Our world is an amazing place as advanced in the sciences as people have become, the watery domain of oceans and rivers continue to amaze us. The ocean, a source of both life and death. It is beautiful; but deadly. Waves, in particular, can be awesome in size and might. On a calm day, the water may appear to be like glass. However, waves been measured up to 112 feet in height. Numerous large ships have been destroyed or have disappeared because of water, as the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle and the tragedy of the Titanic declare.

On the other hand water can be a life giver. Where would we be without it? Our bodies are primarily made up of water. Furthermore, guided by instinct, the water spider uses "scientific" principles to live underwater in rivers and streams. First, it spins a diving bell which is then attached to a submerged home. Next, it captured an air bubble and uses it for an underwater air supply. Instead of destroying the insect, water provides a secure environment, safe from most predators’. Water, both fresh and salt, provides food for people, animals, fish, and plants. Water is indeed a paradox.

DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct option.

1. Our world is an amazing place as advanced in the sciences as people have become, the watery domain of oceans and rivers continue to amaze us.
   A. world   B. place. As   C. domane   D. No change is necessary

2. Our world is an amazing place as advanced in the sciences as people have become, the watery domain of oceans and rivers continue to amaze us.
   A. continues   B. continue’s   C. continued   D. No change is necessary

3. The ocean, a source of both life and death.
   A. ocean; a   B. ocean is a   C. ocean a   D. No change is necessary

4. It is beautiful; but deadly.
   A. beautiful: but   B. beautiful, but   C. beautiful but   D. No change is necessary

5. However, waves been measured up to 112 feet in height.
   A. waves being   B. waves having been   C. waves have been   D. No change is necessary

6. However, waves been measured up to 112 feet in height.
   A. height   B. height   C. heighth   D. No change is necessary

7. On the other hand water can be a life giver.
   A. hand, water   B. hand; water   C. hand. Water   D. No change is necessary

8. Our bodies are primarily made up of water.
   A. primary   B. primerily   C. primely   D. No change is necessary

9. First, it spins a diving bell which is then attached to a submerged home.
   A. First   B. they   C. than   D. No change is necessary
10. Next, it **captured** an air bubble and uses it for an underwater air supply.

   A. will capture        C. captures
   B. would have captured  D. No change is necessary

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

11. The actress thought that she could _______________ her audience with eloquent language.

   A. captivate        B. enchant        C. fascinate

12. He _______________ his opinion to the group.

   A. vocalized        B. verbalized        C. stated

13. When the drought hit, hundreds of sheep and cows _______________.

   A. expired         B. died         C. ascended to the great pasture

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

14. Humility is **often** found in those who have **the right** to feel the most proud. **In 1979** Lou Brock left baseball with the record for most **stolen** bases. Yet, **absolutely** nothing would keep him from going to the Oakland Stadium and cheering on Rickey Henderson who tied Lou’s record.

   A. often         B. the “right”         C. In 1979         D. stolen        E. absolutely

15. **Those** employees who majored in **the field of** engineering were **usually** paid at a **higher** rate than **those** with a degree in statistics.

   A. Those         B. the field of        C. usually         D. higher        E. those

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

16. In mythology Aurora, the goddess of dawn, loved the mortal Tithonus. Zeus granted her a wish, and she asked that Tithonus be given eternal life. Unfortunately, he also continued to age, so the granting of the wish became a curse.

   A. Unfortunately, he also continued to age, so the granting of the wish became a curse.
   B. Unfortunately he continued to age, so the granting of the wish became a curse, also.
   C. Unfortunately, he also continued to age, and the granting of the wish became a curse.
   D. Unfortunately, since the granting of the wish became a curse, he also continued to age.

17. In 1983 two yachts were especially interesting to watch during the America’s Cup races: **Liberty** and **Australia II**. The former was heavier and sailed best under heavy winds, so the lighter craft traveled best in light winds.

   A. The former was heavier and sailed best under heavy winds, so the lighter craft traveled best in light winds.
   B. The former was heavier and sailed best under heavy winds, while the latter was lighter and sailed best under light winds.
   C. The former was heavier so it sailed best under heavy winds, but the latter was lighter and sailed best under light winds.
   D. Since the former was heavier so it sailed best under heavy winds, the lighter craft traveled best in light winds.

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

18. A. Miss Kitty of early TV’s **Gunsmoke** was hoarse-voiced, short on morals, and long on compassion.
   B. Miss Kitty of early TV’s **Gunsmoke** was hoarse-voiced, was short on morals, and long on compassion.
   C. **Hoarse-voiced** Miss Kitty of early TV’s **Gunsmoke** was short on morals, and compassion was her long suit.
19. A. My going to church has enriched my life, increased my self-esteem, and my positive outlook on life is maintained.
   B. My going to church has enriched my life, increased my self-esteem, and maintained my positive outlook on life.
   C. My going to church has enriched my life, my self-esteem has been increased, and I have maintained my positive outlook on life.

20. A. His goals were to save the environment and making his company escalate sales of its recycling bins.
   B. His goals were to save the environment while making his company escalate sales of its recycling bins.
   C. His goals were to save the environment and to make his company show a profit in sales of its recycling bins.

21. A. Not being very popular in school, I gained self-confidence from the Girl Scouts.
   B. Not being very popular in school, the Girl Scouts help me gain self-confidence.
   C. The Girl Scouts helped me gain self-confidence, not being very popular in school.

22. A. The law demands the FBI record missing children in a computer to aid all federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.
   B. By law, the FBI in their computers must record missing children to aid all federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.
   C. To aid all federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, The FBI, by law, must record in a computer all missing children.

23. A. They handed the gun to him on the south side of the room next to the balcony through a window.
   B. They handed the gun to him through a window on the south side of the room next to the balcony.
   C. Next to the balcony the gun was handed to him through a window. The window is on the south side of the room.

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.

Alexander the Great, General of one of the greatest armies in history, lived a life of complexity and paradox. His father inspired him to military greatness, his teacher, Aristotle, showed him the wisdom of Greek ideas and the practicality of scientific investigation. He believed he was descended from Achilles and would have carried a copy of the *Iliad* with him. On one hand, he showed compassion in doctoring the sick. On the other hand, he often massacred a defeated army. He could be gallant in capturing a defeated kings wife and mother. Still, his bad temper once caused him to kill a friend. Alexander was magnetic and willful in his personality, mystical in his thought; and, at times, reckless in his actions. He seemed larger than life as he successfully untied the Gordian knot, and demanded to be worshipped as a god.

Perhaps one of his most insightful strategies occurred as his troops advanced on Persia, the place of greatest danger to his military career. Because of past victories, his army carried vast stores of booty. These valuable goods impeded progress. In a brilliant military maneuver, he instructed his men to burn their treasures in a huge bonfire. Although the soldiers bitterly complained, they later seen the wisdom of this action. One of them said, "It was as if wings had been given to us." Victory was the result.

DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct option.

24. Alexander the ^Great, General^ one of the greatest armies in history, lived a life of complexity and paradox.
   A. great B. general C. Armies D. No change is necessary

25. His father inspired him to military ^greatness, his^ teacher, ^Aristotle^ showed him the wisdom of Greek ^ideas, and^ the practicality of scientific investigation.
   A. greatness. His B. Aristotle C. ideas, and D. No change is necessary

26. He believed he was ^descended from^ Achilles and ^would have carried^ a copy of the *Iliad* with him.
   A. descended B. Achilles, C. carried D. No change necessary
27. He could be gallant in capturing a defeated kings wife and mother.
   A. king's  B. kings's  C. kings'  D. No change is necessary

28. Alexander ^A^ was magnetic and willful in his ^B^ personality, mystical in his ^C^ thought; and, at times, reckless in his actions.
   A. were  B. personality;  C. thought,  D. No change is necessary

29. He seemed larger than life as he successfully untied the Gordian knot, and demanded to be worshipped as a ^D^ god.
   A. larger then life  B. knot  C. God  D. No change is necessary

30. Perhaps one of his most insightful strategies occurred as his troops advanced on Persia, the place of greatest danger to his military career.
   A. occurred  B. occurred  C. occurs  D. No change is necessary

31. In a ^A^ brilliant military ^B^ maneuver, he instructed his men to burn ^C^ their treasures in a huge bonfire.
   A. brilliant  B. manuver  C. its  D. No change is necessary

32. Although the soldiers ^A^ bitterly complained, they ^B^ later ^C^ seen the wisdom of this action.
   A. bitter  B. latter  C. saw  D. No change is necessary

33. One of them ^A^ said, "It was as if wings ^B^ had been given to ^C^ us."
   A. said  B. have  C. us"  D. No change is necessary

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

34. A. Of the two soldiers, Odysseus was better than Paris.
   B. Of the two soldiers, Odysseus was the best when compared to Paris.
   C. Of the two soldiers, Odysseus was better.

35. A. A teacher's workload is greater than a student.
   B. The workload of a teacher is greater than a student's.
   C. A teacher's workload is greater than a student's workload.
ANSWERS

1. B  fused sentence/run-on
2. A  subject/verb agreement--subject "domain" is singular
3. B  fragment-needs verb like "is" to make sentence
4. B  semicolon/comma usage
5. C  fragment-"been" requires a helping verb like "have"
6. B  spelling
7. A  comma usage after a transitional expression
8. D  spelling
9. D  spelling
10. C  verb tense consistency-this sentence should be in present tense
11. A  word choice-always choose the most succinct, direct word
12. C  word choice-always choose the most succinct, direct word
13. B  word choice-always choose the most succinct, direct word
14. E  "absolutely" is unnecessary because "nothing" is absolute in itself
15. B  "the field of" is unnecessary because "engineering" is a field
16. A  coherence/clarity/brevity
17. C  coherence/clarity/logic
18. A  parallelism
19. B  parallelism
20. C  parallelism
21. A  modifiers
22. C  clarity/coherence
23. B  clarity/coherence/logic
24. B  capitalization
25. A  fused sentence/comma splice
26. C  verb tense consistency
27. A  apostrophes/possessives
28. C  semicolon/comma usage
29. B  comma usage
30. A  spelling
31. D  spelling
32. C  verb form/consistency
33. D  spelling
34. A  coherence/clarity/comparison
35. C  coherence/clarity/comparison