

Sentence Skills Test

DIRECTIONS: CIRCLE THE BEST ANSWER!

Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in an underlined portion. If no error exists, choose "No change is necessary."

1. The fact that MacArthur fails to provide supplies and medicine to a retreating army never received much attention in press in the early war years.

- A) failed
- B) retreated
- C) receiving
- D) No change is necessary.

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2. Norms come from the shared values of a group—their beliefs, customs, rituals, and even superstitions.

- A) its
- B) evenly
- C) superstitutions
- D) No change is necessary.

For the underlined sentence(s), choose the option that expresses the meaning with the most fluency and the clearest logic within the context.

3. Susan liked to work with her plants but without much success. She planted a garden in April, and she fertilized the soil every week, but it did not grow well.

- A) She planted a garden in April, and she fertilized the soil every week, but it did not grow well.
- B) She planted a garden in April, and she fertilized the soil every week, even though it did not grow well.
- C) Even though it did not grow well, she planted a garden in April and fertilized the soil every week.
- D) Even though she planted a garden in April and fertilized the soil every week, it did not grow well.

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4. General Douglas MacArthur, a legendary and controversial figure in American history, is best remembered as the hero who liberated the Philippines, in World War II, many people say that was his finest hour.

- A) history is
- B) Philippines in
- C) War II; many
- D) No change is necessary.

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5. The General, along with his wife and three-year-old son, were known to have escaped danger by going to the island of Corregidor to await reinforcements.

- A) was known
- B) had escaped
- C) by having been gone
- D) No change is necessary.

For the underlined sentence(s), choose the option that expresses the meaning with the most fluency and the clearest logic within the context.

6. I have a reading difficulty with my psychology text because of the new vocabulary. I am not understanding my psychology instructor either because I don't understand all of the words she uses in class.

- A) I am not understanding my psychology instructor either because I don't understand all of the words she uses in class.
- B) I don't understand all of the words my psychology instructor uses in class either.
- C) Because I don't understand all of the words my instructor uses in class, I don't understand her either.
- D) I don't understand my psychology instructor b

For the underlined sentence(s), choose the option that expresses the meaning with the most fluency and the clearest logic within the context.

7. That subject was always hard for me. I tried my best to earn an A in the class, and I did what I could to study hard, but I earned a B.

- A) I tried my best to earn an A in the class, and I did what I could to study hard, but I earned a B.
- B) Because I studied hard and tried my best to earn an A in the class, I still made a B.
- C) Even though I studied hard and tried my best to earn an A in the class, I made a B.
- D) I made a B even though I tried my best to earn an A in that class, and I did what I could to study hard.

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8. The General, along with his wife and three-year-old son, were known to have escaped danger by going to the island of Corregidor to await reinforcements. That never came.

- A) reinforcements, that never came.
- B) reinforcements; that never came.
- C) reinforcements that never came.
- D) No change is necessary.

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9. Superstitions surrounding the number 13 have become norms when did you see a building with a thirteenth floor?

- A) norms; when
- B) norms. When
- C) floor.
- D) No change is necessary.

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10. The principal believes that a class of 30 students need at least 30 textbooks.

- A) believe
- B) needs
- C) textbook
- D) No change is necessary.

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11. MacArthur was forced to take serious the plans of Japan to conquer the entire southern Pacific area.

- A) was forcing
- B) seriously
- C) to have conquered
- D) No change is necessary.

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12. If everyone did not agree to abide by the same laws for driving a car, Chaos would occur.

- A) do not agree
- B) driving a car, chaos
- C) would of
- D) No change is necessary.

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choose "No change is necessary."

13. He lead the armies against the Japanese, only to have to retreat onto the Bataan Peninsula.

- A) leaded
- B) led
- C) leeded
- D) No change is necessary.

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14. Even though he left, MacArthur inspired the troops because he was close to danger. Soldiers felt that, "If the General can take it I can too."

- A) left MacArthur
- B) danger; soldiers
- C) take it, I
- D) No change is necessary.

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15. MacArthur waited there until much later to fulfill his pledge: "I shall return!"

- A) waiting
- B) fullfill
- C) pledge: "I
- D) No change is necessary.

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16. Every society have norms or standards of behavior that are generally agreed upon by its citizens.

- A) has
- B) is
- C) their
- D) No change is necessary.

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17. If enough agree, then a fad becomes a norm when the majority happily agree to look or act in a similarly fashion.

- A) agree then
- B) happy
- C) similar
- D) No change is necessary.

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18. Jermaine slaved over his math homework and sweated over an essay for his composition class because it was due tomorrow.

- A) it was due
- B) they were due
- C) it had to be done for
- D) it needed to be done for

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19. The student has to be very careful, chemical reactions sometimes cause beakers to get hot enough to bum flesh.

- A) The student has to be very careful, chemical reactions sometimes cause beakers to get hot enough to bum flesh.
- B) The student has to be very careful. Because chemical reactions sometimes cause beakers to get hot enough to bum flesh.
- C) The student has to be very careful because chemical reactions sometimes cause beakers to get hot enough to bum flesh.
- D) Because the student has to be very careful, chemical reactions sometimes cause beakers to get hot enough to bum flesh.

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20. Grant money is one of the many ways to fund special projects: for it frees the general budget from additional costs

- A) projects; for it
- B) projects; it
- C) projects; which it

D) projects; because it

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21. Joey prefers when Tracy prepares dinner because she cooks chicken better than their mother.

- A) better than their mother.
- B) better than their mother does.
- C) better than their mother is.
- D) better than Mrs. Morrison.

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22. General Sherman and his troops needed to destroy the southern transportation network; and they devised ingenious ways to tear apart and disable the many railroad tracks.

- A) network; and they devised
- B) network, they devised
- C) network they devised
- D) network, so they devised

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23. The hot sun beat down upon the town, the citizens became easily irritated.

- A) The hot sun beat down upon the town,
- B) Because the hot sun beat down upon the town,
- C) When the hot sun beat down upon the town
- D) And the hot sun beat down upon the town,

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24. The shipment of new, high-speed computers was delayed for several months, the customers were very angry.

- A) months, the

- B) months, as a result, the
- C) months; as a result, the
- D) months as a result, the

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

25. Even though the temperature reached one hundred degrees, the people lying on the beach were not sweating.

Rewrite, beginning with

The temperature reached...

The next words will be

- A) one hundred degrees, the people
- B) one hundred degrees the people
- C) one hundred degrees; The people
- D) one hundred degrees, but the people

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

26. On June 1, Barry bought twenty gallons of water and fifty cans of soup because he feared being unprepared for a hurricane.

Rewrite, beginning with

Since Barry had bought twenty gallons of water and fifty cans of soup on June 1, he...

The next words will be

- A) was ready
- B) had been ready
- C) is ready
- D) has been ready

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

27. The audience stopped dancing and stood around to observe the members of 7 Car Pile Up when they started to play.

Rewrite beginning with

When 7 Car Pile Up, a jazz band started...

The next words will be

- A) to play. The audience stopped
- B) to play. And the audience stopped
- C) to play, the audience stopped
- D) to play, and the audience stopped

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

28. The speaker walked up to the podium. The students kept talking to each other. The speaker was impatient.

Rewrite, beginning with

Because the students kept talking to each other, ...

The next words will be

- A) the impatient speaker walked
- B) the podium waited
- C) the speaker waited
- D) the speaker was

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

29. While a high school student is learning to drive, a restricted license is necessary.

Rewrite, beginning with

When learning to drive, ...

The next words will be

- A) a restricted license
- B) the car
- C) a student
- D) the high school

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

30. Steven is very careful with his money. For example, he will drive two miles out of his way to save two cents per gallon on gasoline.

Rewrite, beginning with

Steven is so cheap...

The next words will be

A) being that he drives

B) since that he drives

C) that he drives

D) as a result, driving

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

31. In swampy areas, hikers often wear boots, make noise, and carry big sticks.

Rewrite, beginning with

In swampy areas, wearing boots, making noise, and...

The next words will be

A) carrying big sticks

B) to carry big sticks

C) hikers carried big sticks

D) hikers carry big sticks