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1.

Which sentence is correct?

- A. A teacher asked we students to stop talking in the hallway.
 - B. A teacher asked us students to stop talking in the hallway.
 - C. A teacher asked them students to stop talking in the hallway.
 - D. A teacher asked they students to stop talking in the hallway.
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2.

Which sentence would BEST engage the reader's attention in an essay on mold and fungi?

- A. Once upon a time there grew a mold.
 - B. Molds are a member of the fungus family.
 - C. There are organisms in the world that are new to many human beings.
 - D. In a nearby forest, a blob of glistening green slime creeps over the surface of a rotting log.
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3.

What is the author's purpose in writing the paragraph?

In many hurricanes, winds in the wall cloud area blow at speeds of 130 to 150 miles per hour. The winds and rain, combined with the force of the sea, produce huge waves. These waves, called a storm surge, rise several feet above normal and cause floods over land. A storm surge can be especially destructive if it occurs at high tide.

- A. to tell a story
 - B. to report information
 - C. to entertain the reader
 - D. to persuade the reader's opinion
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4.

What is the BEST way to combine the two sentences?

Hal hopes to study medicine one day. He worries that his math skills are weak.

- A. Hal hopes to study medicine one day, but he worries that his math skills are weak.
 - B. Hal hopes to study medicine one day because he worries that his math skills are weak.
 - C. Hal hopes to study medicine one day, and he worries that his math skills are weak.
 - D. Hal hopes to study medicine one day since he worries that his math skills are weak.
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5.

Which transitional word usage is correct?

- A. Temperatures can go as high as 600 degrees Fahrenheit, and carbon dioxide makes up most of the atmosphere. Next, Venus is not fit for human habitation.
 - B. Temperatures can go as high as 600 degrees Fahrenheit, and carbon dioxide makes up most of the atmosphere. Also, Venus is not fit for human habitation.
 - C. Temperatures can go as high as 600 degrees Fahrenheit, and carbon dioxide makes up most of the atmosphere. For example, Venus is not fit for human habitation.
 - D. Temperatures can go as high as 600 degrees Fahrenheit, and carbon dioxide makes up most of the atmosphere. Clearly, Venus is not fit for human habitation.
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6.

Which sentence is a clear position statement for a persuasive essay about having school uniforms?

- A. School uniforms can be cool.
 - B. A lot of schools have uniforms.
 - C. Uniforms will benefit students at our school.
 - D. While they may be uncomfortable, uniforms are never commonplace.
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7.

What type of organizational structure did the author use in the paragraph?

In the play *The Diary of Anne Frank*, Anne comments on the differences between herself and her sister Margot. She remarks that everything Margot does is right in her parent's eyes, while everything Anne herself does is wrong. However, both girls are intelligent and sensitive.

- A. cause and effect
 - B. chronological order
 - C. compare and contrast
 - D. question and answer
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8. Which word(s) BEST fill(s) in the blank in the sentence below?

Several members of our science club _____ at the water plant on weekends.

- A. volunteer
 - B. volunteers
 - C. volunteering
 - D. is volunteering
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9.

What is the best way to combine the sentences?

She is our team's best player. Alexis will be nominated for the all-state softball team.

- A. While she is our team's best player, Alexis will be nominated for the all-state softball team.
 - B. Since she is our team's best player, Alexis will be nominated for the all-state softball team.
 - C. Alexis will be nominated for the all-state softball team unless she is our team's best player.
 - D. Even though she is our team's best player, Alexis will be nominated for the all-state softball team.
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10. **Which words BEST fill in the blanks in the sentence below?**

The wind _____ and _____, sounding like a lonely ghost seeking a place to rest.

- A. whistled, yelled
 - B. howled, moaned
 - C. growled, roared
 - D. blew, blew
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11.

Treasure Island

by *Robert Louis Stevenson*

I remember him as if it were yesterday, as he came plodding to the inn door, his sea-chest following behind him in a hand-barrow--a tall, strong, heavy, nut-brown man, his tarry pigtail falling over the shoulder of his soiled blue coat, his hands ragged and scarred, with black, broken nails, and the sabre cut across one cheek, a dirty, livid white. I remember him looking round the cover and whistling to himself as he did so, and then breaking out in that old sea-song that he sang so often afterwards:

"Fifteen men on the dead man's chest-- Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"

Why is first-person point of view a good way of telling this story?

- A. The narrator has a good sense of humor.
 - B. The narrator knows a lot about sea life.
 - C. The narrator describes how the man feels.
 - D. The narrator sees most of the events as they happen.
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12.

Which sentence is a run-on sentence?

- A. He tried to wake up he couldn't.
 - B. He tried to wake up; however, he couldn't.
 - C. Because he stayed up late studying, he couldn't wake up.
 - D. He stayed up late studying, and the next day he couldn't get up.
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13.

Which sentence is a clear position statement for a persuasive essay about students using cell phones during school hours?

- A. Cell phones are cool.
 - B. My favorite thing to do is text my friends.
 - C. I really hate it when my cell phone battery runs out.
 - D. Although distracting, cell phones have their benefits.
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14.

Which sentence is correct?

- A. Their cars need to be moved.
 - B. There are going to go camping.
 - C. They're is the great big teddy bear.
 - D. They're backpacks are hung on the wall.
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15.

Which passage has correct transition word usage?

- A. The conductor walked to the piano and played one note on the keyboard. Next, all the instruments tuned to that tone so that one great sound on the same pitch filled the room.
 - B. The conductor walked to the piano and played one note on the keyboard. Instead, all the instruments tuned to that tone so that one great sound on the same pitch filled the room.
 - C. The conductor walked to the piano and played one note on the keyboard. For example, all the instruments tuned to that tone so that one great sound on the same pitch filled the room.
 - D. The conductor walked to the piano and played one note on the keyboard. Although, all the instruments tuned to that tone so that one great sound on the same pitch filled the room.
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16. **Which of the sentences below is an example of an imperative sentence?**

- A. That play was fantastic!
 - B. I have twenty-three kids in my class.
 - C. Do you want another piece of chicken?
 - D. Turn left at the corner.
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17. Andy wants to write a paper about George Washington. Which of the following questions should probably NOT appear in his research?

- A. How did George Washington meet his wife?
 - B. How did George Washington become the first American President?
 - C. How did he gain the trust of the people?
 - D. Why did Washington want to be President?
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18.

Which sentence is correct?

- A. The most experienced essay writer is she.
- B. The most experienced essay writer is her.
- C. The most experienced essay writer is their.
- D. The most experienced essay writer is herself.

19.

What type of organizational structure did the author use in the paragraph?

This binder might look very worn out, but I treasure it because Andre gave it to me. He was my best friend last year, and he moved to South Carolina. Since the binder is all I have to remember him by, I will never throw it away.

- A. cause and effect
 - B. chronological order
 - C. similarity and difference
 - D. question and answer
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20.

What is the BEST way to combine the two sentences?

Tim had no idea where they were. The map fell out of the car at the last stop.

- A. Since Tim had no idea where they were, the map fell out of the car at the last stop.
 - B. When the map had fallen out of the car at the last stop, Tim had no idea where they were.
 - C. Since the map had fallen out of the car at the last stop, Tim had no idea where they were.
 - D. Tim had no idea where they were: therefore, the map must have fallen out of the car at the last stop.
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21. Which of the following is capitalized correctly?

- A. Dr. John q. McMillan
 - B. Dr. John q. Mcmillan
 - C. Dr. John Q. McMillan
 - D. Dr. John Q. Mcmillan
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22.

Which sentence is correct?

- A. Rachael is known for she cooking expertise.
 - B. Rachael is known for her cooking expertise.
 - C. Rachael is known for their cooking expertise.
 - D. Rachael is known for herself cooking expertise.
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23. Which combines the sentences below into a compound sentence?

Andrew can skate very fast. Sylvia skates the fastest.

- A. Andrew can skate very fast, but Sylvia skates the fastest.
 - B. Andrew and Sylvia skate very fast and fastest.
 - C. As though Andrew can skate very fast, Sylvia can skate the fastest.
 - D. Andrew can skate very fast since Sylvia skates the fastest.
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24.

How should these sentences be ordered to create a logical paragraph?

1. I told him I was, and we discussed what cards we wanted to trade.
2. He said he collected cards, too, and wanted to know if I was interested in trading any of mine.
3. One of my classmates noticed some baseball cards that I brought into school one day.
4. The next day, he brought in his cards, and we did some trading at lunch.

- A. 1,4,3,2
 - B. 2,3,1,4
 - C. 3,2,1,4
 - D. 4,2,1,4
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25.

Which sentence has the all the modifiers in the correct places?

- A. I like to listen to rap music doing my homework.
- B. Without a plan for the weekend, we decided to watch a movie.
- C. Jennifer couldn't ride to work on her bicycle with a broken leg.
- D. Dancing lightly through the trees, the children were delighted by the birds.

Answer Key

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23. A) Andrew can skate very fast, but Sylvia skates the fastest.
24. C) 3,2,1,4
25. B) Without a plan for the weekend, we decided to watch a movie.