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1. Choose the correct word in parentheses.

You have (all ready, already) learned some strategies for playing chess.

- A. all ready
- B. already

2. What kind of phrase is the underlined group of words?

The shirt with the green stripes is mine.

- A. verb
- B. adjective
- C. adverb
- D. noun

3. Is the pronoun singular or plural?

Everybody on the team practiced almost every day before the competition.

- A. singular
- B. plural

4. Which of the following is a complex sentence?

- A. Dan and I hiked to the general store, which was about a mile away.
- B. People made jokes about him or ignored him.
- C. Later he went to New York, but he could not find a job.
- D. People all over the world love his stories describing the life and times of the ancient Greeks.

5. Which word is modified by the participial phrase in the following sentence?

Known as the ringed planet, Saturn is easily recognized in the night sky.

- A. planet
- B. sky
- C. Saturn
- D. recognized

6. Choose the sentence in which the underlined words are a participial phrase.

- A. Everyone had been dancing in the aisles.
- B. By the end of the show, everyone was singing.
- C. We gave the actors a standing ovation.
- D. The singers have practiced under the bright lights.



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7. Choose the infinitive phrase in the following sentence.

She always wanted to skate in the Olympics.

A. to skate
 B. to skate in the Olympics
 C. wanted to skate
 D. in the Olympics

8. Which sentence has a misplaced modifier?

A. Julia watched a raccoon talking quietly with her friends.
 B. Talking quietly with her friends, Julia watched a raccoon.
 C. Julia, quietly talking with her friends, watched a raccoon.

9. Choose the prepositional phrase in the following sentence.

Is Jill's mother going to drive the children to the rink?

A. Is Jill's mother
 B. to drive
 C. to drive the children
 D. to the rink

10. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

Are Maya and _____ working on the science project together?

A. he
 B. him
 C. his

11. Choose the sentence that uses *her* as a direct object.

A. I asked her a question.
 B. I told her about the dog.
 C. I gave her a surprise gift.
 D. I heard her version of the story.

12. Choose the sentence that contains an inappropriate shift in the verb.

A. After we baked the cake, the girls eat it with ice cream.
 B. After we bake the cake, the girls will eat it with ice cream.
 C. After we baked the cake, the girls ate it with ice cream.



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13. Which sentence is **not** correctly punctuated?
- A. "That's amazing!" said Spencer. "I've never seen a shooting star before."
 - B. "That's amazing," said Spencer. "I've never seen a shooting star before."
 - C. "That's amazing," said Spencer. "I've never seen a shooting star before!"
 - D. "That's amazing," said Spencer, "I've never seen a shooting star before."

14. Choose the correct words in parentheses.

My sister as well as many other basketball players (was visiting, were visiting) the Basketball Hall of Fame.

- A. was visiting
- B. were visiting

15. Which of the following indefinite pronouns is plural?

- A. several
- B. everyone
- C. anything
- D. someone

16. Identify the case of the pronoun in the sentence.

They are going to the ball game.

- A. nominative
- B. possessive
- C. objective
- D. predicate

17. Choose the correct word in parentheses.

Between you and (I, me), the Harrison family won the lottery!

- A. I
- B. me

18. Choose the correct word in parentheses.

A flock of geese (flies, fly) low in the sky overhead.

- A. flies
- B. fly



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19. Which of the following is **not** an example of a collective noun?

- A. committee
- B. crew
- C. league
- D. people

20. Choose the answer that best describes the underlined group of words.

Mi Ling, searching the Internet day and night, learns much about the solar system.

- A. essential phrase
- B. nonessential phrase
- C. prepositional phrase
- D. infinitive phrase

21. Choose the correct form of the verb *lie* to complete the sentence.

I had just _____ down when the phone rang.

- A. lay
- B. lied
- C. laid
- D. lain

22. Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

- A. Chelsea, you bat after, Selma.
- B. Do you like to play baseball, Anna?
- C. Yes, Keisha we need to score more runs.
- D. Where is your batter's helmet Daniela?

23. Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

- A. Juan is the tallest, most athletic member of the team.
- B. Juan is the tallest, most athletic, member of the team.
- C. Juan is the tallest most athletic member of the team.
- D. Juan is the tallest, most athletic member, of the team.

24. In which sentence is the underlined word used as a preposition?

- A. William will drive straight through to save time.
- B. Did you look around to see if he was watching?
- C. All the children except Mary went to the movies.
- D. Don't come near; I have to focus the camera.



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25. Choose the term that correctly identifies the underlined words in the following sentence.

They traveled from town to town trying to sell their wares.

- A. preposition
- B. adjective phrase
- C. adverb phrase
- D. appositive phrase

26. Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

- A. The capitals of three states are Augusta, Maine, Denver, Colorado and Austin, Texas.
- B. The capitals of three states are Augusta, Maine Denver, Colorado and Austin, Texas.
- C. The capitals of three states are Augusta, Maine; Denver, Colorado; and Austin, Texas.
- D. The capitals of three states are; Augusta, Maine; Denver, Colorado; and Austin, Texas.

27. Which of the following should be italicized?

- A. the title of a short story
- B. the name of a store
- C. a telephone number
- D. the title of a painting

28. Choose the correct word in parentheses.

(Less, Fewer) people travel by train than ever before.

- A. Less
- B. Fewer

29. Choose the correct form of the verb *burst* to complete the sentence.

Jenny _____ through the doors, anxious to tell me about her day.

- A. burst
- B. bursted

30. Choose the correct word in parentheses.

The quarterback threw the football (past, passed) his receiver twice in the last two games.

- A. past
- B. passed



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31. Choose the sentence that is written correctly.
- A. Daniel sings louder than any boy in the chorus.
 - B. Nathan plays drums better than any other boy in the band.
 - C. Kerri dances better than anyone in the show.
 - D. Deanna learned her lines more quickly than anyone in the play.

32. Choose the correct term for the underlined words in the sentence below.

Neither Justin nor I have ever climbed a mountain before.

- A. coordinating conjunctions
- B. correlative conjunctions
- C. subordinating conjunctions
- D. relative pronouns

33. What is the tense of the verb in the following sentence?

The committee will have talked about the decision by Tuesday.

- A. present perfect
- B. future
- C. future perfect
- D. future progressive

34. Choose the answer that **best** fixes the fragment.

Nibbling on some lettuce
The children watched the rabbit.

- A. Nibbling on some lettuce, the children watched the rabbit.
- B. The children, nibbling on some lettuce, watched the rabbit.
- C. The children watched the rabbit nibbling on some lettuce.
- D. The rabbit watched the children nibbling on some lettuce.



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35. Choose the future perfect progressive tense of the verb *fall*.

- A. will be falling
- B. shall fall
- C. will have been falling
- D. shall have fallen

36. Choose the correct word in parentheses.

(Who's, Whose) presentation was the best?

- A. Who's
- B. Whose

37. Choose the term that best describes the underlined group of words.

Before the race began, the dogs played with the pups.

- A. adverb clause
- B. adjective clause
- C. infinitive phrase
- D. participial phrase

38. Choose the correct word in parentheses.

I will eat any flavor of ice cream (except, accept) strawberry.

- A. except
- B. accept

39. Is the sentence simple, compound, or complex?

When Megan arrived at the store, it was closed.

- A. simple
- B. compound
- C. complex

40. Is the sentence simple, compound, or complex?

The puppies and the dogs ate from large dishes on the porch and slept outside all the time.

- A. simple
- B. compound
- C. complex



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41. Choose the subordinating conjunction.

Sean and Theresa ate dinner after they came home from soccer practice, which ended at six o'clock.

- A. and
- B. after
- C. from
- D. which

42. Is the underlined clause independent or subordinate?

Before practice started, I played with my puppy.

- A. independent
- B. subordinate

43. Choose the word in the sentence that is modified by the adverb clause.

As soon as I finished my chores, I played tennis with my friend.

- A. I
- B. played
- C. tennis
- D. finished

44. Choose the correct term for the underlined words in the sentence below.

My brother, who is three years older than I, likes to play soccer.

- A. adjective phrase
- B. adverb clause
- C. adjective clause
- D. participial phrase

45. In written dialogue, when should a new paragraph begin?

- A. at the beginning of every sentence
- B. when the speaker changes
- C. after the speaker tags
- D. when the dialogue is more than five lines

