

Pretest

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

1. Please sign your name at the bottom of the page
A : B . C ? D None
2. How long will it take you to type that letter
F ? G . H ! J None
3. Sam said "I trained to become a supervisor."
A ? B ; C , D None
4. "That folder is on your desk," said the secretary.
F " G , H ! J None
5. I usually refuse sweet desserts however, that pie looks too good to pass up.
A , B ; C " D None

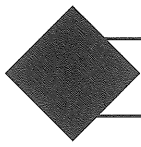
Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

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| 6. Next June my brother _____ from high school.
F graduated
G will graduate
H has graduated
J had graduated | 8. Before we adopted our puppy, Tim _____ afraid of dogs.
F had been
G is
H has been
J be |
| 7. Of all the pieces in the museum, this one is _____.
A older
B more older
C oldest
D most oldest | 9. Yesterday, workers in that factory _____ an additional break in the afternoon.
A has requested
B requests
C requested
D will request |

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Choose the sentence in each set that is written correctly and has correct capitalization and punctuation. Be sure the sentence you choose is complete.

10. F Looked for the perfect gift.
G Plays quarterback on the team.
H The lunchroom is noisy.
J A driver on his final run for the night.
11. A Milk is good for me I have some every day.
B My car is used, it has over fifty thousand miles on it.
C All the seats were gone.
D The wind is strong, the sky is gray.
12. F "Fasten your seatbelts," said the flight attendant.
G Did you read *The price of Love*?
H that program were humorous.
J One reporter was from *The Fairmount gazette*.
13. A Mia left her purse on the counter.
B The Smiths painted theirs house a pale yellow.
C Grandpa left I his gold watch.
D As soon as them get here, we will go to the movie.
14. F My favorite lunch is a mexican taco salad.
G Can I make an appointment with Dr. marshall?
H The new director is from Phoenix, Arizona.
J Many people travel long distances on thanksgiving day.
15. A Jess wouldn't take no help.
B That burglar never leaves no fingerprints behind.
C I can't hardly wait until tonight.
D The local newspaper didn't print any of the articles Jack wrote.
16. F Just lie your keys on the table.
G There is no need to raise your voice at me.
H The smoke raised into the air.
J If you are tired, lay down.
17. A Liz kissed her parents good-bye and waved to them from the bus.
B The twins cooked ourselves a spicy soup.
C Tom told itself that everything was fine.
D The house was old and run-down, but he wasn't haunted.
18. F The parking meter accepts nickels dimes and quarters.
G Mars, and Venus were visible.
H After the play ended its run the cast had a big party.
J I lost my job, and money is tight.
19. A She will visit you're father before the winter arrives.
B Both brothers' eyes are bright blue.
C I ca'nt find the light switch.
D Gwens' smile faded quickly.



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

20. Troy carried the lamp all the way home.

The lamp was heavy.

F Heavily, Troy carried the lamp all the way home.

G The lamp that Troy carried home was heavy all the way.

H Troy carried the heavy lamp all the way home.

J Troy went home, and he carried the heavy lamp all the way.

21. Erika was tired after the long hike.

Steve was tired after the long hike.

A Erika was tired, and Steve was tired after the long hike.

B Erika and Steve were tired after the long hike.

C Erika was tired after the long hike, and Steve was tired after the hike, too.

D Tired after the long hike was Erika, and tired was Steve.

22. The hostess offered her guests lemonade.

The hostess offered her guests cookies.

F The hostess offered her guests lemonade and cookies.

G The hostess offered her guests lemonade, and she offered them cookies.

H The guests had the hostess offer them cookies, and they also had the hostess offer them lemonade.

J The guests had lemonade offered to them, and they also had cookies offered to them by the hostess.

23. Snow fell on the city streets.

The snow was fluffy.

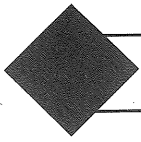
The snow was soft.

A The snow that fell on the city streets was soft, and it was fluffy.

B The city streets had snow that was soft and fluffy fall on them.

C Soft, fluffy snow fell on the city streets.

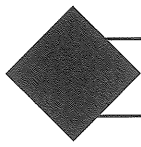
D The snow that was soft and fluffy fell on the city streets.



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

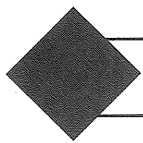
24. _____. "Little Red Riding Hood" teaches children not to talk to strangers. One lesson of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" is not to ask for help unless you really need it. "The Three Sillies" advises people not to be overly worried about the future.
- F No one knows who wrote some of the most beloved folktales and fairy tales.
 - G Most people enjoy folktales and fairy tales.
 - H Many folktales and fairy tales teach important lessons.
 - J Folktales and fairy tales are very old stories.
25. _____. To play in the big leagues, they need fast reflexes, amazing strength and endurance, and superior muscle control. In addition, high-level sports demand an extraordinary ability to concentrate and ignore distractions.
- A All children should learn sports and games in school.
 - B Top athletes must excel both physically and mentally.
 - C Top athletes are paid too much money.
 - D Top athletes train every day.
26. Jane steamed the wallpaper off her dining room walls. _____. Next she painted the woodwork and ceiling. Last, she and a friend put up new wallpaper. Now the room looks perfect.
- F Then she scraped off as much of the old wallpaper paste as she could.
 - G Then she had a dinner party in her redecorated dining room.
 - H She decided that her dining room needed a new look.
 - J Then she hung pictures on the walls.
27. The scents in some perfumes come from flower petals. To get the fragrant oil, workers pass steam through the petals. The heated oil turns to gas. _____. Last, the again-liquid oil is combined with alcohol, water, and other substances to make expensive perfumes.
- A Perfume has been used for centuries for its pleasing odor.
 - B First, the needed flowers are gathered.
 - C Then the perfume is sold to wealthy customers.
 - D Then the gas is cooled and becomes oil again.



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

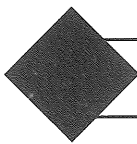
28. The world is divided into twenty-four time zones, one for each hour of the day.
- F There are seven continents in the world. All but one are inhabited by humans.
 - G There are sixty seconds in a minute and sixty minutes in an hour. There are seven days in a week.
 - H The zones begin at the Greenwich Meridian. When it is noon at the Greenwich Meridian, it is midnight on the other side of the world.
 - J Many people are on the new Zone diet. This diet involves eating more protein and fewer carbohydrates.
29. All cats, no matter how large or small they may be, have much in common.
- A Some cats are golden and some are calico. Some cats, such as the Manx, which has no tail, are easy to identify.
 - B In ancient Egypt, cats were often considered to be gods. During the Middle Ages, most people in Europe were afraid of cats.
 - C Kirsten loves all kinds of cats. She has three cats of her own, and she helps out at the local humane society.
 - D All cats can climb. Every kind of cat has an excellent sense of sight, hearing, and smell. Because they are fast and quiet, cats are great hunters.
30. Not everyone agrees on whether snowmobiles should be banned from Yellowstone National Park.
- F Yellowstone is on the borders of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. It was the first U.S. national park and is still the largest.
 - G Yellowstone is known for its geysers, hot springs, canyons, and mountains. Parts of it are open to visitors all year, although the winters there are long and brutal.
 - H Snowmobiles allow visitors to see parts of the park that would be otherwise impossible to reach. Those who ride snowmobiles must be cautious and follow strict rules of use.
 - J Some believe that every citizen should have the right to roam through the park in a snowmobile. Others believe that snowmobiles are too noisy and polluting to be allowed in the park.



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

31. 1. Pecan trees are valuable to farmers who plant them. 2. Farmers in the United States harvest and sell about 250 million pecan nuts per year. 3. Pecan pies taste good, but they are not the ideal food for people on low-fat diets. 4. Many builders pay top dollar for pecan wood and use it to make paneling, floors, and furniture.
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 4
32. 1. A family vacation can be time for getting to know one another better. 2. The Waverly Hotel offers its guests an elegant experience. 3. The hotel lobby has lovely crystal chandeliers and comfortable chairs. 4. The staff at the Waverly treats guests with the utmost courtesy and care.
- F Sentence 1
 - G Sentence 2
 - H Sentence 3
 - J Sentence 4
33. 1. On hot days, Lauren likes to eat cold foods. 2. Temperatures have gone over 90 degrees every day for the past week. 3. On those days, her main course is often a salad. 4. She drinks an iced tea and finishes off the meal with a dish of ice cream.
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 4
34. 1. Carlos wants his own landscaping business. 2. He enjoys caring for trees, shrubs, and flowers. 3. He feels his best when he is outdoors, working with growing things. 4. The best gardens are those that are planned carefully.
- F Sentence 1
 - G Sentence 2
 - H Sentence 3
 - J Sentence 4



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

(35) february 10 2004

Comprehensive Physicians

(36) 591 renfield avenue

(37) Wilmington, Delaware 19801

(38) Dear dr. collins,

(39) On January 5, my son's' asthma was acting up, so I brought him in for you to examine. I have recently been billed twice for that one visit. Please have your office staff review and correct the billing as soon as possible.

(40) Yours Truly:

Brett Evans

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35. A february 10, 2004
B February 10, 2004
C February, 10, 2004
D Correct as it is

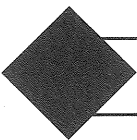
36. F 591 Renfield Avenue
G 591 Renfield avenue
H 591, Renfield Avenue
J Correct as it is

37. A wilmington, delaware 19801
B Wilmington Delaware, 19801
C Wilmington Delaware 19801
D Correct as it is

38. F Dear dr. Collins;
G Dear dr. collins:
H Dear Dr. Collins:
J Correct as it is

39. A sons's
B son's
C sons'
D Correct as it is

40. F Yours Truly,
G Yours truly:
H Yours truly,
J Correct as it is



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(41) On a pleasant night in April President Abraham Lincoln decided
 (42) to go to a play called our American cousin. The President was given a seat
 in the balcony and was enjoying the play until the third act. Suddenly
 (43) a shot rang out. A Southern sympathizer, John Wilkes Booth, had shot the
 (44) President! After shooting Lincoln, the President slumped in his seat. Booth
 jumped down onto the stage and made his escape but not before hundreds of
 audience members had identified him.

- 41. A night in April, President
- B night in April: President
- C night in April; President
- D Correct as it is

- 43. A john Wilkes Booth
- B John wilkes Booth
- C John wilkes booth
- D Correct as it is

- 42. F *Our American Cousin*
- G *Our American cousin*
- H *our American Cousin*
- J Correct as it is

- 44. F Shooting Lincoln,
- G After he got done shooting,
- H After he had been shot,
- J Correct as it is

(45) Ilene doesn't know whether she should keep the job she has or
 (46) accepting a new, better-paying job in another city. Moving would be
 (47) harder on her family than keeping the old job, at least in the short run. In
 the long run, however, the job with higher pay would offer her and her
 (48) children greater opportunities, it is a difficult decision

- 45. A doesn't
- B doesn't'
- C does'n't
- D Correct as it is

- 47. A more harder
- B hardest
- C most hardest
- D Correct as it is

- 46. F accepts
- G accepted
- H accept
- J Correct as it is

- 48. F opportunities: It
- G opportunities. It
- H opportunities it
- J Correct as it is