected by an ice-covered track. Sleds shot down the ramp on the side of the taller tower and up the ramp on the smaller tower.
 - H Attendance figures for 2001 show that of the top twenty amusement parks in the United States, eight were in Florida and seven in California. Of the other five, two each were in New Jersey and Ohio, and one was in Nevada.
 - J A surprising number of amusement park injuries come from inflatable rides. These attractions, such as giant slides, get their shape when they are filled with air.

Read each paragraph. Then choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

29. 1. Have you noticed how familiar sounds have different effects during day and night? 2. A passing siren is only annoying during the day. 3. The siren can identify a police car, ambulance, or other emergency vehicle. 4. At night, however, a passing siren can sound like a sad cry.
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 4
30. 1. Throughout the northern states, snow can be expected during at least five months. 2. This winter, Charlie hopes to make some extra money plowing snow from driveways. 3. He bought a snowplow for his pickup truck. 4. He has distributed flyers all over the neighborhood to advertise his service.
- F Sentence 1
 - G Sentence 2
 - H Sentence 3
 - J Sentence 4



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Read the paragraphs and the letter and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

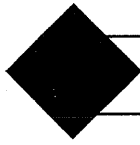
Dolls that eat, talk, walk, and swim sound like modern developments.

- (31) However, the first dolls to do these things are produced more than a
- (32) century ago. In 1824 a german inventor patented a device that enabled a doll to say "mama" and "papa." In 1862 doll makers in America and other countries produced dolls that could walk. By 1880 there was a French doll
- (33) that could swim; another could "eat." Even Thomas Edison got into the doll
- (34) business with a tiny record player that fit inside a doll and to make it talk.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31. A was produced B were produced C will be produced D Correct as it is | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33. A swim. another B swim; another C swim; nevertheless, another D Correct as it is |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32. F ago, in 1824. A German inventor G ago: in 1824 a german inventor H ago. In 1824 a German inventor J Correct as it is | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 34. F fit inside a doll and made it talk G fit inside a doll and making it talk H fit inside a doll and was making it talk J Correct as it is |

- (35) My wife and I have decorated our house for Halloween, our favorite holiday,
 (36) for several years. My parents used to say that "they thought all those decorations
 (37) were silly." This year, however, is different. My Dad and Mom talked theirselves
 (38) into putting giant spiders all over their lawn. Now we'll have to decorate more
creatively to top their display.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35. A halloween, our favorite Holiday, B Halloween our favorite holiday C Halloween, our favorite holiday D Correct as it is | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37. A My Dad and Mom talked theirselves B My dad and mom talked theirselves C My dad and mom talked theirselves D Correct as it is |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36. F that they thought all them decorations were silly. G that they thought all those decorations were silly. H that they "thought all them decorations were silly." J Correct as it is | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38. F most creatively G more creative H most creative J Correct as it is |



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(39) September 20 2003

Elizabeth Bennett

(40) p.o. box 1805

(41) des moines, iowa 50309

(42) Dear Ms. Bennett

(43) Your cartoon, "A close thing," is always the first thing I

(44) read in the morning. It's the more funny thing in the

(45) whole newspaper. To my wife and I, your cartoon, more than

(46) anything else in the comic pages, will have made the rest of the paper easier to take. I just thought I'd write and let you know how much I like your panel. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely yours,

Sam Lewis

Sam Lewis

- 39. A September, 20 2003
- B September 20, 2003
- C September 20 2003,
- D Correct as it is

- 43. A "A Close Thing,"
- B "a Close Thing,"
- C A Close Thing,
- D Correct as it is

- 40. F p.o. Box 1805
- G P.O. Box 1805
- H PO Box 1805
- J Correct as it is

- 44. F more funnier
- G funnier
- H funniest
- J Correct as it is

- 41. A Des Moines Iowa 50309
- B des Moines, Iowa 50309
- C Des Moines, Iowa 50309
- D Correct as it is

- 45. A To my wife and myself, your
- B To my wife and I, yours
- C To my wife and me, your
- D Correct as it is

- 42. F Dear Ms. Bennett:
- G Dear Ms. Bennett;
- H Dear Ms. Bennett.
- J Correct as it is

- 46. F will have made
- G makes
- H have made
- J Correct as it is

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