

Progress Test 1**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 For many years in the United States, some people was not allowed to vote.
(a) people were
(b) people are
(c) people is
(d) Correct as it is
- 2 Native Americans, African Americans, and women had to waited many years before they could vote.
(a) had to waiting
(b) had to wait
(c) have to waited
(d) Correct as it is
- 3 In the 1800s, women began to speak out about the right to vote.
(a) began to speak
(b) begins to speak
(c) beginning to speak
(d) Correct as it is
- 4 Many people believed that letting women vote was a dangerously idea.
(a) danger
(b) dangerouser
(c) dangerous
(d) Correct as it is
- 5 In 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott held a convention in New York to fight for women's rights.
(a) womans rights
(b) womens rights
(c) womens' rights
(d) Correct as it is
- 6 In 1870, African American men final gained the right to vote.
(a) finaler
(b) finally
(c) finalist
(d) Correct as it is
- 7 Southern states quicker passed laws to deny African Americans this right.
(a) quickest
(b) quick
(c) quickly
(d) Correct as it is
- 8 All voters had to pay an unfair poll tax before they could vote.
(a) a unfair
(b) a more unfair
(c) an unfairer
(d) Correct as it is

- 9 In 1924, Congress passing a law giving Native Americans voting rights.
- (a) passed
 - (b) pass
 - (c) was passing
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 10 Today, more people than ever has the right to vote.
- (a) had
 - (b) have
 - (c) is having
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 11 Surprisingly, only about 55 percent of Americans who can vote actually do vote.
- (a) which
 - (b) whose
 - (c) whom
 - (d) Correct as it is
- 12 By voting, they can help make decisions for ourselves.
- (a) them
 - (b) itself
 - (c) themselves
 - (d) Correct as it is

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

- 13 Which is a complete sentence written correctly?
- (a) Playing a video game in the car.
 - (b) Abel and the video club.
 - (c) Members of the video club met at his house.
 - (d) Abel with the newest computer game.
- 14 Which is a run-on sentence and should be written as two sentences?
- (a) Vijay takes his dog to the park every day.
 - (b) The new park is great the dogs love it.
 - (c) Jyoti likes to walk in the new park.
 - (d) Vijay and Jyoti often walk the dog together.
- 15 Which is the best way to combine these two sentences?
- We play basketball at the playground. The playground is new.
- (a) We play basketball at the playground it is new.
 - (b) We play basketball at the playground, the playground is new.
 - (c) We play basketball at the playground and the playground is new.
 - (d) We play basketball at the new playground.

- 16 Which is the best way to combine these two sentences?

My aunt made oatmeal cookies. My aunt said I could eat some.

- (a) My aunt made oatmeal cookies and my aunt said I could eat some.
 - (b) My aunt made oatmeal cookies and said I could eat some.
 - (c) My aunt made oatmeal cookies and I ate some of them.
 - (d) My aunt made oatmeal cookies but said I could eat some.
- 17 Which is an interrogative sentence that should end with a question mark?
- (a) Does your aunt make chocolate chip cookies
 - (b) I like chocolate chip cookies best
 - (c) Ana Sofia's favorite cookie is peanut butter chip
 - (d) Gretchen says she would rather have an apple
- 18 Which is a declarative sentence that should end with a period?
- (a) Is either Paco or Tony good at baking
 - (b) Yikes, what a mess they left in the kitchen
 - (c) Paco also bakes bread and muffins
 - (d) Can we ask Paco and Tony to bake something for the party

Questions 19–20: A student wrote this paragraph about planting a garden. It may need some changes or corrections. Read the paragraph. Then choose the best answer to each question.

(1) My mother says that the vegetables in the store are never fresh. (2) So this year she decided to grow her own vegetables. (3) Of course, we had to help. (4) Then we had to dig up the earth. (5) First, we had to find a place in the backyard for a garden. (6) Next, we planted tomato seeds, beans, and squash seeds. (7) Two weeks later, my mother gave up. (8) The birds and squirrels had eaten every seed. (9) My mother now says that perhaps the vegetables in the store don't look so bad after all.

- 19 Which supporting detail could be added after sentence 1?
- (a) Squirrels also like to eat birdseed and nuts of all kinds.
 - (b) She is tired of buying squishy tomatoes and cucumbers.
 - (c) My sister doesn't like to garden.
 - (d) We watered the garden every day.
- 20 Which two sentences should be switched to organize the paragraph better?
- (a) sentences 1 and 2
 - (b) sentences 2 and 3
 - (c) sentences 4 and 5
 - (d) sentences 8 and 9

Part 2: Proofreading and Editing

Questions 21–30: Read the passage and the book report. 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.

Bisa has a problem. Her friend Len's little dog barks all day while he is at school. The constant barking is driving Bisa's mother and her neighbors crazy.

"Bisa, your Len's friend," said one neighbor. "He never puts that yappy dog in the house. We here that barking all day. Can't you say something to him?"

Bisa struggled with what to say to Len. Finally, she decided to tell him the truth. When Len found out, he promised to keep the dog in during the day.

"Can solve this problem. After all," he smiled, "if he needs more fresh air, I'll let him stay out all night instead!"

- 21 (a) you is
(b) you're
(c) you were
(d) Best as it is

- 22 (a) house. We
(b) house? We
(c) house, we,
(d) Best as it is

- 23 (a) hear
(b) hare
(c) air
(d) Best as it is

- 24 (a) his
(b) it
(c) him
(d) Best as it is

- 25 (a) Can solving
(b) We can solve
(c) Them can solve
(d) Best as it is

Do you like fantasies? I do, and one of the best books I read this

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year was The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis. The

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story begins in england during World War II. Because of the war, the

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four children are sent to live in the English countryside with Professor

Kirke. One rainy day, they explore the house and discover a huge

wardrobe. When they step through the wardrobe, they enter the fantasy

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world of Narnia. There the children have many adventures and confront

the forces of good and evil. They meet Aslan a brave lion, and the evil

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White Witch.

If you like the imaginary world in the Harry Potter books, you will

definitely like the imaginary world created by C. S. Lewis

- 26 (a) Do you like fantasies!
 (b) Do you like "fantasies".
 (c) Do you like fantasies.
 (d) Best as it is

- 27 (a) 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'
 (b) "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
 (c) *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
 (d) Best as it is

- 28 (a) english
 (b) England
 (c) English
 (d) Best as it is

- 29 (a) through
 (b) thru
 (c) threw
 (d) Best as it is

- 30 (a) Aslan a brave lion
 (b) Aslan a brave, lion
 (c) Aslan, a brave lion,
 (d) Best as it is