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1.

Carpooling and riding transit are the best ways to commute to and from work.

Which of these statements can help to engage the reader by establishing a context for the persuasive topic?

- A. Carpooling and riding transit can save gas and ease the terrible traffic situation.
 - B. Carpooling and riding transit are difficult alternatives for families with small children.
 - C. People who carpool or ride transit have more time to visit with friends on the way to work.
 - D. Transit, or public transportation, can be just as convenient as carpooling or ride sharing.
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2. Carmen is using the Internet to do research for her report on the inventory practices of grocery stores. Which search topic would lead her to the **most** helpful information?

- A. history
 - B. social studies
 - C. news and media
 - D. business and economy
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3. How should *computers speed* be written in the sentence below?

A computers speed is measured in billionths of a second.

- A. computer's speed
 - B. computers' speed
 - C. computer speed
 - D. computers's speed
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4. Which sentence contains a possessive pronoun?

- A. John's father never knew how to swim.
 - B. He has almost all of the books in the series.
 - C. All of those cards that he gave you were mine.
 - D. The following week we were supposed to be in New York.
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5.

Oh, I see, you want me to stay home while you go to the party.

In the sentence above, what part of speech is the underlined word?

- A. pronoun
 - B. interjection
 - C. preposition
 - D. conjunction
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6.

The clock chimed melodiously as the minute hand neared the quarter hour.

Which underlined word in the sentence above is used as an adverb?

- A. chimed
 - B. melodiously
 - C. minute
 - D. neared
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7.

I was going to work until 6:00 tonight, but I decided to go home early instead.

Which word in the sentence above is a conjunction?

- A. to
 - B. until
 - C. but
 - D. early
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8.

Sometimes my dog shakes her toys until she becomes dizzy.

Identify the direct object in the sentence.

- A. dog
 - B. toys
 - C. she
 - D. dizzy
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9.

Identify the compound sentence.

- A. Tyla and Jamar have studied hard for the test.
- B. Jamar failed the test and got mad at Tyla for passing.
- C. Tyla and Jamar have studied hard and will do well on the test.
- D. Tyla and Jamar took the test, but they didn't do as well as expected.

10.

Tidal waves are very dangerous, and tax money must be spent to research them.

Which statement is relevant in supporting the topic?

- A. Research is the only way to find out why things happen.
 - B. Tax payers should have a voice in how their money is spent.
 - C. Coastal areas suffer the most during spring and fall storm seasons.
 - D. Tidal wave damage is estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.
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11.

Video Games

Anonymous

What we now commonly refer to as video games began nearly thirty years ago as a digital interactive simulation no one really knew much about. Most children played traditional sports like football, baseball, and tennis thirty years ago. Pong, one of the first video games ever created, used very simple graphics and had limited interaction. Modern video games are so lifelike that they surpass many animated creations in depth and artistic value. Some people think that the realism of video games can promote the wrong message, especially when it comes to violence in gaming.

Which information is irrelevant and should be deleted from the passage?

- A. Most children played traditional sports like football, baseball, and tennis.
 - B. Modern video games are so lifelike they surpass many animated creations in depth and artistic value.
 - C. Pong, one of the first video games ever created, used very simple graphics and had limited interaction.
 - D. Some people think the realism of video games can promote the wrong message, especially when it comes to violence.
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12.

Which transition word uses *time order* correctly in the sentence?

Stuart and John _____ slam dunked the basketball, each at opposite ends of the court.

- A. therefore
 - B. conversely
 - C. consequently
 - D. simultaneously
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13.

Identify the correctly spelled word.

- A. beleave
 - B. beleive
 - C. believe
 - D. believe
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14. Miesha is writing a report on the human brain. Which research question does NOT relate to the rest of the questions below and should not be used?

- A. What is Sigmund Freud's view of the human brain?
 - B. What are the main areas of the human brain?
 - C. What functions are associated with major areas of the human brain?
 - D. What happens if the human brain is injured?
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15.

Choose the sentence that demonstrates correct use of *capitalization*.

- A. My Dad wants me to read his favorite book, The Last of the Mohicans.
 - B. My dad wants me to read his favorite book, The last of the Mohicans.
 - C. My dad wants me to read his favorite book, The Last of the Mohicans.
 - D. My dad wants me to read his favorite book, the last of the mohicans.
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16.

Which statement would be the BEST final sentence to include in the final paragraph of a persuasive essay about going to college or going into the workforce after high school?

- A. Many people do not discover their true passions until later in life.
 - B. It is important to get feedback from your family, friends, and mentors.
 - C. When choosing what to do after graduating from high school, it is important to weigh all of the options.
 - D. After looking at all of the options, it is obvious that continuing one's education is the best choice possible.
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17. What is true of a summary?

- A. It must be longer than the source.
 - B. It must state the main idea of the source.
 - C. It must include all of the material from the source.
 - D. It must take most of its language directly from the source.
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18. Which sentence contains two proper nouns?

- A. She is studying French and Spanish.
 - B. She likes foreign languages and math.
 - C. Her favorite subjects are math and Spanish.
 - D. She wants to visit France and another country.
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19. What is the antecedent of *it* in the sentence below?

Susan saw the school bus approaching long before it arrived.

- A. Susan
 - B. school
 - C. bus
 - D. long
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20.

The two brothers had similar interests; both of them liked sports, such as hockey and tennis.

What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence above?

- A. adverb
 - B. pronoun
 - C. adjective
 - D. preposition
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21.

The mailman saw the dog snarling at him.

Which part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence?

- A. verb
 - B. noun
 - C. adverb
 - D. adjective
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22. Which word is the interjection in the sentence below?

Oops, I had no idea you were standing behind me!

- A. I
 - B. Oops
 - C. you
 - D. no
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23.

Which word is the helping verb in the sentence below?

When the phone rang, Joanne was typing her report for school.

- A. When
 - B. rang
 - C. was
 - D. typing
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24.

My favorite grandmother lives in Sacramento, California, so I don't see her very often.

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 - D. conjunction
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25.

She chose tomatoes, beans, and apples. The frozen food section made Peter shiver. Peter enjoyed going through the automatic doors. A computer totaled their groceries. Peter had fun going to the grocery store.

In the paragraph above, which would make a good topic sentence?

- A. Peter went to the grocery store with his mother.
- B. There is a lot of advanced technology in grocery stores.
- C. It is not easy to have an enjoyable time at the grocery store.
- D. Fruits and vegetables need to be a part of everyone's grocery list.

Answer Key

1. A) Carpooling and riding transit can save gas and ease the terrible traffic situation.
2. D) business and economy
3. A) computer's speed
4. C) All of those cards that he gave you were mine.
5. B) interjection
6. B) melodiously
7. C) but
8. B) toys
9. D) Tyla and Jamar took the test, but they didn't do as well as expected.
10. D) Tidal wave damage is estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.
11. A) Most children played traditional sports like football, baseball, and tennis.
12. D) simultaneously
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15. C) My dad wants me to read his favorite book, The Last of the Mohicans.
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19. C) bus
20. C) adjective
21. A) verb
22. B) Oops
23. C) was
24. C) preposition
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