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1.

Like many other people, Jack's favorite books were the Harry Potter books. He had read them all so many times he felt like he knew them by heart. When the fourth book came out he ordered it ahead of time so he could pick it up on the first day. Jack was one of the first people at the bookstore that day. Though his older brother teased him, Jack went straight home and read all day.

Which BEST describes the topic of the paragraph above?

- A. Jack wants to buy as many fantasy books as possible.
- B. Jack is completely different from the rest of his family.
- C. Jack spends all of his free time playing outside with his brother.
- D. Jack wants to read all of the Harry Potter books because he is a big fan.

2. Which sentence contains an adverb?

- A. My new watch is not keeping good time.
- B. The pink, fluffy cloud floated by my window.
- C. The pretty girl walked down the street happily.
- D. The horse was a beautiful brown and black color.

3. Which is the topic sentence for the paragraph?

¹It is amazing but true that colors can affect a person's mood. ²A room painted green gives a calm feeling when people look at it. ³Blue is also soothing and relaxing. ⁴Yellow may improve thinking, while red gives energy. ⁵Make sure and choose a color that can help you relax in the room where you spend the most time.

- A. sentence 1
- B. sentence 2
- C. sentence 3
- D. sentence 4

4.

Which of these statements supports a proposal for year round schooling in a persuasive essay?

- A. Some parents believe year round schooling is unnatural.
- B. Year round schools divide the calendar into four separate semesters.
- C. Eliminating summer vacation from students' lives is unacceptable to parents.
- D. Year round schooling helps students keep their academic skills focused.

5. The part of a book that contains references to other sources is called the

- A. atlas.
- B. index.
- C. glossary.
- D. bibliography.

6.

Hassan went to his friend's birthday party at the skating rink. He had not been skating in a long time, so he fell down a lot! One time he even fell down in front of a girl that he really likes. Now Hassan wants to have his birthday party at the skating rink, too. In spite of that, he still had a great time.

Which sentence from the paragraph is out of sequence?

- A. Hassan went to his friend's birthday party at the skating rink.
- B. He had not been skating in a long time, so he fell down a lot!
- C. One time he even fell down in front of a girl that he really likes.
- D. In spite of that, he still had a great time.

7. What is the compound predicate in the sentence?

Melissa played the piano and sang a song at the school talent show.

- A. Melissa and school
- B. played and sang
- C. piano and song
- D. talent and show

8.

¹Their new house was smaller than their old one. ²However, Jana did not really mind sharing her room with Marie. ³Jana had her own room in the old house, but here she had to share one with her younger sister. ⁴What Jana did mind was leaving behind all her friends in the old neighborhood, which was too far away to visit more than a few times a year. ⁵All of her friends had promised to write, but she knew that would not be enough. ⁶She would not be able to visit them very often. ⁷Now she was expected to make new friends as if the old ones had never existed. ⁸The day they moved, Jana refused to speak to her parents, though she knew that was not fair to them.

Which two sentences in the passage are in the wrong order?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 6 and 7
- D. 4 and 6

9.

de·ter·mine [di túrmin] *verb* 1. to find out or ascertain something, usually after investigation 2. to decide or settle something conclusively 3. to influence or give form to something 4. to fix the limits or form of something

Based on the dictionary entry above, which of the following BEST describes what is found within the brackets?

- A. the pronunciation of determine
- B. the part of speech for determine
- C. the definition of the word determine
- D. the word determine divided into syllables

10.

Hannah took dance lessons on Tuesdays. Most of the time Hannah loved the class, but once every few months the students had a recital for their parents. The students had to pick their own music, and create their own dance for that music at home. Then all the parents would come to the class and watch each student perform his or her own dance. While most of the children loved the recitals, Hannah was simply terrified every time. She felt she could never learn to enjoy dancing in front of others. She was so afraid of dancing in the recitals.

Which could be a supporting detail for the paragraph above?

- A. She really never did like listening to music.
 - B. Dancing is the best type of exercise for young adults.
 - C. Hannah worked very hard in dance class to get over her fear.
 - D. Hannah did not want to go to dance class, but her parents made her.
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11.

Every morning I get ready for school in one hour. The key to getting ready for school in one hour is preparation. First of all, I pack my book bag for school before I go to bed. Next, I lay out the clothes that I am going to wear to school the next day. Then, in the morning when I wake up, I follow the same routine each day. I brush my teeth, wash my face, shower, get dressed, and comb my hair. I have a daily breakfast menu that I follow, so I look on the menu and then eat an instant breakfast before I go to school. Finally, I am ready for school. It is hard to believe that I do it all in just an hour!

Which sentence could be used as a supporting sentence in the passage above?

- A. I like riding the bus to school each day.
 - B. Cooking a full breakfast would take too much time.
 - C. I like to wear my favorite denim overalls in the fall.
 - D. My mom is always awake when I get up in the morning.
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12.

The school play will be presented for the parents on Monday night.

What function does the underlined word perform in this sentence?

- A. simple subject
 - B. simple predicate
 - C. direct object
 - D. indirect object
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13.

Harriet went camping with her family. First, they set up the tent, and it was facing the lake. Mom and Dad cooked dinner on the camp stove. Later on, her little brother got a fire going to roast marshmallows. They had a great time camping.

Which words in the above paragraph are transitional words or phrases?

- A. went, first
- B. first, cooked
- C. first, later on
- D. cooked, camping

14.

Every night the forests of Georgia echo with the sounds of many living creatures. We call living creatures that come out to hunt or to eat at night nocturnal. Essentially, they sleep all day and then come out to hunt and to eat all night. Some common examples of nocturnal living creatures are the owl, the bat, and the cricket. Although they often forage for food at night, bears are not strictly nocturnal since they can often be found hunting during the day. Sometimes bears sleep for three solid months or more during the winter.

In contrast, animals like the bat are almost always dormant during the day. However, with the setting of the sun they come alive, filling the night with their eerie shrieks. The days may be full of the sounds of man. But at nighttime it is the chorus of the creatures that rings clear.

Which words or phrase from the passage is redundant and could be replaced to add variety to the text?

- A. the bat
- B. at night
- C. nocturnal
- D. living creatures

15.

The night of my piano recital had finally arrived. I had been practicing for months. Even so, I felt so nervous that I was sick. I looked everywhere for Mrs. Napoli, my piano teacher. She was busy getting sheets of music together and trying to find a better microphone, so I didn't bother her. Instead, I peeked out from behind the curtain into the audience. Through the curtains I saw my family. I could see them from where I was behind the curtain. My brother looked like he had been dragged kicking and screaming to the auditorium, but my father and mother looked happy and proud, maybe even a little excited and nervous, too. I did not want to disappoint them.

Which phrase from the paragraph repeats an idea already stated?

- A. Even so, I felt so nervous that I was sick.
- B. I looked everywhere for Mrs. Napoli, my piano teacher.
- C. I could see them from where I was behind the curtain.
- D. I did not want to disappoint them.

16.

My adventure in white water in a kayak was the most exciting outdoor fun I have ever experienced!

The sentence is

- A. imperative.
 - B. declarative.
 - C. exclamatory.
 - D. interrogative.
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17.

Which of these details should be excluded from a persuasive essay on animal rights?

- A. Water habitats can be destroyed by unmonitored human interaction.
 - B. The plight of Carrie, a Beluga whale, was presented to our class by an animal rights advocate.
 - C. Benji, my dog, has been a member of our family since the day we rescued him from the pound.
 - D. Rabbits and other small mammals have been used by the cosmetic industry for product testing.
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18.

Benjamin Franklin

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Benjamin Franklin (1706-90) was the most widely recognized American of his day. He was well-known as the publisher of the Pennsylvania Gazette and Poor Richard's Almanack and gained further fame in his middle years with a series of scientific experiments that culminated in the publication of Experiments and Observations on Electricity in 1751.

In 1753, he was appointed postmaster general of the colonies by the British Government. Four years later, he was sent by the Pennsylvania assembly to London to act as its agent. It was his second term in that office that ended soon after Franklin's humiliation in the Privy Council. He returned to America in 1775 and joined the Second Continental Congress.

Which of these statements provides an appropriate closing to the passage?

- A. Finally, Benjamin Franklin was back in North America again.
 - B. Benjamin Franklin also invented many things like the first bifocal eyeglasses.
 - C. Lots of people thought Benjamin Franklin should have been one of our early presidents.
 - D. To this day, Philadelphians celebrate the legacy Benjamin Franklin left in their city.
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19. Which date is correctly punctuated?

- A. January 7 2001
 - B. January 7, 2001
 - C. January, 7, 2001
 - D. January. 7. 2001
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20. Which would be the BEST closing sentence for the paragraph below?

Leonard watched as two of his classmates were shooting baskets on the court outside their school. He wished he could join them, but wasn't sure exactly how to ask if he could play. As he stood there thinking, suddenly the basketball bounced near his feet. As he caught the ball, the other kids smiled at him and asked him to join.

- A. Leonard had learned how to play basketball when he was in third grade.
 - B. Basketball is Leonard's favorite sport to watch on television.
 - C. Leonard lives about five blocks away from the school.
 - D. Leonard played basketball with his new friends for the rest of the afternoon.
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21. Which sentence provides the BEST closing for the paragraph?

Locomotives changed the way people moved across the United States. In the beginning, trains were not as reliable as horses. Though fast, trains would often run off the track or even explode. However, people continued to be fascinated with trains.

- A. Trains continue to be dangerous and rarely used.
 - B. In time, trains lost popularity and faded into history.
 - C. Trains were only used to move cattle from one ranch to the next.
 - D. In time, trains were improved and safely transported people across the country.
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22.

Which of these word choices BEST completes the sentence in place of the underlined word?

"I cannot play outside until I have finished my art project," Lisa said proudly.

- A. cried
 - B. bellowed
 - C. announced
 - D. articulated
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23. Which word can take the place of the underlined words in the sentence below?

Where are the children's toys?

- A. they
 - B. their
 - C. them
 - D. my
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24. Which BEST describes a compound sentence?

- A. A sentence that contains a group of related words containing a subject, verb, adjective and adverb.
- B. A sentence that combines two independent clauses, providing two units of thought within one sentence.
- C. A sentence that has at least two parts, either one of which can stand by itself, but the two parts have not been properly connected.
- D. A sentence that fails to be a sentence in the sense that it cannot stand by itself or it does not contain even one independent clause.

25.

Take out the trash.

This sentence is

- A. declarative.
- B. imperative.
- C. exclamatory.
- D. interrogative.

Answer Key

1. D) Jack wants to read all of the Harry Potter books because he is a big fan.
2. C) The pretty girl walked down the street happily.
3. A) sentence 1
4. D) Year round schooling helps students keep their academic skills focused.
5. D) bibliography.
6. D) In spite of that, he still had a great time.
7. B) played and sang
8. B) 2 and 3
9. A) the pronunciation of determine
10. C) Hannah worked very hard in dance class to get over her fear.
11. B) Cooking a full breakfast would take too much time.
12. A) simple subject
13. C) first, later on
14. D) living creatures
15. C) I could see them from where I was behind the curtain.
16. C) exclamatory.
17. C) Benji, my dog, has been a member of our family since the day we rescued him from the pound.
18. D) To this day, Philadelphians celebrate the legacy Benjamin Franklin left in their city.
19. B) January 7, 2001
20. D) Leonard played basketball with his new friends for the rest of the afternoon.
21. D) In time, trains were improved and safely transported people across the country.
22. C) announced
23. B) their
24. B) A sentence that combines two independent clauses, providing two units of thought within one sentence.
25. B) imperative.