

**DIRECTIONS: Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentences.**

1. John Dillinger was a \_\_\_\_\_ criminal of the 1930's who was betrayed by the "lady in red."  
 A. famous                      B. renowned                      C. notorious
2. A romantic night sky \_\_\_\_\_ with stars was the canopy awaiting Phillippe and his fair damsel, Gladys.  
 A. opaque                      B. resplendent                      C. translucent

**DIRECTIONS: Choose the underlined and lettered portion that is unnecessary within the context of the passage.**

3. <sup>A</sup>Some students <sup>B</sup>majoring in <sup>C</sup>the field of biology study <sup>D</sup>diligently to learn concepts and <sup>E</sup>synthesize information important to their futures.  
 A. Some                      B. majoring                      C. the field of                      D. diligently                      E. synthesize
4. A cottage <sup>A</sup>industry is a <sup>B</sup>home business from which <sup>C</sup>industrious families can earn money; though small <sup>D</sup>in size, these enterprises can prove quite successful.  
 A. industry                      B. home                      C. industrious                      D. in size                      E. quite

**DIRECTIONS: Some of the sentences in the following passage contain errors. Read the passage. Then choose the correct option for the individual questions on selected sentences from this passage.**

We can learn many lessons from the wonders of the natural world. If we would take the time to observe, analyze, and impliment. "Carpe diem" is a popular catchphrase ever since Benjamin Franklin wrote his article titled "The Ephemera" to Mme. Brillon, and Robin Williams jumped on a desk in the movie Dead Poets' Society. Life truly is fleeting as the flower called the four-o'clock bush, could demonstrate to us if we would only observe it. This perennial from tropical America is easy to cultivate, would grow from two to four feet high, and has a fragrant flower. The blossoms can be white, pink, red, yellow, or a mixture however, the most amazing feature of the plant is the brief time each flower blooms. It opens in the late afternoon and dies the next morning. One moral learned from this could be "live life to the fullest, for life is brief."

Another example is a certain type of crane which inhabit the Taurus mountains of Turkey. The birds have a habit which could prove fatal; they cackle a lot. If this behavior went unchecked, it would be an easy meal for eagles seeking prey. Fortunately for the cranes, they have learn a trick. They fill their mouths with large stones and remain silent, and safe. Therefore, another lesson, one of golden silence, can be learned from these birds. As a New England saying goes--"talk less and say more."

**DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct option.**

5. We can learn many <sup>A</sup>lessons from the wonders of the <sup>B</sup>natural world. If we would take the time to observe, analyze, and <sup>C</sup>impliment.  
 A. lessons'                      B. natural world if we                      C. impliment                      D. No change is necessary
6. If we would take the time to observe, analyze, and impliment.  
 A. implement                      B. implemint                      C. implement                      D. No change is necessary
7. <sup>A</sup>"Carpe diem" has been a popular catchphrase ever since Benjamin Franklin wrote his article entitled "The Ephemera" to Mme. <sup>B</sup>Brillon, and Robin Williams jumped on a desk in the movie <sup>C</sup>Dead Poets' Society.  
 A. Carpe diem                      B. Brillon                      C. "Dead Poets' Society".                      D. No change is necessary

8. This perennial from tropical America is easy to cultivate, would grow from two to four feet high, and has a fragrant flower.  
A. would have grown    B. will grow    C. grows    D. No change is necessary
9. The blossoms can be white, pink, red, yellow, or a mixture however, the most amazing feature of the plant is the brief time each flower blooms.  
A. mixture. However    B. mixture, however,    C. mixture however    D. No change is necessary
10. Another example is a certain type of crane which inhabit the Taurus mountains of Turkey.  
A. inhabites    B. inhabits    C. enhabits    D. No change is necessary
11. The birds have a habit which could prove fatal; they cackle a lot.  
A. fatal they    B. fatal, they    C. fatal and    D. No change is necessary
12. If this behavior went unchecked, it would be an easy meal for eagles seeking prey.  
A. we    B. they    C. them    D. No change is necessary
13. Fortunately for the cranes, they have learn a trick.  
A. have learned    B. will learn    C. would have learned    D. No change is necessary
14. They fill their mouths with large stones and remain silent, and safe.  
A. , and remain silent and safe    B. and remain silent and, safe    C. and remain silent and safe    D. No change is necessary

**DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence that expresses the thought most clearly and effectively and that has no errors in structure.**

15. A. At the age of three, Michelle's parents moved to Sarasota.  
B. Michelle and her parents moved, at the age of three, to Sarasota.  
C. At the age of three, Michelle moved with her parents to Sarasota.
16. A. In his poem, Wilfred Owen is showing that the war is immoral and the innocent get hurt.  
B. Wilfred Owen is showing that the war is immoral and the innocent get hurt in his poem.  
C. Wilfred Owen is showing that the war is immoral in his poem and the innocent get hurt.
17. A. Physical education helps an individual to develop coordination, build muscular strength, and provides relief from stress.  
B. An individual needs to develop coordination, and in building muscular strength, and relieving stress, and individual needs physical education.  
C. Physical education helps an individual to develop coordination, build muscular strength, and relieve stress.
18. A. When I was on my vacation, I spent time going to the beach, to the museums, and going to the horseback riding stables.  
B. When I was on my vacation, I spent time at the beach, museums, and going horseback riding.  
C. When I was on my vacation, I spent time going to the beach, museums, and horseback riding stables.
19. A. John Curtis said, "Ninety percent of stress is brought on by not living in the present. We worry about what's already happened, what's going to happen, or what could happen."  
B. John Curtis said, "Ninety percent of stress is brought on by not living in the present. We worry about what's already happened, going to happen, or what could happen."  
C. John Curtis said, "Ninety percent of stress is brought on by not living in the present. We worry about what's already happened, what's going to happen, or could happen."

**DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence that logically and correctly expresses the comparison.**

20. A. The Sears Tower in Chicago is taller than any skyscraper in the Midwest.  
B. The Sears Tower in Chicago is taller than any other skyscraper in the Midwest.  
C. The Sears Tower in Chicago is the tallest in the Midwest.
21. A. A worst situation cannot be imagined.  
B. A worser situation cannot be imagined.  
C. A worse situation cannot be imagined.

**DIRECTIONS: For the underlined sentence(s), choose the option that expresses the meaning with the most fluency and the clearest logic within the context.**

22. Samuel L. Brengle was a brilliant orator and highly successful London pastor. Therefore, he resigned from his church and joined the Salvation Army.
- A. Therefore, he resigned from his church and joined the Salvation Army.  
B. Furthermore, he resigned from his church and joined the Salvation Army.  
C. Finally, he resigned from his church and joined the Salvation Army.  
D. Nevertheless, he resigned his church and joined the Salvation Army.
23. The month of January is named for a Roman god of beginnings named Janus. He is often portrayed as a man with two faces, one looking back yet the other looking ahead.
- A. He is often portrayed as a man with two faces, one looking back yet the other looking ahead.  
B. He is often portrayed as a man with two faces, one looking back and the other looking ahead.  
C. He is often portrayed as a man with two faces, one looking back so the other is looking ahead.  
D. He is often portrayed as a man with two faces, one looking back if the other is looking ahead.

**DIRECTIONS: Some of the sentences in the following passage contain errors. Read the passage. Then choose the correct option for the individual questions on selected sentences from this passage.**

Symbols can be found in everyday objects, perhaps two examples can illustrate this. The first is a red cross. Through the years, they have come to stand for a worthy organization. The Red Cross is an internationally known group which cares for those who are wounded, sick, homeless, and victims of natural disasters. The recognised symbol of a red cross can still the actions of the most ferocious enemy. In Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's book *The Great Boer War*, this fact is clearly and poignant described. A Corporal in the Ceylon Mounted Infantry realized that his suffering troops were in immediate danger of being annihilated. With blood from the wounded. His men fashioned a large red cross on a piece of white cloth. The enemy ceased fire, and the injured were taken to safety.

Secondly, a white jacket can represent a willingness to serve in a lowly task. At William and Mary College's annual homecoming, several returning alumni ceremonially put on white jackets. These garments show that those who wear them once earned their way through the school by waiting on tables. Some of these individuals have become college presidents, state governors, and other professional leaders. Yet, they is not ashamed to periodically assume the guise of a humble servant. The recognition of symbols provides pleasure for the astute observer.

**DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct option.**

24. Symbols can be <sup>A</sup>found in everyday <sup>B</sup>objects, perhaps two <sup>C</sup>examples can illustrate this.
- A. found;      B. objects. Perhaps      C. examples, can      D. No change is necessary
25. Through the <sup>A</sup>years, <sup>B</sup>they have come to stand for a worthy <sup>C</sup>organization.
- A. years      B. it has      C. organization      D. No change is necessary

26. The Red Cross is an <sup>A</sup>internationally known group <sup>B</sup>which cares for those who are wounded, sick, <sup>C</sup>homeless, and victims of natural disasters.
- A. internationally-known                      B. , which cares                      C. homeless; and                      D. No change is necessary
27. The <sup>A</sup>recognised symbol of a red cross can <sup>B</sup>still the actions of the most <sup>C</sup>ferocious enemy.
- A. recognized                      B. stille                      C. ferocious                      D. No change is necessary
28. In Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's book *The Great Boer War*, this fact is clearly and poignant described.
- A. clearly, and poignant                      B. clearly and poignantly                      C. clearly, and poignantly                      D. No change is necessary
29. A <sup>A</sup>Corporal in the Ceylon <sup>B</sup>Mounted <sup>C</sup>Infantry realized that his suffering troops were in immediate danger of being annihilated.
- A. corporal                      B. mounted                      C. infantry                      D. No change is necessary
30. With <sup>A</sup>blood from the <sup>B</sup>wounded. His men fashioned a <sup>C</sup>large red cross on a piece of white cloth.
- A. blood, from                      B. wounded, his                      C. large, red                      D. No change is necessary
31. The enemy ceased fire, and the injured were taken to safety.
- A. would be taken                      B. are taken                      C. will be taken                      D. No change is necessary
32. These garments show that <sup>A</sup>those <sup>B</sup>who wear <sup>C</sup>them once earned their way through the school by waiting on tables.
- A. them                      B. whom                      C. it                      D. No change is necessary
33. Some of these individuals have become college presidents, state governors, and other professional leaders.
- A. have become                      B. became                      C. had become                      D. No change is necessary
34. Yet, they <sup>A</sup>is not ashamed to periodically <sup>B</sup>assume the guise of a humble <sup>C</sup>servant.
- A. are                      B. assumed                      C. servant                      D. No change is necessary

## ANSWERS

1. C word choice--"notorious" means known widely for unfavorable reasons
2. B word choice--"resplendent" means to shine brightly
3. C wordiness
4. D wordiness
5. B punctuation, fragment, spelling
6. C spelling
7. B commas/coordination
8. C verb tense consistency
9. A fused sentence (run-on)
10. B spelling, subject/verb agreement
11. D fused; comma splice; semicolon usage
12. B pronoun/antecedent agreement
13. A verb tense; perfect tenses; past participle
14. C comma usage
15. C modifiers; coherence; clarity
16. A parallelism; modifiers
17. C parallelism
18. C parallelism
19. A parallelism
20. B comparison
21. C comparison
22. D logic
23. B logic
24. B semicolons, commas, fragment
25. B comma, pronoun/antecedent agreement, spelling
26. D comma, semicolon usages
27. A spelling--note American versus British spelling
28. B adverb/adjective; parallelism
29. A capitalization
30. B comma, fragment
31. D verb tense; verb form
32. D pronoun case, pronoun/antecedent agreement
33. A verb tense; perfect tense; past participle
34. A subject/verb agreement, verb tense, spelling