

WRITING CENTER PRACTICE TEST - SPRING CONVENTIONS 3

Questions 1-10

Read each of the sentences below and find the error in standard written English in each. There is only one error in each sentence.

Remember that standard written English is the kind of English you are usually asked to write in class and that there is a difference between the way we write something and the way we say the same thing.

1. Even though Minneapolis is the largest of the twin cities, it still feels smaller than St. Paul.
2. Paris is often thought to be the most loveliest city in the world.
3. I have trouble seeing another person's position, especially if their opinion contradicts mine.
4. Consumers desperate for low prices will be able to find them at the outlets; however, he or she should look in the malls first.
5. In the days when soccer was not a popular sport, with few fans at games, people not only recognized individual players easily but also would be more knowledgeable about the game.
6. According to most estimates, more money is spent in the United States each year on Christmas presents as on birthday presents.
7. When a person goes to college, you face many new situations.
8. The newspaper covers campus events, but it did not appeal to students.
9. By the mid-1970's, New York had almost went bankrupt as a result of the bad financial advice it received.
10. The band had sang its last song before the fight began to erupt in the audience.

Questions 11-20

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).

11. Bristol citizens have worked hard to revitalize their city with many building projects, and much more of it remains to be completed.

- (A) and much more of it remains to be completed.
- (B) with much more work needing to be completed.
- (C) but much more work needs to be done.
- (D) although much more of it needs being done.

12. Local food markets traditionally have provided personal service, also featuring locally grown produce.

- (A) service, also featuring locally grown produce.
- (B) service and have featured locally grown produce.
- (C) service, they also feature locally grown produce.
- (D) service but also featuring locally grown produce.

13. The dog was certainly small; even so, its recovery from the accident was more faster than any in the veterinarian's experience.

- (A) more faster than any
- (B) the fastest than any other
- (C) the faster of all those
- (D) the fastest

14. A 1995 publication by Jonathan Haar called *A Civil Action* was the cause of directing national attention to the pollution of our water supply.

- (A) A 1995 publication by Jonathan Haar called *A Civil Action* was the cause of directing
- (B) Being published in 1995, Jonathan Haar's *A Civil Action*, which directed
- (C) Published in 1995, Jonathan Haar's *A Civil Action* directed
- (D) In 1995, Jonathan Haar's *A Civil Action* which was published and directed

15. Meteorologists still cannot untangle the sometimes contradictory information about global warming.

- (A) Meteorologists still cannot untangle
- (B) No meteorologist cannot untangle yet
- (C) No meteorologist could not still untangle
- (D) Meteorologists who cannot untangle yet

16. Political science is concerned with the identification, impact, and how to translate important societal events.

- (A) with the identification, impact, and how to translate
- (B) about identification, impact, and then how you translate
- (C) about how to identify, impact, and to translate
- (D) with the identification, impact, and translation of

17. Michelle Akers played some of the best soccer in the 1999 Women's World Cup while suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, and she is the oldest player on the U.S. team.

(A) Michelle Akers played some of the best soccer in the 1999 Women's World Cup while suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, and she is the oldest player on the U.S. team.

(B) Michelle Akers, the oldest player on the U.S. team, played some of the best soccer in the 1999 Women's World Cup while suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome.

(C) She is the oldest player on the U.S. team, and Michelle Akers played some of the best soccer in the 1999 Women's World Cup while suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome.

(D) Michelle Akers, who is the oldest player on the U.S. team and played some of the best soccer in the 1999 Women's World Cup while suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome.

18. Suggestions that the only path to the Bay be closed to local residents have caused a bitter dispute between environmentalists upset over garbage left behind and residents who need a place to relax.

(A) Suggestions that the only path to the Bay be closed to local residents have

(B) By suggesting that the only path to the Bay be closed to local residents, it has

(C) The suggestions for the only path to the Bay, that it be closed to local residents, have

(D) Suggestions for closing the only path to the Bay to local residents have been made, which have

19. If the students had followed their RA's advice before they left on the trip, the disciplinary action will have been prevented.

(A) will have been

(B) would be

(C) could have been

(D) shall be

20. Even in today's marketplace, it is uncommon for a rookie to be offered over a million dollars for a season and when not one game of that season has been played.

(A) season and when not one game of that season has been played.

(B) season, not one game of that season has yet been played.

(C) season, having not one game of that season played yet.

(D) season when not one game of that season has been played.