

Sentence Correction

Directions:

In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence or the entire sentence is underlined. Beneath each sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original; the other four are different. If you think the original is better than any of the alternatives, choose answer A; otherwise choose one of the others. Select the best version which best describes the meaning of the sentence. Your choice should produce the most effective sentence—clear and precise, without awkwardness or ambiguity.

1. If the car would have been moved on time, we would not have received the ticket.
 - A) If the car would have been moved on time
 - B) If the car could have been on time
 - C) If the car had been moved on time
 - D) If the car were moved on time
 - E) If the car was moved on time
2. Neither Javed nor his friends has been in this office all day.
 - A) had been in this office
 - B) could have been in this office
 - C) have been in this office
 - D) have been in this here office
 - E) has been in this here office
3. The reason the machine failed is because the motor had overheated.
 - A) the machine failed is because
 - B) why the machine failed is because
 - C) the machine failed is that
 - D) that the machine failed is because
 - E) for the machine's failure is because
4. No sooner had the door opened than the nurse ordered us to close it.
 - A) than the nurse ordered us to close it
 - B) when the nurse ordered us to close it
 - C) when the nurse orders us to close it
 - D) then the nurse ordered us to close it
 - E) than the nurse orders us to close it

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5. To drive a tractor, your patience must match your skill.
- A) To drive a tractor, your patience must match your skill
- B) When you drive a tractor, your patience must match your skill
- C) When driving a tractor, your patience must match your skill
- D) To drive a tractor; your patience must match your skill
- E) Driving a tractor, your patience must match your skill
6. Your results must be as good or even better than those of your predecessor.
- A) must be as good or even better than
- B) must be as good as or even better than
- C) has to be as good or even better then
- D) must be as good as or even better than
- E) must be as good or better then
7. Not one of the woman in the room smiled when the speaker used the phrase, "the man's world of sports".
- A) woman in the room smiled when the speaker used the phrase, "the man's world"
- B) women in the room smiles when the speaker used the phrase, "the man's world"
- C) women in the room smiled when the speaker used the phrase, "the man's world"
- D) woman in the room smiles when the speaker mentions, "the man's world"
- E) woman in the room smiled when the speaker made mention of "the man's world"
8. You must admit that he is by far a better passer than any of the other players on his squad.
- A) than any of the other players
- B) then any of the players
- C) then any of the other players
- D) than any of the players
- E) than any of the players'
9. However difficult the task may be perseverance is its own reward.

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- A) However difficult the task may be perseverance
B) However, difficult the task may be perseverance
C) However, difficult the task may be, perseverance
D) However difficult the task may be. Perseverance
E) However difficult the task may be, perseverance
10. She is one of the delegates who was chosen to attend the convention.
A) who was chosen
B) who were chosen
C) that was chosen
D) whom was chosen
E) which were chosen
11. Because we saw the accident, the judge ordered us to testify at the hearing.
A) Because we saw the accident, the
B) Because we saw the accident. The
C) Because we saw the accident the
D) Because we had seen the accident; the
E) Because we had seen the accident, the
12. When I take into consideration all of the factors involved, I neither have the inclination nor the insensitivity to interfere.
A) neither have the inclination nor the insensitivity to interfere
B) neither have the inclination or the insensitivity to interfere
C) have neither the inclination or the insensitivity to interfere
D) have neither the inclination nor the insensitivity to interfere
E) have neither inclination or the insensitivity to interfere
13. The state of the economy being what it is, I feel that further commitment of fiduciary sums would be unwise at this time.
A) The state of the economy being what it is, I
B) The economy being what it is, I

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- C) The state of the economy being what it is; I D) The economy being what it is I
- E) Thing being what they are. I
14. Ever since the reorganization was planned, there has been too many promises made and too few problems solved.
- A) there has been too many promises made B) there was to many promises made
- C) there had been too many promises D) there was too many promises made
- E) there have been too many promises made
15. After considering most carefully the arguments on both sides there is only one decision that could be reached.
- A) sides there B) sides, there
- C) sides. there D) sides, we realized that there
- E) sides. We concluded that there
16. Not only Lucy but her friends and relatives as well was aware of your need for assistance.
- A) was aware of your need for B) were aware of your need for
- C) have been aware of your need of D) is aware of your need of
- E) are aware of your need for
17. The intended victims of this crude practical joke seem to be Paul and I.
- A) Paul and I B) I and Paul
- C) Paul and me D) Me and Paul
- E) Paul or I
18. Upon receiving the letter of acceptance from the college of my choice my cup of happiness was filled to overflowing.

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- A) choice my cup of happiness was filled to overflowing
- B) choice. My cup of happiness was filled to overflowing
- C) choice, my cup of happiness was filled to overflowing
- D) choice, my happiness knew no bounds
- E) choice, I was overjoyed

19. To be able to live with myself comfortably is more important than earning additional income.

- A) than earning additional income
- B) then earning additional income
- C) then to earn additional income
- D) than earning some extra money
- E) than to earn additional income

20. Everybody except Alan and she knew the effect of the drug.

- A) except Alan and she knew the effect
- B) except Alan and her knew the affect
- C) except Alan and she knew the affect
- D) except Alan and her knew the effect
- E) except Alan and her new the affect

ANSWERS

1.	C	2.	C	3.	C	4.	A
5.	B	6.	D	7.	C	8.	A
9.	E	10.	B	11.	E	12.	D
13.	A	14.	E	15.	D	16.	A
17.	C	18.	E	19.	E	20.	D