A. Relatives: defining, non-defining and connective

Combine the following pairs or groups of sentences by means of relative pronouns, making any changes necessary.

- 1 You sent me a present. Thank you very much for it. (Thank you very much/or...)
- 2 She was dancing with a student. He had a slight limp. (two ways)
- 3 I am looking after some children. They are terribly spoilt, (two ways)
- 4 The bed has no mattress. I sleep on this bed. (The bed 1...)
- 5 Romeo and Juliet were lovers. Their parents hated each other.
- 6 There wasn't any directory in the telephone box. I was phoning from this box.
- 7 This is Mrs Jones. Her son won the championship last year.
- 8 I was sitting in a chair. It suddenly collapsed. (The chair . . .)
- 9 Mr Smith said he was too busy to speak to me. I had come specially to see him.
- 10 The man was sitting at the desk. I had come to see this man.
- 11 I missed the train. I usually catch this train. *And* I had to travel on the next. This was a slow train. (*Make into one sentence.*)
- 12 His girl friend turned out to be an enemy spy. He trusted her absolutely.
- 13 The car had bad brakes. We were in this car. *And* The man didn't know the way. This man was driving. (*Make into one sentence*.)
- 14 This is the story of a man. His wife suddenly loses her memory.
- 15 We'll have to get across the frontier. This will be difficult.
- 16 A man brought in a small girl. Her hand had been cut by flying glass.
- 17 The car crashed into a queue of people. Four of them were killed.
- 18 The roads were crowded with refugees. Many of them were wounded.
- 19 I was waiting for a man. He didn't turn up. (The man. . .)
- 20 Tom came to the party in patched jeans. This surprised the other guests. Most of the other guests were wearing evening dress.
- 21 The firm is sending me to York. I work for this firm. (*The firm*. . .)
- 22 The Smiths were given rooms in the hotel. Their house had been destroyed in the explosion.
- 23 I saw several houses. Most of them were quite unsuitable.
- 24 He wanted to come at 2 a.m. This didn't suit me at all.
- 25 This is a story of a group of boys. Their plane crashed on an uninhabited island.
- 26 They tie up parcels with string. This is so weak that the parcel usually comes to pieces before you get it home. (*The string* . ..)
- 27 He introduced me to his students. Most of them were from abroad.
- 28 He expected me to pay £2 for 12 eggs. Four of the eggs were broken.
- 29 He spoke in French. But the people didn't know French. He was speaking to these people. (*Combine these last two sentences only.*)
- 30 The boy was a philosophy student and wanted to sit up half the night discussing philosophy. Peter shared a flat with this boy. (two ways)
- 31 They gave me four very bad tyres. One of them burst before I had driven four miles.
- 32 She climbed to the top of the Monument to see the wonderful view. She had been told about this view.
- 33 I was given this address by a man, I met this man on a train.

- 34 The bar was so noisy that I couldn't hear the person at the other end of the line. I was telephoning from this bar.
- 35 A man answered the phone. He said Tom was out.
- 36 The horse kept stopping to eat grass. I was on the horse. This (his continual stopping) annoyed the riding instructor.

B. Relatives: non-defining and connective

Combine the following pairs or groups of sentences, using relative pronouns.

- 1 Tom had been driving all day. He was tired and wanted to stop.
- 2 Ann had been sleeping in the back of the car. She felt quite fresh and wanted to go on.
- 3 Paul wanted to take the mountain road. His tyres were nearly new.
- 4 Jack's tyres were very old. He wanted to stick to the tarred road.
- 5 Mary didn't know anything about mountains. She thought it would be quite safe to climb alone.
- 6 He gave orders to the manager. The manager passed them on to the foreman.
- 7 She said that the men were thieves. This turned out to be true.
- 8 The matter was reported to the Chief of Police. He ordered us all to be arrested.
- 9 In prison they fed us on dry bread. Most of it was mouldy.
- 10 We slept in the same room as a handcuffed prisoner. His handcuffs rattled every time he moved.
- 11 We lit a fire. It soon dried out our clothes.
- 12 They rowed across the Atlantic. This had never been done before.
- 13 The lorry crashed into a bus-load of schoolchildren. Six of them were slightly injured.
- 14 She refuses to use machines. This makes her work more arduous.
- 15 I met Mary. She asked me to give you this.
- 16 The women prayed aloud all night. This kept us awake.
- 17 The river bed is uneven and you may be in shallow water one moment and in deep water the next. This makes it unsafe for non-swimmers.
- 18 Mary said that there should be a notice up warning people. Mary's children couldn't swim.
- 19 Ann said that there were far too many notices. Ann's children could swim very well.
- 20 He paid me £5 for cleaning ten windows. Most of them hadn't been cleaned for at least a year.
- 21 Jack, the goalkeeper, and Tom, one of the backs, were injured in last Saturday's match. Jack's injuries were very slight. He is being allowed to play in today's match. This is a good thing because the team hasn't got another goalkeeper. (Combine the last three sentences only.)
- 22 But Tom's leg is still in bandages. He will have to watch the match from the stand.
- 23 Mr White didn't get a seat on his train this morning. This put him in a bad temper, and caused him to be very rude to his junior partner. The junior partner in turn was rude to the chief clerk; and so on all the way down to the office boy.
- 24 On Monday Tom's boss suddenly asked for a report on the previous week's figures. Tom had a hangover. He felt too sick to work fast. (Combine the last two sentences only.)

- 25 His boss didn't drink. He saw what was the matter and wasn't sympathetic.
- 26 In the afternoon he rang Tom and asked why the report still hadn't arrived. The report should have been on his desk by 2 o'clock.
- 27 Tom's headache was now much worse. He just put the receiver down without answering. This was just as well, as if he'd said anything he would have been very rude.
- 28 Fortunately Ann, the typist, came to Tom's assistance. Ann rather liked Tom.
- 29 Even so the report took three hours. It should have taken an hour and a half.
- 30 I went to Munich. I had always wanted to visit Munich.
- 31 'Hello, Paul,' said Mr Jones to the headwaiter. The headwaiter's name was Tom. He said 'Good evening, sir,' without any sign of recognition. This disappointed Mr Jones. Mr Jones liked to be recognized by headwaiters. (Omit the first sentence.)
- 32 And this time he was with Lucy. He was particularly anxious to impress Lucy.

C. what and which

Fill the gaps in the following sentences by using either what or which. (When which is used it should be preceded by a comma which the student must insert for himself.)

- 1 He didn't believe . . . I said . . . annoyed me very much.
- 2 In detective stories the murderer is always caught . . . doesn't happen in real life.
- 3 He wasn't surprised at . . . he saw because I told him . . . to expect.
- 4 In hospitals they wake patients at 6 a.m. . . . is much too early.
- 5 There was no directory in the first telephone box . . . meant that I had to go to another one.
- 6 I did... I could . . . wasn't much.
- 7 The clock struck thirteen . . . made everyone laugh.
- 8 I am sure that . . . you say is true.
- 9 We travelled second class . . . is cheaper than first class but more crowded.
- 10 He didn't know the language . . . made it difficult for him to get a job.
- 11 People whose names begin with A always get taken first . . . is most unfair.
- 12 He played the violin all night . . . annoyed the neighbours.
- 13 When the mechanic opened the bonnet he saw at once . . . was wrong with the car.
- 14 I didn't buy anything because I didn't see . . . I wanted.
- 15 They sang as they marched . . . helped them to forget how tired they were.
- 16 I saw a coat marked down to £10... was just . . . I was prepared to pay.
- 17 He was very rude to the customs officer . . . of course made things worse.
- 18 Show me . . . you've got in your hand.
- 19 Tell me . . . you want me to do.
- 20 The frogs croaked all night . . . kept us awake.
- 21 All the roads were blocked by snow . . . meant that help could not reach us till the following spring.
- 22 You needn't think you were unobserved! I saw . . . you did!
- 23 She was once bitten by a monkey . . . made her dislike monkeys for the rest of her life.
- 24 Some dairies have given up electric milk floats and gone back to horsedrawn vehicles . . . shows that the horse still has a place in modern transport.

- 25 She expects me to clean the house in half an hour . . . is impossible.
- 26 He poured water on the burning oil stove . . . was a crazy thing to do.
- 27 Would you know . . . to do if you were bitten by a snake?
- 28 They turned on the street lights . . made it suddenly seem much darker than it really was.
- 29 I don't know . . . delayed the train, but it went much slower than usual . . . made me late for my appointment.
- 30 He asked a question . . . I answered, and then he asked exactly the same question again . . . showed me that he hadn't been listening.
- 31 The crime was not discovered till 48 hours later . . . gave the criminals plenty of time to get away.
- 32 My neighbours on either side of me have painted their houses . . . of course only makes my house look shabbier than it really is.
- 33 The headmaster believed that children should do . . . they liked . . . meant, of course, that they didn't learn much.
- 34 I couldn't remember the number of my own car . . . made the police suspicious.
- 34 He said that . . . frightened him was the appalling silence of the place.
- 36 You will be punished for . . . you have done.

D. whatever, whenever, whoever etc

Fill each of the gaps in the following sentences with one of the following words: however, whatever, whenever, wherever, whichever, whoever.

- 1 . . . you do, don't mention my name. (I particularly don't want you to.)
- 2 He lives in Wick, . . . that is (I don't know and don't much care.)
- 3 Ann (looking out of the window): Bill's van –

Tom: It isn't a van, it's a station wagon.

Ann: Well, . . . it is, it's just been given a parking ticket!

- 4 You'll never escape. He'll find you, . . . you hide yourself, (no matter where)
- 5 . . . of you broke this window will have to pay for it.
- 6... broke this window will have to pay for it.
- 7 The lift works perfectly for Tom, but . . . I use it, the doors stick. (every time)
- 8 I'd rather have a room of my own, . . . small, than share with someone.
- 9., told you I'd lend you £500 was pulling your leg.
- 10 Shall I type it or send it like this? ~ . . . you like.
- 11 You're wanted on the phone! ~ I can't come now. Ask . . . it is to leave his number and I'll ring him back in half an hour.
- 12 . . . rich you are you can't buy happiness.
- 13 He's a phrenologist, . . . that is. (I don't know.)
- 14 We must finish tonight, . . . long it takes us. (no matter how long)
- 15 . . . it rains, my roof leaks.
- 16 Announcement: A box of dangerous drugs has been removed from the hospital dispensary. Will . . . took it please return it immediately?
- 17 Mothers in this district are not letting their children out alone till . . . committed these murders has been arrested.

- 18 He started half an hour ago and his car is faster than yours. . . . fast you drive, you won't catch him up.
- 19 Married man (to bachelor friend): You can do . . . you like in the evenings but I have to go home to my wife.
- 20 . . . my neighbour is cooking there is a smell of burning, (every time)
- 21 I hope that . . . left this rubbish here is going to clear it away.
- 22 We each draw a card and . . . of us has the lowest card does the washing up.
 - *Or* . . . has the lowest card.
- 23 If I say, 'Heads, I win; tails, you lose,' I will win . . . happens.
 - Or I will win . . . way the coin falls.
- 24 . . . used the bathroom last forgot to clean the bath.

E. Relative clauses replaced by infinitives

Part I: Replace the clauses in bold type by an infinitive or infinitive phrase.

I have books that I must read.

I have books to read.

- a peg on which I can hang my coat
- a peg to hang my coat on
- a form that you must fill in
- a form for you to fill in
- 1 We had a river in which we could swim.
- 2 The child is lonely; he would be happier if he had someone that he could play with.
- 3 I don't much care for cooking for myself; if I had a family **that I had to cook for** I'd be more interested.
- 4 Here are some accounts that you must check.
- 5 I've got a bottle of wine but I haven't got anything that I could open it with.
- 6 I have some letters that I must write.
- 7 I don't want to go alone and I haven't anyone that I can go with.
- 8 I don't like him playing in the streets; I wish we had a garden that he could play in.
- 9 We had to eat standing up because we hadn't anything **that we could sit on,** and the grass was too wet.
- 10 The floor is dusty but I haven't got a brush that I can sweep it with.
- 11 My files are all over the place. I wish I had a box that I could keep them in.
- 12 She said that she wasn't going to buy any cards; she hadn't anyone **to whom she could send cards.**

Part 2: Replace the clauses in bold type by infinitives.

He was the first man who reached the top.

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- 13 He was the first man **who left** the burning building.
- 14 You are the last person who saw her alive.
- 15 My brother was the only one **who realized** the danger.
- 16 The pilot was the only man **who survived** the crash.
- 17 He simply loves parties. He is always the first **who comes** and the last **who goes**.

- 18 The Queen Elizabeth is the largest ship which has been built on the Clyde.
- 19 The last person who leaves the room must turn out the lights.
- 20 I was the only person who saw the difficulty.
- 21 He was the second man who was killed in this way.
- 22 Neil Armstrong was the first man who walked on the moon.
- 23 Lady Astor was the first woman who took her seat in Parliament.
- 24 The fifth man who was interviewed was entirely unsuitable.