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Practice Grammar Test

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. By the end of Super Tuesday, it looked like Bradley would be forced to quit and move to Phoenix.
  - A. There should be a comma before "and."
  - B. "Would" should be replaced with "could."
  - C. "Like" should be replaced with "as if."
  - D. "Would be" should be replaced with "was."
  - E. The sentence is correct as written.
  
2. A number of city polls, including the one in Annapolis, Maryland, shows Powell behind Rice.
  - A. "A" should be replaced with "The."
  - B. The comma after "Maryland" should be omitted.
  - C. "Polls" should be replaced with "poles."
  - D. "Shows" should be replaced with "show."
  - E. The sentence is correct as written.
  
3. Due to their lack of training, we accountants are smarter than them.
  - A. "We" should be replaced with "us."
  - B. "Them" should be replaced with "they."
  - C. The comma after "training" should be removed.
  - D. "Their" should be removed.
  - E. The sentence is correct as written.
  
4. Whom will the boss select as his assistant?
  - A. "Whom" should be replaced with "who."
  - B. "As" should be replaced with "for."
  - C. "His" should be replaced with "him."
  - D. There should be a comma after "boss."
  - E. The sentence is correct as written.
  
5. If you ask Sam, he'll tell you that murderers should be hung.
  - A. There should be a comma before "Sam."
  - B. "Tell" should be replaced with "tale."
  - C. "Hung" should be replaced with "hanged."
  - D. There should be an apostrophe after "murderers."
  - E. The sentence is correct as written.

6. Here is Casey Martin and Joe Montana working together on an auction; it will be fun to see whether it's successful.

- A. The semicolon after "auction" should be replaced with comma.
- B. "Is" should be replaced with "are."
- C. "It's" should be replaced with "its."
- D. "Whether" should be replaced with "wether."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

7. The cat had laid on the table so long that its fur began to flatten.

- A. "Began" should be replaced with "begun."
- B. "That" should be replaced with "where."
- C. "Its" should be replaced with "it's."
- D. "Laid" should be replaced with "lain."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

8. You will have to go a little farther down the road to reach the church because it's in the next town.

- A. "It's" should be replaced with "its."
- B. "Because" should be replaced with "in that."
- C. "Farther" should be replaced with "further."
- D. There should be a comma before "because."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

9. Due to unchecked pollution, the number of types of fish in the ocean seem to be dwindling.

- A. "Seem" should be replaced with "seems."
- B. "Dwindling" should be replaced with "dwindled."
- C. "Due to" should be replaced with "Figuring."
- D. "Unchecked" should be replaced with "striking."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

10. Neither the cowboy nor the six guards think that the gold is safe from the ruffians milling about the area.

- A. "That" should be replaced with "because."
- B. "Neither" should be replaced with "either."
- C. "Think" should be replaced with "thinks."
- D. "Safe" should be replaced with "saved."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

11. Randy's argumentative nature is a result of him being a debater in high school; he is not the only person with such an affliction.

- A. "High school" should be replaced with "high-school."
- B. "A result" should be replaced with "because."
- C. "Him" should be replaced with "his."
- D. "Argumentative" should be replaced with "argumentatively."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

12. His masterful skills in the culinary arts are as good as any professional chef.

- A. "Arts" should be replaced with "arts.' "
- B. "Are" should be replaced with "is."
- C. "Culinary" should be replaced with "food related"
- D. "Chef" should be replaced with chef's."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

13. The piano as well as the pipe organ have to be tuned for the big concert.

- A. There should be a comma before "as well as."
- B. "Have" should be replaced with "has."
- C. "As well as" should be replaced with "in addition to."
- D. There should be a comma after "organ."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

14. Please give this album, which has received continual praise, to whoever you think might like it.

- A. "Whoever" should be replaced with "whomever."
- B. "Continual" should be replaced with "continuous."
- C. The commas before "which" and after "praise" should be omitted.
- D. "It" should be replaced with "them."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

15. Because it sat on the buffet table for more than four hours, the teriyaki chicken tasted badly.

- A. "Sat" should be replaced with "set."
- B. "Because" should be omitted.
- C. "Badly" should be replaced with "bad."
- D. The comma after "hours" should be omitted.
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

16. When will the officers accept that we anarchists—who are fighting for freedom—will not go away?

- A. "Officers" should be replaced with "officers'."
- B. "Accept" should be replaced with "except."
- C. "Who" should be replaced with "that."
- D. "We" should be replaced with "us."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

17. Reporters cannot be reluctant to present their ideas if the media expects to connect with the public.

- A. "Expects" should be replaced with "expect."
- B. "Cannot" should be replaced with "can not."
- C. "Reluctant" should be replaced with "redundant."
- D. "Reporters" should be replaced with "Reporter's"
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

18. By granting Jenny and I the opportunity to advance ourselves in our fields while working to enlighten and empower us, the institution of higher education has given us the power to apply our knowledge to social and political change, which is more than a fair exchange.

- A. "I" should be replaced with "me."
- B. "Fair" should be replaced with "fare."
- C. There should be a comma after "fields."
- D. There should be a comma after "power."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

19. Trying not to incriminate theirselves, the accused at the international tribunal refused to provide testimony for the prosecutor's case.

- A. "Incriminate" should be replaced with "convict."
- B. The comma after "theirselves" should be omitted.
- C. "Accused" should be replaced with "accuse."
- D. "Theirselves" should be replaced with "themselves."
- E. The sentence is correct as written.

20. During the summer, Jeff's favorite activities included going to museums, Frisbee, traveling abroad, and attending all-night house parties.

A. "All-night" should be replaced with "all night."

B. "Parties" should be replaced with "partys."

C. "Frisbee" should be replaced with "playing Frisbee."

D. "Abroad" should be replaced with "a broad."

E. The sentence is correct as written.