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Questions 1 to 20: Select the best answer to each question. Note that a question and its answers may be split across a page break, so be sure that you have seen the entire question and all the answers before choosing an answer.

1. To evaluate your essay's unity, it's a good idea to examine its
   A. thesis.
   B. background details.
   C. organization.
   D. evidence.

2. Which of the following sentences contains a dependent clause?
   A. The red sports car that was parked under the tree belongs to Alan.
   B. Kicking and leaping, the three deer behaved like rambunctious rabbits.
   C. Jared eagerly climbed into the boxing ring; he was on his back and out for the count in less than ten seconds.
   D. Please clear the table and wash the dishes.

3. Nathan argues that each paragraph in a narrative essay should support the author's thesis. Nan says that paragraphs in a narrative should illuminate some part of the action. Who is correct?
   A. Both Nathan and Nan are correct.
   B. Only Nathan is correct.
   C. Neither Nathan nor Nan is correct.
   D. Only Nan is correct.

4. Which of the following sentences contains one or more strong, active verbs?
   A. Having been away in London for two years, Conrad was happy to see Denise.
   B. It was believed by some that Conrad's father had been a war hero.
   C. Conrad trembled with anxiety and anticipation as he pressed Denise's doorbell.
   D. The phone directory was hastily searched by Conrad.

5. Which of the following compound sentences uses a coordinating conjunction to explain how ideas are related in terms of contrast or opposition?
   A. Artie switched to a Windows phone, and all his friends were shocked.
   B. Cosima didn't want to stop at the store on her way home from work, but she knew she needed cat food.
   C. Texting while driving is a major cause of accidents, so even if you receive a text, it's safer not to respond.
   D. We'll either go to our parents' house for dinner this weekend or make an excuse to cancel.
6. Mindful of the importance of varying sentence length in a paragraph or essay, Spiro sometimes chooses to use _______ sentences to demonstrate relationships between equally important ideas.
   A. complex  
   B. simple-compound  
   C. compound  
   D. compound-complex

7. What is the sequence of components in the following sentence?
   Listless and depressed by vistas of snow and gray skies, Dieter left the cabin and walked toward the frozen pond.
   A. Subject, modifier, verb  
   B. Modifier, subject, verb  
   C. Subject, verb, modifier  
   D. Modifier, subject, modifier, verb

8. Both Ada and Phil are evaluating their thesis statements, topic sentences, and evidence. If Ada finds that her essay doesn't have a thesis statement identifying the topic of the essay, she will reread the essay to determine the main point of the essay. If Phil finds that his essay lacks evidence to support his thesis statement, he will do additional research to find substantial evidence. Who is correctly evaluating and revising his or her essay?
   A. Both Ada and Phil  
   B. Only Phil  
   C. Neither Ada nor Phil  
   D. Only Ada

9. In which sentence does the italicized word have a negative connotation?
   A. Although she had worked hard in high school, Ruth found the college courses *challenging*.
   B. Jenna's green eyes and dark eyelashes gave her an *exotic* look.
   C. Jack, who is the most *outspoken* member of the group, led the opposition to the new rule.
   D. Matthew was a *scrawny* kid, but he grew up strong.

10. Which statement about sentence lengths in a written piece is true?
    A. Varying sentence type has no appreciable effect on relative sentence length.
    B. In spite of their name, compound-complex sentences are usually shorter than compound or complex sentences.
    C. Short sentences tend to move ideas quickly.
    D. Regardless of the sentence type, the audience tends to read at its own pace.

11. Paragraphs that use _______ diction tend to use first and second person pronouns and shorter, less varied sentences.
    A. colloquial  
    B. informal  
    C. popular  
    D. compound
12. Which of the following techniques would be *best* used to present constructive feedback on a draft of an essay to a peer?
A. Only write notes on the things you like about it
B. Concentrate on content and the message of the paper
C. Rewrite sections for your peer
D. Point out the negative aspects so your peer can improve

13. The topic sentence of each paragraph should support the
A. thesis.
B. topic sentence of the following paragraph.
C. conclusion.
D. title.

14. Which of the following is a compound sentence?
A. Butterflies and hummingbirds feed on the nectar of flowering plants.
B. Corporate fraud is becoming more common in the United States, and the civil courts are being stretched to their limits.
C. Because Viceroy Butterflies migrate over very great distances, tracking them is a challenge to entomologists.
D. Because fraud is so common in some corporations, regulatory agencies are overworked.

15. A ________ can be used for both organizing and revising an essay.
A. flowchart
B. verbal sketch
C. graphic organizer
D. topic sentence

16. Which of the following sentences shows an example of parallel verbs?
A. Once the game was over, Jim had to run home and eat dinner.
B. Once the game was over, Jim had to run home and dinner was ready.
C. Once the game was over, Jim had to be running home and eat dinner.
D. Once the game was over, Jim had to run home in order to eat his dinner.

17. Which of the following sentences contains a correlative conjunction?
A. Either Maria will pick up the birthday cake, or her brother Shawn will stop by the bakery.
B. You don't need to buy a new cell phone, nor should you.
C. Scotland may vote to break away from the United Kingdom, or it will remain within the union.
D. Neither of us wanted to tell our mother about the cost of a computer upgrade.

18. Which of the following sentences includes a weak verb-noun combination that makes the sentence less concise?
A. For this essay I will conduct a study of bees and the arrangement of their colonies.
B. Although Roberta lives in California, she plans to go to college in Pennsylvania.
C. The candidate spoke passionately about the need to eliminate college grants and other social programs.
D. The government can't even offer proof that any terrorist attack has been prevented by secretly sweeping all American phone data.

19. A passive verb is
A. constructed from a form of the verb to be combined with a past participle.
B. the same as an intransitive verb.
C. always formed in the past tense.
D. always formed in the future tense

20. Choosing a good reviewer for your writing means finding someone who
A. will concentrate on your ideas and how well you support them.
B. knows everything about writing and will find every mistake.
C. concentrates on correcting your spelling and grammar errors.
D. is a close friend and will give you a positive review.

End of exam