Read the entire passage carefully and then answer the questions. (Note: Intentional errors may have been included in this passage.)

(1) In this technological age, the importance of the arts is often overlooked. (2) In fact, some schools have eliminated art and music classes altogether because of money shortages. (3) In response to such cutbacks, several communities have provided scholarships to art enrichment programs so that children from all backgrounds can experience the joy of the arts.

(4) ________________________________________________________. (5) For example, classes in drawing, painting, and sculpting can boost children’s self-esteem, develop hidden talents, and foster career directions. (6) Likewise, exposure to the piano, saxophone, or drums can spark a lifelong appreciation for music. (7) The theater attracts other students who, entranced with make-believe worlds, may lose themselves in playing dramatic roles such as Hamlet. (8) Still others may like building stage props or working behind theatrical scenes. (9) Local townspeople often enjoy acting in community theaters. (10) Some children may find photography to be interesting. (11) Young authors intrigued with storytelling or poetry may develop their talents from participating in creative writing workshops.

(12) Whether students who participate in enrichment programs pursue the arts as a career is not important. (13) What is significant, ____________ is that their life experience is broadened with the special enjoyment that arts can bring.

1. Which sentence, if inserted in the blank labeled number 4, is the best main idea or thesis statement for this passage?
   A. There are many different types of art.
   B. Arts of all types play a vital role in children’s development.
   C. This paper talks about the importance of different types of art.
   D. Children can have fun and play with art materials.

2. Which of the numbered sentences is not supported by sufficient specific details?
   A. sentence 5
   B. sentence 7
   C. sentence 8
   D. sentence 10
3. Select the arrangement of sentences 6, 7, and 8 that provides the most logical sequence of ideas and supporting details in the paragraph. If no change is needed, select option A.

A. Likewise, exposure to the piano, saxophone, or drums can spark a lifelong appreciation for music. The theater attracts other students who, entranced with make-believe worlds, may lose themselves in playing dramatic roles such as Hamlet. Still others may like building stage props or working behind theatrical scenes.

B. Likewise, exposure to the piano, saxophone, or drums can spark a lifelong appreciation for music. Still others may like building stage props or working behind theatrical scenes. The theater attracts other students who, entranced with make-believe worlds, may lose themselves in playing dramatic roles such as Hamlet.

C. The theater attracts other students who, entranced with make-believe worlds, may lose themselves in playing dramatic roles such as Hamlet. Likewise, exposure to the piano, saxophone, or drums can spark a lifelong appreciation for music. Still others may like building stage props or working behind theatrical scenes.

D. Still others may like building stage props or working behind theatrical scenes. Likewise, exposure to the piano, saxophone, or drums can spark a lifelong appreciation for music. The theater attracts other students who, entranced with make-believe worlds, may lose themselves in playing dramatic roles such as Hamlet.

4. Which numbered sentence is least relevant to the passage?

A. sentence 2
B. sentence 7
C. sentence 9
D. sentence 11

5. Which word or phrase, if inserted in the blank in sentence 13, would make the relationship of the ideas in sentences 12 and 13 clearer?

A. moreover
B. consequently
C. for example
D. however

Read the entire passage carefully and then answer the questions. (Note: Intentional errors may have been included in this passage.)

(1) Although ads feature cars people dream about—“muscle” cars to the deluxe, high-speed sports convertibles—most people have to face reality when actually purchasing a car.

(2) _________________

(3) Price is a crucial factor, and it may even determine the type of car they buy. (4) Suitability of purpose is another factor, as buyers must find a vehicle that meets their needs—perhaps an inexpensive two-door coupe to get to class, a minivan to transport their families, or a truck to haul goods. (5) Because financing agreements vary widely, it is hard to determine exactly what a particular car will cost. (6) Safety features, such as anti-lock brakes or air bags, may also be important. (7) Other optional equipment is equally worthy of attention. (8) _________________, a compact disk player or a sunroof may be a desired luxury. (9) Moreover, compact disk players are common in
many homes. (10) To some buyers, styling is also important. (11) Because so many factors must be considered, determining which car to buy can be a difficult, time-consuming process.

6. Which sentence, if inserted in the blank labeled number 2, is the best main idea or topic sentence for this passage?
   A. Many cars featured in ads bear no relation to cars people actually purchase.
   B. Because of the cost of today’s cars, buyers need to budget carefully before beginning to consider purchasing a car.
   C. This paper will focus on the many factors that can be involved whenever a car is purchased.
   D. Buyers must consider many factors, such as price, suitability of purpose, safety equipment, and style.

7. Select the arrangement of sentences 3, 4, and 5 that provides the most logical sequence of ideas and supporting details in the paragraph. If no change is needed, select option A.
   A. Price is a crucial factor, and it may even determine the type of car they buy. Suitability of purpose is another factor, as buyers must find a vehicle that meets their needs--perhaps an inexpensive two-door coupe to get to class, a minivan to transport their families, or a truck to haul goods. Because financing arrangements vary widely, it is hard to determine exactly what a particular car will cost.
   B. Suitability of purpose is another factor, as buyers must find a vehicle that meets their needs--perhaps an inexpensive two-door coupe to get to class, a minivan to transport their families, or a truck to haul goods. Price is a crucial factor, and it may even determine the type of car they buy. Because financing arrangements vary widely, it is hard to determine what a particular car will cost.
   C. Price is a crucial factor, and it may even determine the type of car they buy. Because financing arrangements vary widely, it is hard to determine exactly what a particular car will cost. Suitability of purpose is another factor, as buyers must find a vehicle that meets their needs--perhaps an inexpensive two-door coupe to get to class, a minivan to transport their families, or a truck to haul goods.
   D. Suitability of purpose is another factor, as buyers must find a vehicle that meets their needs--perhaps an inexpensive two-door coupe to get to class, a minivan to transport their families, or a truck to haul goods. Because financing arrangements vary widely, it is hard to determine exactly what a particular car will cost. Price is a crucial factor, and it may even determine the type of car they buy.

8. Which word or phrase, if inserted in the blank in sentence 8, would make the relationship of the ideas in sentences 7 and 8 clearer?
   A. However
   B. For example
   C. Therefore
   D. As a result
9. DIRECTIONS: Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

I did very well on the last test after my math tutor ______ me the rules for adding fractions.

A. instructed
B. taught
C. professed

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

Having a car wash was the best ______ the Parent-Teacher Association could think of for raising money for the band trip to Washington, D.C.

A. plan
B. ideal
C. perception

11. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

We accepted the fact that there were ______ safety rules to learn in one swimming lesson.

A. excepted
B. they’re
C. too
D. No change is necessary.

12. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence in which the modifiers are used appropriately.

A. With a recipe taken out of her mother’s cookbook, Julia baked banana bread.
B. Taken out of her mother’s cookbook, Julia baked banana bread with a recipe.
C. With a recipe, Julia baked banana bread taken out of her mother’s cookbook.

13. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence in which the modifiers are used appropriately.

A. After they have exercised, many coaches recommend a lukewarm shower for athletes.
B. Many coaches recommend a lukewarm shower for athletes after they have exercised.
C. Many coaches recommend after they have exercised a lukewarm shower for athletes.

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

Working in a hospital can be very stressful: ______, most doctors and nurses report that they would not change professions.

A. furthermore
B. therefore
C. however
D. for example
15. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence that expresses the thought most clearly and effectively and that has no errors in structure.

A. Even though their team won, the soccer players received a trophy.
B. When their team won, the soccer players received a trophy.
C. Their team won since the soccer players received a trophy.

16. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence that has no errors in structure.

A. My brother needed to change his tires, balance his checkbook, and clean his yard.
B. My brother needed to have his tires changed, his yard cleaned, and a balanced checkbook.
C. My brother needed a changing of his tires, a cleaning of his yard, and his balanced checkbook.

17. DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

While on vacation in Florida, the family enjoyed swimming in the Atlantic, touring historic sites in St. Augustine, and ________ at local restaurants.

A. ate
B. to eat
C. they ate
D. eating

18. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

One of the first astronauts to orbit the earth, John Glenn later became a U.S. senator.

A. earth; John
B. earth John
C. earth, John
D. No change is necessary.

19. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Although professional baseball does not start until April, many fans begin the season early by following their teams to spring training. Professional baseball’s preseason conditioning and exhibition period.

A. April, many
B. early, by
C. training, professional
D. No change is necessary.
20. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Grandfather opened the worn photo album, he began to relive happier times in his life.

A. album, and he
B. album and, he
C. album; and
D. No change is necessary.

21. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

We arrived at the campsite at dusk in the pouring rain the night seemed as if it would never end.

A. rain, the night
B. rain the night;
C. rain. The night
D. No change is necessary.

22. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Alonso comes to school after he had taken his children to daycare and paid their field trip fee.

A. came
B. take
C. payed
D. No change is necessary.

23. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

My sister’s prom dress would have costed less if she had chosen to make it.

A. cost
B. chose
C. made
D. No change is necessary.

24. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

The television was not working when I got home, so tomorrow I will call a repair person.

A. is
B. get
C. call
D. No change is necessary.
25. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

The little boy didn’t like dogs, and every time he saw one, he cries.
A. doesn’t  B. sees  C. cried
D. No change is necessary.

26. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Either the newspapers or the public library contain the answers to common questions.
A. contains  B. is containing  C. are containing  D. No change is necessary.

27. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Pollen that falls from oak and pine trees cover the cars the spring rain has just washed.
A. fall  B. covers  C. have  D. No change is necessary.

28. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose No change is necessary.”

The trip to New Orleans that Michael and Jasmine was planning has been canceled, so they are making other plans.
A. were  B. have  C. make  D. No change is necessary.

29. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Each marching band has their own style.
A. her  B. his  C. its  D. No change is necessary.
30. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

John learned that if he takes the law into your own hands, he may have to suffer the consequences.

A. one  
B. his  
C. they  
D. No change is necessary.

31. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

I like having a cellular phone. You can make calls from the car, and I can also use it for any emergencies.

A. One likes  
B. I  
C. you  
D. No change is necessary.

32. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

As Bill approached the stadium without a ticket, he wondered how he could convince them to let him in.

A. everyone  
B. the ticket takers  
C. him or her  
D. No change is necessary.

33. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Between Isabel and me, there will always be a special bond.

A. myself  
B. I  
C. we  
D. No change is necessary.

34. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Morgan felt badly about failing the exam.

A. bad  
B. very badly  
C. most badly  
D. No change is necessary.
35. DIRECTIONS: Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Of the three swimmers who are trying out for the team, she is the ________.

A. more better  
B. most good  
C. better  
D. best

36. DIRECTIONS: Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Maria was disappointed that the self-help book she received through the mail was similar to one she already owned.

A. disapointed  
B. received  
C. similiar  
D. No change is necessary.

37. DIRECTIONS: Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

A. The students grades weren’t posted, therefore, no one knew who made the highest score.  
B. The students’ grades weren't posted, therefore, no one knew who made the highest score.  
C. The students’ grades weren’t posted; therefore, no one knew who made the highest score.  
D. The students’ grades weren’t posted, therefore no one knew who made the highest score.

38. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Unexpected medical expenses are a problem for most families budgets.

A. family’s  
B. families’  
C. familys’  
D. No change is necessary.

39. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Visitors to the museum were disturbed by the children playing in the hallway and asked the guard to find the children’s mother.

A. visitors’  
B. hallway, and  
C. childrens’  
D. No change is necessary.
40. DIRECTIONS: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Alana told me that her favorite season is Autumn, her favorite month is October, and her favorite day is Saturday.

A. autumn  
B. october  
C. saturday  
D. No change is necessary.
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