

Part IV:

Diagnostic Tests and Answer Keys

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Diagnostic Tests

NOTE TO TEST ADMINISTRATOR

This section includes a set of diagnostic tests designed to assess your students' proficiency in five major areas of English grammar: sentence construction, sentence structure, punctuation, mechanics, and diction. If your program requires that you administer a diagnostic essay test (as many do), you may wish to supplement it with these general grammar diagnostics. Grammar diagnostics allow you to assess student proficiency before the first essay is due; the results will aid in designing coursework for the term, and you can determine an individual student's weaknesses (and strengths) quickly. A complete answer key to the diagnostic tests and a scoring guide are included following the tests on pages 83–106.

There are fifty-five items in each test (Forms A, B, and C). Each consists of four sentences; three are correct, and one contains an error. Using the individual headings and part titles as a guide, students should identify the sentence in each item that violates a basic rule of grammar. Students are directed to enter the capital letter preceding each incorrect sentence in the blank to the left of each item. These tests can also be used with any standard, preprinted computer scoring sheet. Students should proceed directly from item to item throughout the entire test, without stopping at the end of any part. No time limit is specified in the test directions.

Please note that the answer keys provided in this Instructor's Support Package apply only to the three diagnostic tests presented below. A separate set of diagnostic tests is available on CD for students to use on their own; the CD tests are self-correcting.

DIRECTIONS

The purpose of this test is to evaluate your knowledge of English fundamentals. By identifying any weaknesses you may have, the test will make your study of these fundamentals more efficient.

This test has fifty-five items, divided into five sections: Sentence Construction, Sentence Structure, Punctuation, Mechanics, and Diction (Word Choice). Each test item consists of four sentences; three are correct, and one contains one type of error. There are no spelling errors in any of the items.

Headings in the five test sections describe the specific types of errors you should look for. After reading the four sentences in each item, identify the sentence that contains an error. In the blank to the left of the item, write the capital letter preceding the sentence that you have identified as incorrect. When you have completed one section, go on to the next. Unless your instructor tells you otherwise, take as much time as you need to complete the test.

Here is an example of a test item.

EXAMPLE

Verb Forms (errors in verb form and tense)

	A	1. A. The curtain rose, and the audience seen the set for the first time.
		B. The clothes to be laundered lay in a heap on the kitchen floor.
		C. Even before the snow fell, the pond had frozen.
		D. Planes flew over the river as they approached the airport.

Diagnostic Test

Raimes, *Keys for Writers*

FORM A

PART ONE: SENTENCE CONSTRUCTION

Fragments, Comma Splices, Run-on Sentences (errors that result when part of a sentence is punctuated as a complete sentence or two complete sentences are incorrectly joined)

- _____ 1. A. Most opals are mined in Australia, but Colorado is also rich in these colorful gems.
 B. Arguably the most significant invention of the twentieth century, computers are now indispensable to businesses large and small.
 C. Storms may come up suddenly, boaters should head for shore when they see the sky darken.
 D. Poison dart frogs have flamboyant colors to warn predators that they are lethal dinner fare.
- _____ 2. A. Unlike many of their counterparts at neighborhood bars and restaurants, waiters at four-star establishments think of their jobs as careers.
 B. Block after block of small houses that all looked the same.
 C. The one-eyed pyramid on the back of a dollar bill is a Masonic symbol, and the phrase beneath it is Latin for “A new secular order.”
 D. If you like sausage, then you will love *boudin*, a Cajun specialty.
- _____ 3. A. Sunglasses protect the eyes from ultraviolet rays, but you should never stare directly at the sun.
 B. Books will never go out of style they are portable treasure troves of information.
 C. Cars run on gasoline.
 D. Most mammals see in black and white, but primates see in color.
- _____ 4. A. He had thought of her often since their last meeting; why could he not summon up enough courage to call?
 B. A face that looked like ten miles of bad road.
 C. Although pizza is often lumped together with junk food, it does contain nourishing ingredients.
 D. In nineteenth-century Italy, each region kept its own time, an idiosyncrasy that maddened English visitors.
- _____ 5. A. The British Parliament is a bicameral, or two-house, legislature. The House of Lords and the House of Commons.
 B. In the biblical story of Genesis, Cain had one brother and no sisters.
 C. Are you willing to express an opinion, or are you waiting for more information?
 D. Symphonic works by two little-known modern composers were scheduled, yet the concert was sold out several days before the performance.

- _____ 6. A. Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, is an independent state.
B. Social Security recipients are usually pleased to receive a cost-of-living increase in benefits.
C. Shrimp is high in cholesterol, but haddock is not.
D. In 1776, the six tribes of the Iroquois Confederacy pledged not to take sides in the struggle between the Americans and the British, however, their neutrality was short-lived.
- _____ 7. A. Tea contains less caffeine than does coffee.
B. Some reporters use special notebooks with margins for jotting down questions; others use a clipboard and unlined paper.
C. Writing clear instructions is not an easy task, is it?
D. Everyone should have a set of basic tools for small household repairs at least there should be a hammer, a wrench, and a screwdriver.

Verb Forms (Errors in verb form and tense)

- _____ 8. A. Utahraptor, an ancestor of the famed velociraptor, will slash its victims to death.
B. After the bell tolled three times, silence reigned.
C. He inserted a bolt, gave it a few turns, and then positioned the headboard into place.
D. As a young man he dreamed of becoming rich, but as an octogenarian he treasures sound health.
- _____ 9. A. After the student cooks watched the pastry chef roll out dough, they pick up their rolling pins and sprinkle flour on their breadboards.
B. The flags that hang in front of the courthouse are raised in the morning and lowered at night.
C. The first telegraph line, constructed in 1844, ran from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.
D. A person who was born in 1999 and who lives until the year 2101 will have lived in three different centuries.
- _____ 10. A. In *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, Michelle Yeoh battles a thief on the rooftops of Peking.
B. The auctioneer had expected the car dealers to bid most enthusiastically for models with options such as four-speaker CD players.
C. After two days of near-zero temperatures, the lake looks as though it has froze solid.
D. Many birds lay their eggs in nests.

Subject-Verb Agreement (errors in subject-verb agreement, such as a singular subject with a plural verb)

- _____ 11. A. Although most stork populations are dwindling, not every species are on the endangered list.
B. Paper clips, a ruler, and scissors are standard equipment in most offices.
C. Typical ornaments for the natives of central Africa are beaded collars and metal armbands.
D. Pieces of paper fly off your desk unless you use a paperweight.

- _____ 12. A. Only two yards of wool was needed for the skirt.
 B. The film *Almost Famous* give a fascinating portrayal of the music scene in the 1970s.
 C. The congregation is sponsoring a potluck supper and a white elephant sale.
 D. A red maple leaf appears on the Canadian flag.

Pronouns (errors in pronoun use, such as ambiguity, lack of agreement between a pronoun and its antecedent, or use of an incorrect case form)

- _____ 13. A. The herd stampeded when it saw lightning.
 B. He thought that she and I understood French.
 C. Summer evenings on the porch were pleasant in those days.
 D. The United Nations has their headquarters in New York.
- _____ 14. A. When they discovered that the precious coins were missing, they realized that a thief was lurking among them.
 B. He and I had been friends since childhood.
 C. We children always had to comply with the adults' directives.
 D. If a movie critic does not back up his or her opinions with specific examples, then readers should disregard their advice.
- _____ 15. A. Two women—my cousin and I—were candidates to fill a vacancy on the school board.
 B. In the primary elections, the voters chose two writers—a gossip columnist and I—to run for mayor.
 C. An industrial robot that transports raw materials from one work station to another looks very different from one that does spot welding on automobile bodies.
 D. That station wagon is ours; the van belongs to someone else.
- _____ 16. A. Whose willing to donate a cake for the bake sale?
 B. The mare would not let anyone near its newborn.
 C. Benjamin Franklin believed that the turkey should be America's national bird.
 D. It looks as if you and I will be sharing the award.
- _____ 17. A. Of whom was Yeats writing in his poem "Among School Children"?
 B. After all those years, it was she who returned in his hour of need.
 C. Whom may I say is calling?
 D. The president supported a Supreme Court justice whose character was beyond reproach.
- _____ 18. A. Sensing danger, the rhino raised its head and lumbered away.
 B. Lion cubs raised in captivity must be taught how to hunt for themselves before they are released into the wild.
 C. The squadron returned intact to the airfield after its dangerous mission.
 D. The 4-H Club raised the tomatoes that I and other travelers bought at the roadside stand.

Adjectives and Adverbs (errors in the use of adjectives and adverbs)

- _____ 19. A. Land turtles can cover great distances, but their progress is often painfully slow.
 B. Although the Atlanta Braves have a strong record, a few teams have trounced them bad.
 C. Trail bikes excel at traversing rough terrain; they do not serve well as racing vehicles.
 D. Broccoli gained notoriety as one of George H. W. Bush's least favorite foods.
- _____ 20. A. Of Sicily, Malta, and Corsica, Sicily is the island closer to Italy.
 B. The winning time in the relay race was a full second faster than the next best time.
 C. The actress felt bad when she did not win an Emmy award.
 D. The trail led directly to the quagmire, where the footing was sure to be treacherous.
- _____ 21. A. Chess is a challenging game that few play really well.
 B. Because of a tie-up on the expressway, they arrived when the party was near over.
 C. The shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

- D. Children who ask the most questions receive the greatest amount of attention in her classroom.

PART TWO: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Sentence Completeness (errors in sentence completeness, such as the omission of a verb or a preposition needed to complete the meaning of a sentence)

- _____ 22. A. The meteorologist reported a hurricane was approaching.
B. In the honors program, course offerings are multidisciplinary; course structure is flexible.
C. Team members learn both to work and to take risks together.
D. John F. Kennedy's consumer bill of rights focused on the right to be safe, to be informed, to choose, and to be heard.
- _____ 23. A. Jackson Pollock and Willem De Kooning were key figures in the "New York School" of abstract expressionist painters.
B. One of the most attractive things about him is his sense of humor.
C. Live oak trees do not lose all of their leaves in the fall like other deciduous trees.
D. When he asked her to dance, she explained that she liked to sit more.

Sentence Consistency and Parallelism (errors in consistency, such as shifts in verb tense or a lack of parallel structure in equivalent sentence parts)

- _____ 24. A. Fill out this application, and then we would like you to tell us about your work experience.
B. Because orders had been diminishing for months, the layoffs were not unexpected.
C. As the story opens, the widow and her son are leaving the cemetery.
D. The author-title cards are arranged in alphabetical order, and then the bibliography is typed.
- _____ 25. A. The two were often seen together, but no one suspected any wrongdoing.
B. George Washington was the father of our country, an honest man, and crossed the Delaware.
C. Engineers control flooding on the lower Mississippi River with a system of levees, canals, and spillways.
D. Although he played in a heavy-metal band, his hearing was still intact.

- _____ 26. A. British and French aerospace officials want to develop a Concorde capable of flying at 1,780 miles per hour and that would carry three hundred passengers.
 B. Radar is used not only by air-traffic controllers to locate planes but also by archaeologists to locate artifacts underground.
 C. Use neither *ibid.* nor *op. cit.* in MLA-style documentation.
 D. An author's appearance on *Oprah!* can boost sales of a book by thousands of copies and can lead to appearances on other widely viewed television shows.
- _____ 27. A. The Earth orbits around the sun, as do all the other planets in our solar system.
 B. Long ago, party-goers came here in carriages, but now they arrive in sleek limousines.
 C. Pumpkin carving is easy; all you need is a sharp knife, some newspaper, and a willingness to immerse your hands in glop.
 D. Bambi's mother dies when a hunter shoots her, and before that they all run from a forest fire.
- _____ 28. A. In Great Britain, businesses that may not advertise on television include matrimonial agencies, undertakers, fortune tellers, and private detectives too are excluded.
 B. A nation may establish an embargo for health reasons as well as for political reasons.
 C. If you have an active imagination, are able to concentrate on one activity for a long time, and are able to lose yourself in books or motion pictures, you may be susceptible to hypnosis.
 D. In a footnote, the name of the author is given in its normal order; in a bibliography, the name of the author is inverted.
- _____ 29. A. Saltwater fish are heavy drinkers that deplete key elements from water more quickly than do their freshwater counterparts.
 B. Gold is a precious metal, and so is platinum.
 C. In spring we turn the clock forward one hour; in fall we gain an hour.
 D. Not only was the president rushing to his appointment, but he had a bad cold.

Position of Modifiers (errors in the placement of a modifier in a sentence)

- _____ 30. A. Sailing west to find a shortcut to the riches of the East, John Cabot, Giovanni da Verrazano, and others explored the North American coast in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries.
 B. Established in 1961, men and women in the Peace Corps work in developing countries as teachers, agricultural specialists, and health-care providers.
 C. To give women the right to vote in federal elections, Congress passed and the states ratified the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920.
 D. Dried coriander seed contains an aromatic oil that is used as a flavoring in liqueurs.
- _____ 31. A. In the hills on the outskirts of Florence, Fiesole is a favorite refuge for tourists and natives alike during the summer heat.
 B. Intended as a handbook for rulers, Machiavelli's *The Prince* is the definitive work on political guile and duplicity.
 C. Professor Collins told us her book was coming out on the beach.
 D. Though they betrayed him, Lancelot and Guinevere loved the king deeply.

Separation of Sentence Parts (errors involving the separation of closely related parts of a sentence)

- _____ 32. A. We, overly influenced by publicity announcing awards already won, have unrealistic expectations about a film.

- B. Guam, a stopover en route to Japan, was taken from Spain by the United States in the Spanish-American War.
- C. Mariners aboard ships rounding the Cape of Good Hope reported seeing the *Flying Dutchman* sailing against the wind.
- D. Dealing with scenes and subjects of everyday life, genre painting appears in frescoes in Pompeii.
- _____ 33. A. Although it is more difficult to clean, wool carpeting is far more durable than nylon carpeting.
- B. An exhibition of works by Claude Monet, the famous Impressionist painter, will begin touring art museums next year.
- C. The miners, who had eaten a hearty breakfast 48 hours ago but nothing since that time, and who were dressed in light clothing, were hopelessly trapped.
- D. In an attempt to extend their range, opera singers may venture into blues, soul, or other kinds of popular music.

PART THREE: PUNCTUATION (ERRORS IN THE USE OF PUNCTUATION MARKS, INCLUDING THE COMMA, SEMICOLON, COLON, QUOTATION MARKS, AND TERMINAL PUNCTUATION)

Use of Commas

- _____ 34. A. Members of the Wallpaper History Society, based at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, are interested in wallpaper and in the whole subject of interior decoration.
- B. On November 26, 1922, the British archaeologist, Howard Carter, found the tomb of the young pharaoh Tutankhamen.
- C. Earth is the fifth largest planet in our solar system and the third closest to the sun.
- D. At Key West, which is the southernmost point in the United States, the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico flow together.
- _____ 35. A. Jansson's Temptation, a Swedish dish, is made with potatoes, onions, and anchovies.
- B. His sister moreover had forgotten their grandmother's birthday.
- C. "Never," said Rosa, "have I been so offended by an odor!"
- D. Porcelain is fired at very high temperatures; firing temperatures for pottery are lower.
- _____ 36. A. Prometheus in Aeschylus' *Prometheus Bound* and in Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound* was a mythical god who was tied to a mountain peak by Zeus for giving fire to mortals.
- B. Armchair generals, back-seat drivers, and Monday-morning quarterbacks give advice from the sidelines.
- C. I have been living, and working in Venice for the past three years.
- D. Life on the lonely, vast, treeless prairies presented formidable challenges to thousands of families.

- _____ 37. A. Five, fluffy, flamingo chicks were born this summer in the lagoon.
 B. Roses, apples, and pears are all members of the same family.
 C. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has instituted a program to save Mexican grey wolves from extinction.
 D. For the British people, 1066, the year of the Norman conquest, is of prime significance.

Use of Semicolons and Colons

- _____ 38. A. The last four states admitted to the Union were: New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii.
 B. Huguenots fleeing religious persecution in France emigrated to Switzerland; they brought with them skills in banking, trading, and manufacturing.
 C. Factors that motivate workers to perform well include the following: a sense of achievement, recognition by others, and challenges posed by the work itself.
 D. The swing shift runs from 4:00 P.M. to midnight, but supervisors arrive at the plant by 3:30 to learn what must be accomplished at night.
- _____ 39. A. Water is the only substance that occurs naturally in three different forms; as a solid, a liquid, and a gas.
 B. When they first appeared, digital quartz watches cost hundreds of dollars; now they sell for as little as one dollar.
 C. Here are three ways to keep cool: turn on your air conditioner; pour yourself a glass of lemonade, going easy on the sugar; and avoid unnecessary physical work.
 D. He learned the quintessential skill for survival in Third World countries: small-engine repair.
- _____ 40. A. The rain stopped, and we could almost see the grass begin to grow again.
 B. Programs launched as part of President Johnson's War on Poverty included Project Head Start, which prepared disadvantaged children for elementary school, the Job Corps, which provided work experience for young people, and Legal Services for the Poor.
 C. The income tax that Americans pay is a progressive tax: those who earn more pay more.
 D. Many dramatists and novelists have spent time in Hollywood writing for films, among them Joan Didion, Nora Ephron, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Tom Stoppard.

Use of Quotation Marks and Terminal Punctuation

- _____ 41. A. The rock star Sting was upset to learn that George W. Bush used the song "Brand New Day" during his presidential campaign.
 B. "I have read all of John Keats's poems," said Eileen, "but 'Ode to a Nightingale' is my favorite."
 C. *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens begins with the well-known lines, It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.
 D. "Have you seen my mother?" asked the frightened child.
- _____ 42. A. "Mr. King, please explain the literal and the figurative meanings of the expression 'Make hay while the sun shines,'" said Professor Marvell.
 B. The army band played "Stars and Stripes Forever"; the navy band played "The Washington Post March."
 C. "Home on the Range" is not my idea of an art song, said Maria.
 D. Among the organizations represented at the job fair were USX, NBC, and the IRS.
- _____ 43. A. "Did Mr. and Mrs. Weber come to the graduation party despite the rain?"
 B. South Africans, like the English, drink something called a *shandy*, a blend of lemonade and beer.
 C. The station wanted to broadcast 24 hours a day, but the FCC would not allow it.
 D. We sailed to Block Island aboard *The Salad Days*.

- _____ 44. A. The midterm test contained questions on “The Miller’s Tale” and “The Wife of Bath’s Prologue and Tale”; therefore, questions in the final examination will focus on other sections of *The Canterbury Tales*.
 B. The children knew that the teacher would ask what they had learned on the field trip.
 C. After their children leave home, many women enter college to earn a B.S. or a B.A.
 D. Someone in the personnel department called yesterday and said, “We’d like to offer you the job. When can you begin work?”

PART FOUR: MECHANICS (ERRORS IN THE USE OF ITALICS, HYPHENS, APOSTROPHES, AND CAPITAL LETTERS)

Use of Italics

- _____ 45. A. Many episodes of “Seinfeld” received high ratings.
 B. We love to go to Tanglewood and dine *al fresco*.
 C. *The Midnight Special* was a train that inspired a song and radio program by the same name.
 D. The Walters Gallery in Baltimore houses some of the world’s finest ancient jewelry collections.
- _____ 46. A. There is no *c* in *supersede*.
 B. The vaqueros returned to the hacienda at dusk.
 C. The *Koran* often draws from the *Bible* and considers the Old Testament prophets and Jesus to be predecessors of Mohammed.
 D. Linnaeus devised a system of classification that identifies plants and animals by genus and species.

Use of Hyphens

- _____ 47. A. Bored with chintz, she chose to re-cover her sofa in Haitian cotton.
 B. Ninety nine times out of a hundred, when a car won’t start, the problem is the battery.
 C. There is no law against walking arm-in-arm down the street with your spouse.
 D. The snake made a halfhearted attempt to find an occupied nest and then slithered its way back home.
- _____ 48. A. Three well-known authors will read from their works at the benefit.
 B. Watermelons that have no seeds are available.
 C. Her nearly-perfect dive was applauded by the spectators.
 D. The twenty-fifth state to be admitted to the United States was Arkansas.

Use of Apostrophes

- _____ 49. A. The lieutenants left hand had been lost in action.
 B. Alcohol consumption was illegal here in the twenties.
 C. The Lewises’ car is a 1988 Ford.
 D. *South Pacific* is one of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s most famous musicals.
- _____ 50. A. It’s not easy to remember that the word *withhold* has two *h*’s.
 B. Patricia R. Harris’s appointment as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare by President Carter in 1979 marked black women’s first appearance in the U.S. Cabinet.
 C. When six day-care centers shut down, the parents’ anger was intense.
 D. According to Homer, the chimera had a lions head, a goats body, and a dragons tail.

Capitalization

- _____ 51. A. She was a noted professor of philology, the study of written records and texts.
 B. Sheila was not even aware that her Mother had been married before.

- C. In 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves in Confederate states.
- D. A survey course in art history, such as the Introduction to the Art of the Last Two Centuries course taught by Professor Martinez, will make your museum visits more worthwhile.
- _____ 52. A. Henry Ford is supposed to have said, "History is bunk."
 B. Elizabeth II has been queen of Great Britain and Northern Ireland since 1952.
 C. Times Square is at the intersection of Broadway, Forty-fifth Street, and Seventh Avenue.
 D. Two novels by English author E. M. Forster have been made into motion pictures in recent years: *Where Angels Fear to Tread* and *A Room With a View*.

PART FIVE: DICTION (WORD CHOICE)

Word Choice and the Use of Idioms (errors in the choice of words and in the use of idiomatic expressions)

- _____ 53. A. An inveterate social climber, Chauncey flattered and connived to wrangle an invitation to the ball.
 B. He was embarrassed to wear a bathing suit because he knew his legs were scrawny.
 C. Armadillos are indigenous to Texas and Louisiana.
 D. She purchased her furs at Morrison's, a chic emporium on Rye Street.
- _____ 54. A. Most people believe that smoking affects health in undesirable ways.
 B. The effect of sound on motion pictures is an interesting topic for discussion.
 C. Businesses that are run in accordance with ethical principals are not involved in bribery, overpricing, or conflicts of interest.
 D. Satellites orbiting Earth at about 22,000 miles above the equator appear from the ground to be stationary.
- _____ 55. A. The term *stabile* refers to a stationary sculpture whose elements resemble those of a mobile.
 B. "What a capital idea," said Reggie. "Let's set out for the capitol building!"
 C. She had a tawdry appearance, augmented by heavy rouge and cheap expandable garments.
 D. In short, Mr. Miller, because of severe shortfalls in projected revenues during the past quarter, I am compelled by necessity to give you the old heave-ho.

Diagnostic Test

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FORM B

PART ONE: SENTENCE CONSTRUCTION

Fragments, Comma Splices, Run-on Sentences (errors that result when part of a sentence is punctuated as a complete sentence or two complete sentences are incorrectly joined)

- _____ 1. A. Amazonian natives use stingray spines to make sewing needles.
 B. In April, the swamps are abloom with wild purple iris.
 C. Scented with musky perfume and lavished with pearl embroidery.
 D. Louisville Sluggers are the best-known bats in baseball; some are still made by hand.
- _____ 2. A. Donkeys bray.
 B. Invented by Eli Whitney in the 1790s, the cotton gin, which separates cotton seeds and hulls from the cotton fibers.
 C. The mockingbird flew from the maple tree and perched on the television antenna.
 D. The Siberian steppe is a treeless plain like the prairie of North America.
- _____ 3. A. Windsurfing requires considerable upper-body strength, it also requires agility and endurance.
 B. Few rental-car agencies accept customers who don't own credit cards.
 C. Murano, an island near Venice, Italy, is the world's art glass capital.
 D. Animals can have a remarkable effect on people; medical researchers have found that a pet can lower a patient's blood pressure and reduce his or her risk of a second heart attack.
- _____ 4. A. The store carried both the hardcover and the paperback editions of the book, we bought the hardcover copy even though it cost more.
 B. Crabs smaller than six inches had to be thrown back into the bay.
 C. Branches blown down during a storm may be used for firewood.
 D. Parrots squawk; canaries, however, chirp.
- _____ 5. A. He lives in Chicago, she in Memphis; they see each other on weekends.
 B. Louisiana has a forced heirship law, consequently, parents cannot disinherit their children.
 C. Although Jay Gatsby had amassed a fortune, he was a desperately unhappy man.
 D. In a remarkable turn of events, former prisoner Nelson Mandela was elected president of South Africa.

- _____ 6. A. Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives can be reelected any number of times, but the president of the United States can serve only two terms.
 B. The drought entered its fifth year removing salt from seawater seemed the best course of action.
 C. The Third Crusade, led by the rulers of Germany, France, and England, was launched to restore Jerusalem to Christian control.
 D. New World monkeys are found in Latin America; Old World monkeys are found in Africa and Asia.
- _____ 7. A. Some critics pin the blame for spiraling health-care costs on the price of medical malpractice insurance, which has risen dramatically in recent years.
 B. Self-employed consultants must pay estimated taxes to both the state in which they work and the Internal Revenue Service.
 C. Since the desktop publishing revolution, the pica ruler has all but disappeared from the graphic artist's work table.
 D. Art Deco jewelry designers favored geometric shapes, they particularly adored the triangle.

Verb Forms (Errors in verb form and tense)

- _____ 8. A. In 1950, Florence Chadwick broke the record of Gertrude Ederle, who in 1926 had swum across the English Channel in fourteen hours and thirty-one minutes.
 B. Come and set down on the porch until the rain stops.
 C. Members of a jury are not supposed to make up their minds about a case until they have heard all the evidence.
 D. Fireworks burst over many rivers on the Fourth of July.
- _____ 9. A. As a young girl, Simone de Beauvoir was a devout Catholic.
 B. Leonardo da Vinci was a visionary who foresaw the day that human beings would be able to fly.
 C. We visited Tuscany in October, when the wine grapes were being harvest.
 D. The seismologist explained that there might be no warning before a major earthquake.
- _____ 10. A. The welder works six hours on Saturday and received overtime pay.
 B. The average Greek city-state, or polis, was the size of a small American county.
 C. Spiral binding allows a book to lie completely flat.
 D. Children's Television Workshop has been producing *Sesame Street* since 1969.

Subject-Verb Agreement (errors in subject-verb agreement, such as a singular subject with a plural verb)

- _____ 11. A. The skull and crossbones flew from the pirate ship's mast.
 B. The shirt fit perfectly, but the pants was far too long.
 C. Neither gum chewing nor lip smacking is on the list of polite behaviors.
 D. By law, a plane cannot take off unless every passenger is wearing a seat belt.
- _____ 12. A. From the financial pages comes news about stock prices.
 B. "Snow White" is one of the Grimms' fairy tales that has been immortalized by Walt Disney.
 C. The ebb and flow of the tide marks the passage of time.
 D. In an English sonnet there are three quatrains and a concluding couplet.

Pronouns (errors in pronoun use, such as ambiguity, lack of agreement between a pronoun and its antecedent, or use of an incorrect case form)

- _____ 13. A. The puppy whimpered as the vet tried to administer its first shot.
 B. Does everyone understand how to complete his or her test form?

- C. Neither Fred nor John were willing to admit their role in the egg-throwing incident.
 D. The staff at that tiny office takes its cues from the boss.
- _____ 14. A. Whom do you believe, the incumbent or the challenger?
 B. Sherlock Holmes always knows who committed the crime before Dr. Watson does.
 C. Whom do you believe is likely to participate in the debate?
 D. Whoever is appointed will have our support.
- _____ 15. A. Just between you and me, I think Francine is looking for another job.
 B. The five of them lagged behind as we neared the finish line.
 C. Alan's brother offered to intervene, but I explained that the dispute was between him and I.
 D. If you want fresh mussels for dinner, just find a rock and pry them off.
- _____ 16. A. Each member must show his or her card when signing in.
 B. The recital ended after my piano teacher and I had played a duet.
 C. Their arriving a day early lifted everyone's spirits.
 D. The preacher seemed to be speaking directly to myself.
- _____ 17. A. Recent research on the quality of our nation's drinking water has encouraged River Falls to examine their purification system.
 B. We did not have even a nickel among us.
 C. She and I are sometimes mistaken for sisters because we both have red hair.
 D. Everyone loves to boast of his or her accomplishments sometimes.
- _____ 18. A. Every five years or so, we Mississippi River pilots get together in St. Louis for a reunion.
 B. Some of the guests agreed that they had never seen a bride who looked lovelier than her.
 C. Digital video disk (DVD) technology has affected the music, movie, and television industries.
 D. The IRS auditor said the responsibility for claiming too many dependents was ours, not our accountant's.

Adjectives and Adverbs (errors in the use of adjectives and adverbs)

- _____ 19. A. We think of the sun as an inferno, but it generates far less heat than many stars in our galaxy.
 B. Neutral colors are more restful than bright warm ones.
 C. Few graduating classes these days vote on who is the most likely to succeed.
 D. She did not get the job because her computer skills were not well enough.
- _____ 20. A. The most attractive, tastiest cake won first prize in the baking contest.
 B. The Nile is longer than any other river in the world; the Missouri, shorter than the Nile, is the longest river in the United States.
 C. In a fish store that smells badly, the fish may not be the freshest.
 D. When the school-bus lights flash red, drivers must come to a complete stop.

- _____ 21. A. He felt so badly that morning that he failed to show up for practice.
B. They converted the old ice-skating rink into a collection of fashionable boutiques and upscale restaurants.
C. Wrought iron makes sturdy fences, but it is too brittle for most construction uses.
D. Metallic ribbon can dress up the dullest packages.

PART TWO: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Sentence Completeness (errors in sentence completeness, such as the omission of a verb or a preposition needed to complete the meaning of a sentence)

- _____ 22. A. Most cars are still fueled by gasoline, but some now use natural gas.
B. In medieval towns, the first floor of a house was often a shop; the upper floors, living quarters.
C. *American Beauty* won Oscars for best original screenplay, best actor, best director, best picture, and best cinematography.
D. A yard is shorter than a meter.
- _____ 23. A. The real estate business booms when interest rates plummet.
B. Elvis Presley is remembered for more than his voice; he has become an American icon.
C. In New Orleans, tourists like to visit the cemeteries, which have above-ground burial vaults.
D. British seamen staved off scurvy by eating limes, and these are rich in vitamin C.

Sentence Consistency and Parallelism (errors in consistency, such as shifts in verb tense or a lack of parallel structure in equivalent sentence parts)

- _____ 24. A. Your test scores, your writing sample, and your yearbook experience make you a strong candidate for the position.
B. Braising is when you brown the meat or vegetable in oil and then let it simmer in a covered pan.
C. Miriam attended the orientation meeting but then decided not to participate in the campaign.
D. Every month they need to be paid: phone bills, utility bills, credit-card bills.
- _____ 25. A. If her laces had not been untied, she might not have tripped over them on the stairs.
B. Our cherished screen legend Marilyn Monroe actually appeared in relatively few motion pictures.
C. He always made a ritual of pinching off the dead azalea blossoms.
D. The red light means stop, the green means go, and sometimes drivers speed when the light turns yellow.
- _____ 26. A. An entrepreneur hopes that his or her new business will survive, grow, and the entrepreneur also hopes that it will make a profit.
B. Objective tests call for yes/no, true/false, or multiple-choice answers.
C. Stereotypes may be either positive or negative.
D. Caffeine is present in coffee and tea and also in cola and chocolate.

- _____ 27. A. Curry is actually a blend of spices, including turmeric, cardamom, and cumin.
 B. The contractor stripped the old linoleum from the floor, spread a thin layer of adhesive, and then positioned the new tile in place.
 C. Giotto was not only a revolutionary painter, but he is less well known for his architecture.
 D. Morning sunshine, early afternoon clouds, late afternoon thundershowers, and clear evenings are typical in subtropical climates.
- _____ 28. A. The role of Tarzan calls for someone with athletic skills and who is not afraid of working with jungle animals.
 B. In 1976, Saul Bellow won both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the Nobel Prize for literature.
 C. Even if you are a powerful swimmer, you should always wear a life preserver when you go sailing.
 D. To reason inductively is to examine a few specific cases and then to make a general statement based on them.
- _____ 29. A. *Forbidden Broadway* spoofs a number of musical theater conventions.
 B. First there were the fork, knife, and spoon; then we see the spork, an ingenious hybrid implement.
 C. The most famous cultured pearls are made by the Japanese firm of Mikimoto.
 D. A victim of benign neglect, the porch swing was missing two slats, and it creaked painfully with every movement.

Position of Modifiers (errors in the placement of a modifier in a sentence)

- _____ 30. A. Some of Chopin's works are known by descriptive titles that the composer did not give them.
 B. The dog in the manger barked and snapped at the hungry cows, preventing them from eating hay.
 C. Salmon usually leave the sea and fight their way upstream to spawn in the freshwater site where they were hatched.
 D. Used on arrowheads for hunting by some South American Indians, medical science has also made use of curare.
- _____ 31. A. Those boxes with revolving ballerinas dressed in tulle skirts that played music and were made of metal and held powder were all the rage in the 1950s.
 B. The life expectancy for a dog is shorter than that for a parrot.
 C. French doors are especially popular in suburban homes with scenic backyards.
 D. Amethyst, onyx, and rock crystal are all quartz varieties with similar chemical properties.

Separation of Sentence Parts (errors involving the separation of closely related parts of a sentence)

- _____ 32. A. Northerners who were watching the first Battle of Bull Run, when they realized that the Confederates had won, were afraid that Washington would be captured.
 B. The Sermon on the Mount, found in the Gospel According to Saint Matthew, opens with the Beatitudes.
 C. The famous line "They also serve who only stand and wait" concludes Milton's poem "On His Blindness."
 D. The Elysian Fields, where the virtuous and heroic were rewarded, was a region of the ancient Greeks' underworld.
- _____ 33. A. The sporting set favors home furnishings emblazoned with its favorite objects of pursuit, including ducks, trout, and bass.
 B. Fiction and fantasy are interwoven in the novels of Garcia Marquez.
 C. In addition to a first-rate American collection, the museum has a fabulous assemblage of Japanese scrolls.

- D. Dirty air ducts, which should be cleansed of dust mites, molds, and fungus, and then decontaminated periodically, can aggravate allergies.

PART THREE: PUNCTUATION (ERRORS IN THE USE OF PUNCTUATION MARKS, INCLUDING THE COMMA, SEMICOLON, COLON, QUOTATION MARKS, AND TERMINAL PUNCTUATION)

Use of Commas

- _____ 34. A. Marie Curie, the first person to win two Nobel Prizes, discovered the elements radium and polonium.
 B. Until 1972, the Empire State Building was the tallest building in the world.
 C. Among the reasons that a film director may decide to use slow motion are, to exaggerate fatigue, to intensify emotion, and to emphasize the grace of physical action.
 D. Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, organized a group of thirty-eight nurses to care for the sick and wounded during the Crimean War.
- _____ 35. A. Ancient goldsmiths worked with unrefined natural metal, which was roughly equivalent to the 22-karat gold of today.
 B. “When will you come again, my faithful Johnny?” is the refrain of a haunting Scottish ballad.
 C. Mustache wax seems to have gone the way of other arcane male grooming aids: shaving brushes, razor strops, and hair pomade.
 D. The Jordan River flows through Jordan and empties into the Dead Sea and the Nile River flows through Egypt into the Mediterranean.
- _____ 36. A. The baker’s dozen, which consists of thirteen items, is a vestige of the days when business transactions were more personal.
 B. Once this pond was brimming with tadpoles each spring; however since we stocked it with bass, the tadpoles have disappeared.
 C. On our visit to Atlanta, we discovered that there really is a “New South.”
 D. Handwritten invitations are acceptable, but engraved ones represent the height of elegance.
- _____ 37. A. That beautiful tweed suit is as stylish today as it was twenty years ago.
 B. Having played “Stardust,” the orchestra packed up and left the ballroom.
 C. The nearly deserted, bleak, gray boardwalk of winter contrasts sharply with the bright, colorful, crowded scene of summer.
 D. E.T.’s strange, physical appearance recedes from our awareness as we become caught up in the emotion of the film.

Use of Semicolons and Colons

- _____ 38. A. Tonight’s specials include an orange-glazed duck, finished with balsamic vinegar, chicken tarragon cooked with pearl onions, sausage, and fresh peas, and a planked salmon, wrapped in pastry and topped with Mornay sauce.
 B. All the world’s saltwater was formed the same way: from eroding soil and rocks, and decomposed plants and animals.
 C. Parchment was made from animal skin; papyrus was made from a plant.

- D. Her résumé includes degrees from two prestigious schools: Harvard, where she earned a B.S. in biology; and Yale, where she completed an M.S. and a Ph.D. in biochemistry.
- _____ 39. A. Volume 1 contains works by African writers such as Achebe, Mandela, and Gordimer; and Volume 2 contains works by Caribbean and South American writers such as Kincaid, Walcott, and Allende.
 B. At 8:16 A.M. on August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb was exploded over Hiroshima, three days later Nagasaki was leveled by another atomic blast.
 C. Before filming can begin, the director has a basic decision to make: whether to shoot in color or in black and white.
 D. James Dickey’s poem “The Bee” carries a dedication: “To the football coaches of Clemson College, 1942.”
- _____ 40. A. In 1534, Henry VIII broke away from the Roman Catholic Church; he also seized Catholic lands and property.
 B. Because Australian shepherds are intelligent and loyal; they are easy dogs to train.
 C. Selkies appear frequently in Scottish folk legends in both their incarnations: as humans on land and as seals in the sea.
 D. Some say familiarity breeds contempt; for most, it breeds comfort.

Use of Quotation Marks and Terminal Punctuation

- _____ 41. A. Alliteration is the repetition of the same sound at the beginning of two or more consecutive words, as in “Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.”
 B. The first line of Keats’s poem “On the Grasshopper and the Cricket” is well known: “The poetry of earth is never dead.”
 C. Speaking at Fulton, Missouri, in 1946, Winston Churchill said that an iron curtain had descended across Europe. Speaking today, would he say that the iron curtain has been lifted.
 D. “Heigh-ho! Heigh-ho!” sang the Seven Dwarfs as they went off to work.
- _____ 42. A. The lingerie department is having a 20-percent-off sale today on all “pink” items.
 B. “Live Free or Die” is New Hampshire’s state motto.
 C. The youngest Boy Scouts are called Cub Scouts.
 D. Instead of “Rocking around the Christmas tree,” my toddler heard the lyrics as “Rocky the rat, the Christmas tree.”
- _____ 43. A. “Keep your hockey stick down!” shouted the coach.
 B. One question asked how poet Robert Browning reveals the characters of the duke and his former duchess in the dramatic monologue “My Last Duchess”?
 C. In 2000, Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli received a Grammy nomination for his song “Sogno”; he and Celine Dion were also nominated for their duet, “The Prayer.”
 D. The United States is a member of NATO and OAS.
- _____ 44. A. He knocked down nearly every pin, although he had not bowled in the last two years!
 B. You mean the green dragonfly ate more mosquitoes than the red one?
 C. Is Normandy north or south of Mont St. Michel?
 D. “Ouch!” said Greta, as she brushed against the prickly pear on display.

PART FOUR: MECHANICS (ERRORS IN THE USE OF ITALICS, HYPHENS, APOSTROPHES, AND CAPITAL LETTERS)

Use of Italics

- _____ 45. A. The word *alphabet* is a combination of *alpha* and *beta*, the first two letters of the Greek alphabet.
 B. U.S. News & World Report and The Atlantic Monthly are owned by the same person.

- C. Scott Joplin, best known for ragtime piano music such as “Maple Leaf Rag” and “The Entertainer,” also wrote an opera, *Treemonisha*.
- D. Audiences expecting to see the familiar Woody Allen persona in Eric Darne’s film *Antz* were not disappointed.
- _____ 46. A. Musicals such as *Camelot*, *Annie!*, and *The Music Man* are popular vehicles for high-school drama clubs.
- B. The ensemble’s music is an interesting *mélange* of Afro-pop and soul.
- C. Anna Karenina is the principal character in Tolstoy’s novel by the same name.
- D. Those who aspire to be editors had better know how to dot their i’s and cross their t’s.

Use of Hyphens

- _____ 47. A. The candidate’s long-range goal was to conduct a well-financed campaign.
- B. Two days before her forty-fifth birthday, Mrs. Lara received her B.A. in education.
- C. The long awaited, eagerly anticipated touring production of *Riverdance* opens Tuesday for a two week run.
- D. The violin was finely tuned.
- _____ 48. A. It is no longer safe for a woman to hitchhike anywhere in this country.
- B. At a four-way stop, the driver on the right has the right-of-way.
- C. At last he fell to his knees and proposed, an act she had long awaited.
- D. His polka dotted tie riveted onlookers’ attention at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Use of Apostrophes

- _____ 49. A. On the tenth anniversary of John Lennons death, hundreds of mourners gathered in Central Park and quietly sang “Imagine.”
- B. Mary and Dan’s farm was sold at auction.
- C. Use a dot, not a circle, over your *i*’s.
- D. The Petrarchan sonnet gets its name from Francesco Petrarch, a fourteenth-century Italian poet who perfected the form.
- _____ 50. A. The class of ’75 is holding its reunion in the Hamilton Hotel’s grand ballroom.
- B. Gilbert and Sullivan’s *Ruddigore* is not as popular as *The Mikado* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*.
- C. When they returned from their volleyball game, the children were tired.
- D. I dont know what she wants, but Ill do my best to find out.

Capitalization

- _____ 51. A. Some historians claim the Protestant Reformation began when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany.
- B. He graduated phi beta kappa from Brown University.
- C. The company president raged at Thelma Brown, the bookkeeper, for reimbursing employees who did not submit receipts.
- D. One of the world’s endangered tapir species, the Baird’s tapir, lives in the rain forests of Central America.
- _____ 52. A. Unlike England, Scotland is a Calvinist country.
- B. The Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela rivers converge at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- C. Motorists heading north across the Golden Gate Bridge soon leave the fog of San Francisco behind.
- D. Thomas Paine wrote solemnly on December 19, 1776, “these are the times that try men’s souls.”

PART FIVE: DICTION (WORD CHOICE)

Word Choice and the Use of Idioms (errors in the choice of words and in the use of idiomatic expressions)

- _____ 53. A. Whenever you're feeling down and out, look for the glass that's half full.
B. The ancient Druids used woad, a blue plant dye, to stain their skin.
C. Before 1889, boxers could legally mix it up in the ring without gloves.
D. It is possible to induce an electromagnetic force by changing the magnetic flux through a circuit.
- _____ 54. A. In August 1939, Hitler and Stalin decided to bury the hatchet, sign a nonaggression pact, and be pals.
B. Navel oranges were brought aboard ship in Galveston.
C. Prospective nurses learn about the profession by accompanying members of the nursing staff on rounds.
D. "This is a fine kettle of fish," said the chef, stirring the chowder.
- _____ 55. A. In addition to founding a first-rate hospital in Gabon, Africa, Albert Schweitzer became a noted philosopher and an accomplished organist.
B. Jujitsu is one of the oldest marshal arts.
C. Singer/songwriter Tom Lehrer was a master of irony and black humor.
D. Since many chefs take Mondays off, meals on that day are often below par.

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FORM C

PART ONE: SENTENCE CONSTRUCTION

Fragments, Comma Splices, Run-on Sentences (errors that result when part of a sentence is punctuated as a complete sentence or two complete sentences are incorrectly joined)

- _____ 1. A. In the classical world, the Greek city of Athens, built on the Acropolis, was a center of art and culture.
B. With great fanfare, the Brooklyn Bridge over the East River opened in 1883, linking the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan.
C. Child development is a field of study that examines changes from conception to adolescence. Focusing on physical and emotional factors as well as environmental ones.
D. Wolf fanciers are keeping the animals as pets, a practice that endangers young children.
- _____ 2. A. The lawn mower struck a rock hidden by the tall grass.
B. The roaring MGM lion is a familiar trademark.
C. Lobsters are naturally dark blue-green; their shell turns red only when they are cooked.
D. Hemingway rewrote the opening sentence of *A Farewell to Arms* ninety-nine times he confessed to an interviewer that his problem was “getting the words right.”
- _____ 3. A. Although hemp and jute have similar qualities, they come from different plants.
B. Traditionally made with bits of colored glass and mirrors, kaleidoscopes today may incorporate plastics and high-tech materials.
C. Dating back to the *Mayflower*, his family held sway over the community for more than a century.
D. Following the spirit of the law, not adhering to the letter.
- _____ 4. A. The movements of grizzly bears wearing electronic collars are tracked by satellite.
B. Clint never balanced his checkbook, every year or so he would close his account and open a new one at another bank.
C. Prohibition laws forbade the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States between 1920 and 1933.
D. The Northern Hemisphere is the half of the Earth that is north of the equator.
- _____ 5. A. Nutritional yeast is blessed with loads of nutrients, but not with good taste.
B. Few people realize that the Netherlands is one of the world’s most densely populated countries.
C. By virtue of a series of magazine articles that exposed intrigues and abuses within the oil trust, Ida Tarbell earned a national reputation as an investigative journalist.
D. Leeks are closely related to onions, lilies are more distant relations.

- _____ 6. A. Aristotle studied under Plato then later in his life he tutored Alexander the Great.
B. Some people consider a four-leaf clover a sign of good luck.
C. Before the invention of the printing press, monks copied books by hand.
D. A family with a skeleton in its closet is likely to be safeguarding unpleasant secrets, not old bones.
- _____ 7. A. After World War II, Nazism was no longer a threat, then Communism became our foe.
B. Before the Renaissance, religious themes dominated Italian painting; secular ones crept in and then prevailed in ensuing years.
C. The best way to evade an alligator on the attack, experts say, is to zigzag as you run.
D. Most primitive cultures have highly developed taboo systems that divide the sacred from the profane.

Verb Forms (errors in verb form and tense)

- _____ 8. A. The Russian Revolution of 1917 overthrew Czar Nicholas II.
B. Salt and pepper shakers were set within reach of each couple sitting at the banquet table.
C. King George II is said to have been so stirred by the “Hallelujah Chorus” that he rose to his feet when he heard it.
D. In some towns, leaves raked into the street are swept up into trucks, compacted, and then thrown into landfills.
- _____ 9. A. Historians speculate about what might have happened when the Conquistadors arrived if the Mayans had invented the wheel.
B. In the early part of the century, electric lights were an extravagance in which only the wealthiest people are indulging.
C. Arnie said that if he is going to be late for the play, he will call so that we will not waste time waiting for him.
D. After weeks of cramming for his law boards, when he sat down to take the test, he realized that his mind was as blank as a switched-off computer terminal.
- _____ 10. A. The oldest humanlike fossils have been found in Africa.
B. Within the Great Mosque in Mecca is the sacred Black Stone, which Moslems believe came from heaven.
C. Archaeological remains indicate that people were living on the island of Crete by 6000 B.C.
D. Kwame Nkrumah studied in the United States in the 1930s and 1940s and then in the 1950s becomes the first president of Ghana.

Subject-Verb Agreement (errors in subject-verb agreement, such as a singular subject with a plural verb)

- _____ 11. A. The rod and scepter signifies the power of the king.
B. The colored bands that you see when light passes through a prism are collectively known as the spectrum.
C. The black bear, like few other threatened species, have attracted support from self-interested industries as well as conservation groups.
D. The Victoria and Albert Museum’s collection of Indian art works is the largest beyond the borders of India.

- _____ 12. A. Nine innings are the usual length of a baseball game.
 B. Benefits are vacation, sick leave, and other nonwage forms of compensation.
 C. *Bonnie and Clyde* glamorizes the images of bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow.
 D. In each calendar—the Gregorian, the Hebrew, and the Moslem—there are twelve months.

Pronouns (errors in pronoun use, such as ambiguity, lack of agreement between a pronoun and its antecedent, or use of an incorrect case form)

- _____ 13. A. Neither Jane Austen nor Mary Shelley is known for their poetry.
 B. As the curtain rises, everyone in the audience settles into his or her seat and waits for the play to begin.
 C. The book sale that is held in the spring is an important fund-raiser for the library.
 D. Investors who do their homework may see an increase in their dividends.
- _____ 14. A. Picture framing is not the simple craft it may seem at first glance, and most who try it without instruction do not succeed.
 B. Insects play an essential role in the survival of higher-order animals, many of who consume thousands of the six-legged creatures each day.
 C. We were the closest of friends in high school, but after graduation we each had to pursue our own dream.
 D. On Saturday mornings our mothers used to drop us children off at the “refrigerated” movie theater for two hours of cartoon and western viewing.
- _____ 15. A. Will everyone who is an uncle please raise his hand?
 B. The president and the general addressed the troops before it sat down to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.
 C. At a golden wedding anniversary, a family is likely to view old photographs with both pride and pleasure.
 D. The Academy Awards ceremony is most enjoyable when the actors themselves accept their awards.
- _____ 16. A. To characterize a soldier’s dedication and loyalty, they used to say that he died with his boots on.
 B. As the plane was boarding, the flight attendants asked whether anyone would be willing to trade their ticket for a flight coupon.
 C. Bumper stickers carry a variety of messages, including pronouncements about religious and political issues, declarations of love for selected animals and social groups, and cautionary instructions to other drivers.
 D. Apparently, the gentleman who was here a moment ago slipped a pair of trousers off the hanger and into his shopping bag.
- _____ 17. A. Several of we orchestra members also play in the marching band.
 B. Membership in the club is open to whoever wants to join.
 C. Who did you say was playing the leading role?
 D. The bat that had been living in the attic startled us when it swooped down into the living room.
- _____ 18. A. The invitations for the tomato festival requested that all attendees wear their red shirts.
 B. Neither of us could lift the bell, which weighed more than eighty pounds.
 C. Almost every medieval Italian painting in the Uffizi has a touch of gold leaf somewhere on its canvas.
 D. The swimming instructor admonished the class that if it did not learn how to breathe properly, it would never be a good swimmer.

Adjectives and Adverbs (errors in the use of adjectives and adverbs)

- _____ 19. A. Asparagus tastes good when it is accompanied by a hollandaise sauce.
 B. Sometimes the camera must be held vertically in order to frame the whole scene.

Part IV: Diagnostic Tests and Answer Keys

- C. Cross-country skiing is an effective and efficient type of aerobic exercise.
D. Lincoln's leadership as president, commander-in-chief, and head of the Republican Party is real impressive.
- _____ 20. A. Jupiter is more far away from the sun than is Earth.
B. Today slim women are considered beautiful, but in the age of Rubens, pleasingly plump females were in fashion.
C. An ace in the outfield, she caught every pop fly; but she could not hit the ball very well.
D. The bubble exhibit in the children's museum effectively demonstrates principles that relate to surface tension.
- _____ 21. A. The dress rehearsal went badly, but the director remained calm.
B. The doctor felt carefully along the spine of the victim, who lay quietly on the ground.
C. For several hours after the polls closed, the candidates were not real certain who would win the election.
D. Every snowflake is unique.

PART TWO: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Sentence Completeness (errors in sentence completeness, such as the omission of a verb or a preposition needed to complete the meaning of a sentence)

- _____ 22. A. In spring, the garden blazed with pastel azaleas, dogwood, and cherry blossoms; in autumn, chrysanthemums changed the palette to burnished russets, golds, and yellows.
B. The beans are ripe on the bush and the corn ready for picking now.
C. As the whole town gasped at her defiance of convention, she was steadfastly prepared to accept—and to make the best of—the consequences.
D. The Georgian style of architecture is one that makes liberal use of the arch.
- _____ 23. A. Metal is a better conductor of electricity than glass.
B. The heat this summer is much less oppressive than it was last year.
C. Water shortages occur much more frequently in California than they do in Indiana.
D. This lemonade has a fresher taste than do drinks made from packaged mixes.

Sentence Consistency and Parallelism (errors in consistency, such as shifts in verb tense or a lack of parallel structure in equivalent sentence parts)

- _____ 24. A. First prepare a résumé; then write your cover letter.
B. An autocratic leader makes all decisions and then tells subordinates what to do and how to do it.
C. If you have an eye for detail and an ear for language, this position may be right for you.
D. A director may use a reaction shot to show the severity of an accident, or they may shoot the accident scene itself.

- _____ 25. A. They had spent the last two weeks playing phone tag, leaving short bursts of clever repartee on each other's answering machine.
 B. Avery was lighting the fire and inexplicably flies into a rage when she appears.
 C. Computer disks are not indestructible; it is wise to transport them in special carriers designed for that purpose.
 D. The lustrous earthenware known as Majolica, which flourished in Italy for several centuries, originated on the island of Majorca in Spain.
- _____ 26. A. If the rain would stop, then the grounds crew would uncover the infield and the game could resume.
 B. Cyclists and joggers are everywhere—on country roads, in city streets, on the boardwalk, and in the park.
 C. A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth passes between the moon and the sun.
 D. Koalas and wombats look like bears, but they would both be marsupials.
- _____ 27. A. Jean Arp, among others, was at the forefront of the Surrealist movement in visual art; André Breton was a pioneer of Surrealist literature.
 B. The spongy, tasteless, circular roll was such a poor excuse for a bagel, and a care package from New York that his mother sent arrived that very week.
 C. Rhinos will charge when they feel threatened, but by nature they are friendly animals that respond positively to human voices and physical contact.
 D. Ours was not the only red, white, and blue flag; Liberia's had the same colors and sported stripes and a star as well.
- _____ 28. A. The hapless duck fell from the sky with a loud thud and quacking as it descended.
 B. Abraham Lincoln was endowed with a quick wit, with a keen intellect, and with the ability to write and deliver moving speeches.
 C. The group can either follow the fellow in the yellow raincoat or can wait here until the rain subsides.
 D. He hesitated to tell her the news of his engagement and about the wedding that was to take place the following week.
- _____ 29. A. Clipper ships designed primarily for speed and that had a limited amount of cargo space easily outpaced the first plodding steamships.
 B. The room was sparsely furnished and dimly lit.
 C. Radio Marti, a U.S. government radio service broadcasting from the Florida Keys, gives the people of Cuba news uncensored by Castro.
 D. Marsupials include kangaroos found in Australia and opossums found in North America.

Position of Modifiers (errors in the placement of a modifier in a sentence)

- _____ 30. A. Actually, the pineapple was a symbol of hospitality.
 B. Everything that King Midas touched turned to gold, including his food and water.
 C. The farmer butchered the pig he had raised on a table behind the barn.
 D. Now remembered as the architect who designed St. Paul's Cathedral, Christopher Wren was also a professor of astronomy and a mathematician.

Part IV: Diagnostic Tests and Answer Keys

- _____ 31. A. Seeking food in the rain-forest canopy, common marmosets often live in proximity to spider monkeys, which are ground dwellers.
B. A consummate craftsperson, her lace doilies are made with more than fifty separate bobbins.
C. A hobby that appeals to both young and old, bird watching is especially popular in areas along migratory flight ways.
D. Companies with high risk factors, especially those that are heavily leveraged, may frighten away investment bankers.

Separation of Sentence Parts (errors involving the separation of closely related parts of a sentence)

- _____ 32. A. Thor, the Norse god of thunder, was a fearless warrior and the adversary of giants.
B. Although Henry James settled permanently in England, he examined the impact of European civilization on American life.
C. *The Misfits*, the screenplay having been written by Arthur Miller, the actress's husband, was Marilyn Monroe's last film.
D. John Adams, who would become president of the United States, defended the British soldiers tried for the Boston Massacre.
- _____ 33. A. *Dungaree*, an Indian word that is rarely used these days, refers to a type of cloth rather than to a specific article of clothing.
B. Her voice was, as even her harshest critics were forced to concede, as smooth as liquid silk.
C. Fax transmissions, which can fade into illegibility within a few months and should be photocopied upon receipt to avoid disappointment, are unsuitable for permanent files.
D. Laurence Olivier, already recognized in 1945 as one of Britain's most distinguished actors, directed the cinematic version of *Henry V* released that year.

PART THREE: PUNCTUATION (ERRORS IN THE USE OF PUNCTUATION MARKS, INCLUDING THE COMMA, SEMICOLON, COLON, QUOTATION MARKS, AND TERMINAL PUNCTUATION)

Use of Commas

- _____ 34. A. In his autobiography, Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., who in 1970 retired from the Air Force as a three-star general, describes his efforts to gain professional recognition for himself and for other black servicemen.
B. Some insects that belong to the phylum *Arthropoda* are grasshoppers, bristletails, silverfish, and firebrats.
C. Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher, was herself partially blind.
D. Waiter please bring some more bread.
- _____ 35. A. She had a bountiful assortment of hair ornaments in her top drawer: ribbons, bows, barrettes, and headbands.
B. Fluffy a dog that she had found wandering homeless on the streets became her *raison d'être*.
C. An Outward Bound expedition can be a fantastic growth experience for a young person; the potential is especially great for children who are experienced learners.
D. Dusting cracks and crevices with boric acid is a safe, effective, and inexpensive way to control household pests, including cockroaches and fleas.
- _____ 36. A. Birds such as eagles, hawks, and falcons are known as raptors.
B. Money raised by the sale of UNICEF greeting cards goes toward famine relief, health care, and education.
C. The Dead Sea Scrolls shed new light on the Old Testament, and give a firsthand account of Jewish life early in the Christian era.

- D. Ermine is the name for weasels that turn white in winter.
- _____ 37. A. What will you be when you grow up—an artist or a mathematician?
 B. To make a delicious hot-chocolate drink, melt a square of unsweetened chocolate, stir in some sugar, milk, add a dollop of butter, pour the mixture into a mug, and top it off with whipped cream.
 C. Here are some remedies you may not know of for treating sunburn: massage in some yogurt, preferably unflavored; cut a raw potato in half and rub it on the skin; or soak a cotton ball in cold tea and dab it on the skin.
 D. Last week there was a fire across the street, and the cat ran out, and disappeared!

Use of Semicolons and Colons

- _____ 38. A. Three states have counties named Fairfield: Connecticut, Ohio, and South Carolina.
 B. Sound may be used to link two scenes: wake-up music from a clock radio at the end of one scene becomes a song sung onstage at the start of the next.
 C. Madonna was not the only star considered for the film role of Eva Perón; Michelle Pfeiffer and Meryl Streep also accepted the part at different times.
 D. When mustaches are fashionable, orders increase for: mustache combs, brushes, and wax.
- _____ 39. A. Many of the “lite” products on the market bear little resemblance to their progenitors; nonfat cream cheese, for example, tastes completely different from the real thing.
 B. Registered mail is one of the safest ways to ship valuables: jewelry, precious coins, stock certificates, and other irreplaceable items.
 C. She was worn to a frazzle by the end of the day; with her five children at home.
 D. The philosopher René Descartes elevated the significance of human thought with a simple summation: “I think, therefore I am.”
- _____ 40. A. Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania; his parents were English Quakers.
 B. Leftover turkey can be used in turkey tetrazzini, turkey burgers, and turkey chowder.
 C. In 1819, the Baptists founded Hamilton Literary and Theological Seminary; which was renamed Colgate University when soap maker William Colgate donated a large sum of money to the school.
 D. *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* was criticized for too many special effects; in contrast, *Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan* focused more on plot and characters.

Use of Quotation Marks and Terminal Punctuation

- _____ 41. A. In “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock,” T. S. Eliot laments the absence of passion in modern life.
 B. “As long as you are living under my roof,” said Mrs. Fernandez, “you will make your bed every morning and arrive home before midnight.”
 C. Have you ever seen Edward Lear’s own illustrations for “The Owl and the Pussycat”?
 D. Two generations now have puzzled over the meaning of “Ruby Tuesday”’s lyrics.
- _____ 42. A. “What is my name?” Rumpelstiltskin asked the miller’s daughter.
 B. Next week the class is going to study folk songs and spirituals that we learned as children: “Sweet Betsy from Pike,” “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” and “Shenandoah.”
 C. Were you aware that Emperor Augustus Caesar, who died in A.D. 14, was born in 63 B.C.?
 D. Children enjoy growing and eagerly seek “new” experiences.
- _____ 43. A. “What do you suppose Kennedy meant,” asked Professor Foster, “when he said ‘Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country’?”
 B. To begin to comprehend the vast distance between our civilization and that of ancient Greece, try to imagine yourself listening each night to a live recitation of *The Iliad* instead of watching *Road Rules*.
 C. When my father was a child, his teacher forced him to memorize the entire Coleridge poem, “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner;” at age 79, he still remembers it.

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- _____ 44. D. Did you see the series of articles on Generation X that ran in the *Gazette* last week?
- _____ 44. A. Several universities in the city offer the following degrees: B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
B. Must students write a research paper and pass a written examination in order to receive an M.A.?
C. Fasten your seat belt.
D. The unspoken questions were when would he return and how long would she be willing to wait for him?

PART FOUR: MECHANICS (ERRORS IN THE USE OF ITALICS, HYPHENS, APOSTROPHES, AND CAPITAL LETTERS)

Use of Italics

- _____ 45. A. The publishers of *Popular Mechanics* have begun a new magazine called *Offspring*.
B. If you like zest in your food, add just a *souçon* of crushed red pepper to your white clam sauce.
C. The screen adaptation of Edith Wharton's novel "The Age of Innocence" found a wide audience, but "Ethan Frome" was shown primarily in art theaters.
D. Dancer Gene Kelly immortalized Gershwin's composition *An American in Paris* through his performance in the movie by that name.
- _____ 46. A. Some etymologists claim that *corduroy*, the word with which we describe a humble textile, comes from the French *corde du roi*, or "cord of the king."
B. The term *extensor* refers to a muscle that serves to straighten a limb or other body part.
C. Charles Lindbergh made the first nonstop transatlantic solo flight in a plane called The Spirit of St. Louis.
D. The nineteenth-century soprano Jenny Lind was known as the "Swedish Nightingale."

Use of Hyphens

- _____ 47. A. The flashlight revealed a half-drowned kitten mewing on the boat ramp.
B. The time honored playing of "Taps" brought tears to the eyes of the mourners.
C. The brightly colored, trumpet-shaped flowers of the nasturtium are edible.
D. Andre Young and Calvin Broadus are well known by their nicknames: Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg.

- _____ 48. A. In a leap year, the last day of February is the twenty ninth.
 B. Television viewers hope to see nearly perfect performances in international competition.
 C. Cate Blanchett’s motion pictures are generally well received by film critics.
 D. In summertime, it is important to guard against overexposure to the sun.

Use of Apostrophes

- _____ 49. A. Tom and Nicole’s breakup made front-page news in the tabloids for weeks.
 B. Eileen Farrell’s foray into the blues was successful, but the singer’s commitment to opera reigned supreme.
 C. The giraffe stretched its neck over the fence to reach the tender green leaves.
 D. I admired the architect’s and builder’s plan.
- _____ 50. A. At one time, “yes, ma’am” and “no, sir” were some boys’ and girls’ respectful responses to adults’ questions.
 B. Safeguarding the environment is not somebody else’s responsibility; it is our’s.
 C. The Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 is better known as the GI Bill of Rights.
 D. Electrocardiograms (EKGs) are used to diagnose heart disease.

Capitalization

- _____ 51. A. His mother hoped he would apply to medical school, but his dream was to become the Manager of a fast-food franchise operation.
 B. The Committee on Social Reform included Professor Washington and a number of other professors in the Psychology Department.
 C. In New Orleans, Mardi Gras is more than a holiday; it is a season that begins after Christmas and lasts until the Wednesday following Fat Tuesday.
 D. Although we visited several pueblos in New Mexico, we never saw a sweat lodge because those places are sacred to Native American men.
- _____ 52. A. My brother Frank was named after our Father; I am named after Uncle Victor.
 B. In the 1990s, the presidency of the United States was held by a member of the Republican Party and a member of the Democratic Party.
 C. After the Civil War, Northerners known as carpetbaggers moved into the South.
 D. Some historians claim the Baby Ruth candy bar was named not for Babe Ruth but for Ruth Cleveland (daughter of President Grover Cleveland), the first baby girl born in the White House.

PART FIVE: DICTION (WORD CHOICE)

Word Choice and the Use of Idioms (errors in the choice of words and in the use of idiomatic expressions)

- _____ 53. A. And so, we on this special projects team have an important mission spread before us—one that will affect every man and woman in this corporation and get us a leg up on the competition.
 B. Although she had a touch of flu last week, Ramona gave a stirring performance as the youthful Eleanor Roosevelt.
 C. We sincerely apologize for the loss of your luggage and for any inconvenience it may have caused you.
 D. Awash in stock options, given to consulting his Palm Pilot at every opportunity, and a hopeless workaholic, Ralph was the epitome of a computer programmer.
- _____ 54. A. The plural form of *criterion* is *criteria*.
 B. Not all employers who believe in the principle of equal employment are in favor of affirmative action programs.

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- C. Jerry Lewis's telethon over Labor Day weekend furthers research into the cause and cure of muscular dystrophy.
 - D. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, we'll have to face the music, but at least we had fun.
- _____ 55.
- A. Until he recovered from sunburn and peeling, in the dark his face resembled a cratered moon on a cloudy night.
 - B. It was a strenuous tennis match, but after a hot shower and a cool glass of iced tea he felt completely energated and ready to join the party.
 - C. I thoroughly enjoyed our interview last Thursday and hope that you will give careful thought to the benefits that might accrue for McIntosh Springs if you opt to take advantage of my expertise in data management.
 - D. I asked whether they were planning to attend the concert, but they're going to their grandmother's house tonight instead.