

WRITING CENTER PRACTICE TEST - FALL SENTENCE STRUCTURE 3

Questions 1-10

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. Choice (A) is the same as the original sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose answer (A).

1. The author wrote three self-help books, each containing controversial material.

- (A) each containing controversial material.
- (B) each contains controversial material.
- (C) controversial material is contained in each.
- (D) controversial material was contained in each.

2. Children need to view their parents both as a friend and as an authority figure.

- (A) and as an authority figure.
- (B) while they're an authority figure.
- (C) plus an authority figure.
- (D) and an authority figure.

3. Running around the track each day, the pounds melted off Bethany.

- (A) the pounds melted off Bethany.
- (B) Bethany lost weight quickly.
- (C) the pounds of Bethany melted fast.
- (D) the pounds lost weight quickly.

4. With the athletes doing yoga who never stretched properly, they say they are now more limber.

- (A) With the athletes doing yoga who never stretched properly, they say they are now more limber.
- (B) The athletes who never stretched properly say they are now more limber from doing yoga.
- (C) The athletes doing yoga who say they are more limber now from stretching properly.
- (D) The athletes doing yoga say that they are more limber than they were when they used to stretch improperly.

5. In the fall semester, students become ill easily when the weather changes drastically some students end up so sick they must go home to recover.

- (A) drastically some students end up
- (B) drastically; some students end up
- (C) drastically; and some students end up
- (D) drastically; and some students who end up

6. Ms. Lind and Ms. Rooney both prepared reports, but she did a much better job.

- (A) but she
- (B) even though she
- (C) but Ms. Lind
- (D) Ms. Lind

7. My brother cooks dinner once a week; of all the meals he makes, my least favorite is lamb stew, which I dislike the most.

- (A) my least favorite is lamb stew, which I dislike the most.
- (B) my least favorite is lamb stew.
- (C) the one I hate the most is lamb stew, being my least favorite.
- (D) my dislike is lamb stew.

8. Dancing in the streets, the traffic came to a halt because of the New Year's revelers.

- (A) Dancing in the streets, the traffic came to a halt because of the New Year's revelers.
- (B) Dancing in the streets, because of the New Year's revelers, the traffic came to a halt.
- (C) Dancing in the streets, the New Year's revelers brought traffic to a halt.
- (D) Dancing in the streets, New Year's traffic stopped for revelers.

9. He does his assignments on time and never misses a class and participates and that is why he is considered a good student.

- (A) He does his assignments on time and never misses a class and participates and that is why he is considered a good student.
- (B) What makes him considered a good student is because he does his assignments on time, never misses a class, and participates in class discussions.
- (C) Considered a good student who participates in class discussions, does his assignments on time, and never misses a class.
- (D) Because he does his assignments on time, never misses a class, and participates in class discussions, he is considered a good student.

10. Before you repaint the walls, they suggest the walls should be washed first.

- (A) they suggest the walls should be washed first.
- (B) you should wash them first.
- (C) washing them is suggested.
- (D) there is a suggestion that you wash them first.

Questions 11-20

In the following questions, you are asked to rewrite sentences in your head. You will be told exactly how to begin the new sentence and asked to choose the words that should

come next. Your new sentence should be well written and should have the same meaning as the sentence given to you.

11. When white settlements expanded in the late 1770's, the Sioux Indians were forced to move west from what is now called Minnesota.

Rewrite, beginning with

The expansion of white settlements in the 1770's...

The next words will be:

- (A) forced the Sioux
- (B) forcing the Sioux west
- (C) causing the force movement
- (D) which was the reason

12. Newspaper stories sometimes use verbs with negative or childlike connotations to describe a woman's reaction, and for a man, writers often use relatively neutral verbs.

Rewrite beginning with

To describe a woman's reaction, newspaper reporters sometimes use verbs with negative or childlike connotations, while...

The next words will be:

- (A) to describe a man's
- (B) for a man who reacts
- (C) and for a man reacting
- (D) newspaper reporters who describe

13. Marija Gimbutas, who has become a heroine to many people, is celebrated for her theory that women were rulers during the Stone Age and that people worshipped goddesses.

Rewrite, beginning with

A heroine to many people, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) and celebrated for
- (B) as a result of her theory
- (C) during the Stone Age
- (D) Marija Gimbutas is celebrated

14. One of the least visible but most dramatic heroes of our era is Raoul Wallenberg, a young diplomat who used everything from personal charm to commando tactics to save the lives of Jews during World War II.

Rewrite, beginning with

The young diplomat Raoul Wallenberg used everything from personal charm to commando tactics to save the lives of Jews...

The next words will be:

- (A) during World War II; he is one
- (B) during World War II who is
- (C) during World War II he is
- (D) and being a dramatic

15. Because archeologist Marija Gimbutas' methods of analysis are not always the accepted ones in her profession, people dispute her conclusions.

Rewrite, beginning with

Archeologist Marija Gimbutas' methods of analysis are not always the accepted ones in her profession, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) people dispute
- (B) and the disputes by people
- (C) with people disputing
- (D) and therefore people dispute

16. Writers should ask themselves who will be reading their argument because knowing the audience governs word choice.

Rewrite, beginning with

If you are a writer...

The next words will be:

- (A) to know your audience
- (B) and you should ask yourself
- (C) you should ask who will be reading your
- (D) to yourself who's reading your

17. One of the advantages to keeping a response journal as you read is that you'll often find good ideas for papers.

Rewrite, beginning with

Keeping a response journal as you read is...

The next words will be:

- (A) an advantage because you'll
- (B) finding good ideas
- (C) advantageous because of good
- (D) coming up with ideas that are

18. Despite the pressure of taking final exams, some students have learned how to stay calm.

Rewrite, beginning with
Taking final exams creates...

The next words will be:

- (A) knowledge of how to
- (B) pressure; even so, some
- (C) pressure and also students
- (D) but learning to stay calm is what

19. The commitment of Nelson Mandela illustrates itself in his lifelong battle against apartheid.

Rewrite, beginning with
The lifelong battle against apartheid...

The next words will be:

- (A) which illustrates commitment
- (B) who is illustrating
- (C) which has illustrated about Nelson
- (D) illustrates Nelson Mandela's

20. Rockets are built, aviation is studied, and chemistry experiments are performed by ninth-grade girls in the University of Michigan's annual Summer-Science Program.

Rewrite, beginning with
During the University of Michigan's annual Summer-Science Program, ninth-grade girls build...

The next words will be:

- (A) rockets and aviation is
- (B) rockets, study aviation, and perform
- (C) rockets, study aviation, and chemistry experiments are
- (D) rockets and studying aviation