

Pretest**Part 1: Basic Elements of Writing**

Questions 1–12: Read each sentence and look at the underlined part. It may contain a mistake in word usage, capitalization, or punctuation. Choose the best way to write the underlined part of the sentence. If there is no mistake, choose answer **d**, “Correct as it is.”

- 1 The childrens names are Tori and Raymond.
 - (a) childs’ names
 - (b) children’s names
 - (c) childrens’ names
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 2 The students spoke quiet as they worked in the library.
 - (a) speak quiet
 - (b) spoken quietly
 - (c) spoke quietly
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 3 These are the fresher tomatoes I have ever seen.
 - (a) freshest tomatoes
 - (b) fresh tomatoes
 - (c) fresh tomato
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 4 Our house is near the train station.
 - (a) at the train station
 - (b) in the train station
 - (c) between the train station
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 5 The new mall will opened next month.
 - (a) was open
 - (b) were open
 - (c) will open
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 6 Rico jumped carefully over the wooden fence.
 - (a) jumped careful
 - (b) jump carefully
 - (c) jumps careful
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 7 Kathy will make salad either cole slaw for the school picnic.
 - (a) but
 - (b) or
 - (c) for
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 8 Millie and Shani decided to ride their bicycles to school.
 - (a) theirs
 - (b) they
 - (c) her
 - (d) Correct as it is

9 Last week, I invite members of the computer club to meet at my home.

- (a) invited
- (b) invites
- (c) will invite
- (d) Correct as it is

10 She painted her room a cheerfuller yellow.

- (a) a cheer yellow
- (b) a cheerfulest yellow
- (c) a cheerful yellow
- (d) Correct as it is

11 My aunt are a wonderful cook.

- (a) My aunt be
- (b) My aunt is
- (c) My aunt were
- (d) Correct as it is

12 Every weekend, my sister and I hikes through Smugglers' Notch.

- (a) hiking
- (b) hike
- (c) is hiking
- (d) Correct as it is

Questions 13–18: Read each question and choose the best answer.

13 Which is the best way to combine these two sentences?

Jan likes to play video games.
José likes to play video games, too.

- (a) Jan and José likes to play video games.
- (b) Video games are played by Jan and José.
- (c) Jan likes and José likes to play video games.
- (d) Jan and José like to play video games.

14 Which is the best way to combine these two sentences?

The girls rented bicycles.
The girls rode to the beach.

- (a) The girls rented bicycles but rode to the beach.
- (b) The girls rented bicycles and rode to the beach.
- (c) The girls rode to the beach, then rented bicycles.
- (d) The girls rented bicycles and the girls rode to the beach.

15 Which is an interrogative sentence that should end with a question mark?

- (a) Rain forests cover only two percent of the earth's surface
- (b) When people cut down the trees, they destroy the rain forests
- (c) After people cut down the trees, what do they use the land for
- (d) Many types of plants and animals live in the world's rain forests

- 16 Which is an exclamatory sentence that should end with an exclamation point?
- (a) I can't believe I ate that whole pizza
 - (b) Some pizzas have thin crusts
 - (c) Can a pizza be cooked in a microwave oven
 - (d) Pizza is a popular food in the United States
- 17 Which is a complete sentence written correctly?
- (a) The Erie Canal, begun in 1817.
 - (b) Connected Lake Erie and the Hudson River.
 - (c) The Erie Canal took eight years to build.
 - (d) Transport products between eastern and western United States.
- 18 Which is a run-on sentence that should be written as two sentences?
- (a) Benjamin Franklin was a scientist and an inventor.
 - (b) Franklin was also a colonial leader and the publisher of a newspaper.
 - (c) He was one of the authors of the Declaration of Independence.
 - (d) Franklin was born in 1706 he died in 1790 at the age of 84.

Questions 19–20: A student wrote this paragraph about working at the local food bank. It may need some changes or corrections. Read the paragraph. Then choose the best answer to each question.

Helping Out

On Friday, my father and I went to the Disaster Relief Center. The center gives groceries to victims of hurricanes or other disasters who have no food. We did several jobs there. We sorted all the cans of food that people gave to the center. Then we put together boxes of food for the families. We packed up rice, cereal, and canned vegetables and fruit. Finally, we helped load all the boxes onto trucks. We finished at about 4:00, and then we jogged home through the park.

- 19 What type of paragraph is this?
- (a) narrative
 - (b) descriptive
 - (c) persuasive
 - (d) response to literature
- 20 Which sentence is the topic sentence of the paragraph?
- (a) We did several jobs there.
 - (b) On Friday, my father and I went to the Disaster Relief Center.
 - (c) We packed up rice, cereal, and canned vegetables and fruit.
 - (d) We finished at about 4:00, and then we jogged home through the park.

Part 2: Proofreading and Editing

Questions 21–30: Read the passage and the letter. Look carefully at the underlined parts. They may contain mistakes in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, or word usage. Choose the best way to write each underlined part.

Today in class we learned about symbols. Our teacher said, “A symbol is anything that stands for something else.” For example a white dove is a symbol for piece. A heart stands for love. Mr parker asked us to look for symbols as we walked home. I saw a metal sign with a picture of a bus. That told me the location of a bus stop. As I walked past the beach, I saw a sign showing a dog in a circle with a line drawn through it. That symbol means dogs are not allowed on the beach. I realized that we are surrounded by symbols.

- 21 (a) “A symbol is anything that stands for something else”.
 (b) A symbol is anything that stands “for something else.”
 (c) ‘A symbol is anything that stands for something else.’
 (d) Best as it is
- 22 (a) for example
 (b) For example;
 (c) For example,
 (d) Best as it is
- 23 (a) peace
 (b) peice
 (c) pease
 (d) Best as it is

- 24 (a) mr. Parker
 (b) Mr. Parker
 (c) mr parker
 (d) Best as it is
- 25 (a) That symbol means dogs are not allowed on the beach?
 (b) That symbol means dogs are not allowed on the beach!
 (c) That symbol means dogs are not allowed on the beach,
 (d) Best as it is

January Five, 2005

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Dear Kisha,

I love my vacation in Florida. The whether is sunny and warm,

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and I'm having a great time. My grandmothers house is near the water.

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Gran and I go to the beach almost every day. Kisha wait until you see

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how many shells I've collected! I also found a starfish and a large sand dollar.

I'll call you when I get home.

Your friend,
Amy

- 26** (a) January 5, 2005
(b) january 5, 2005
(c) January 5 2005
(d) Best as it is

- 29** (a) Gran and us
(b) Me and gran
(c) Gran and me
(d) Best as it is

- 27** (a) Weather
(b) whither
(c) weather
(d) Best as it is

- 30** (a) Kisha; wait until you
(b) Kisha. Wait until you
(c) Kisha, wait until you
(d) Best as it is

- 28** (a) Grandmothers
(b) Grandmother's
(c) grandmother's
(d) Best as it is