

WRITING CENTER PRACTICE TEST - FALL SENTENCE STRUCTURE 1

Part I

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. Because alligators are protected by law in Florida, poachers still hunt them for their hide and meat.

- (A) Because
- (B) Although
- (C) Despite
- (D) Ever since

2. During the Vietnam War, American POW'S developed a tap code; they used it not only to communicate to one another but also they played games to maintain concentration.

- (A) but also they played games to maintain concentration.
- (B) but they also played games to maintain concentration.
- (C) but also to play games to maintain concentration.
- (D) but also playing games and maintaining concentration.

3. According to psychologists Ladd Wheeler and Harry Reis, women seem to make better friends because they are more intimate and revealing in their conversations; on the other hand, men traditionally tend to talk about less personal matters.

- (A) conversations; on the other hand, men
- (B) conversations, on the other hand, men
- (C) conversations, in contrast, men
- (D) conversations on the other hand men

4. When game is scarce during a drought, then the result is lions have difficulty finding food.

- (A) When game is scarce during a drought, then the result is
- (B) With game being so scarce during the drought, therefore
- (C) Game is scarce during a drought
- (D) Because game is scarce during a drought, lions have

5. The Greek system not only provides the individual with an incentive for striving toward academic success but also it contributes to the development of leadership skills.

- (A) it contributes to the development of leadership skills.
- (B) contributes to the development of leadership skills.

- (C) for contributing to the development of leadership skills.
- (D) contributing to the development of leadership skills.

6. Game is scarce during a drought, and lions have difficulty finding food, and so some of the members of the pride may starve.

- (A) Game is scarce during a drought, and lions have difficulty finding food, and so some of the members of the pride may starve.
- (B) Game is scarce during a drought and thus lions have difficulty finding food. Therefore, some of the members of the pride may starve.
- (C) When game is scarce during a drought, lions have difficulty finding food, so some members of the pride may starve.
- (D) Being that game is scarce during a drought, lions have difficulty finding food, therefore some of the members of the pride must starve.

7. Raised in the suburbs, a built-in swimming pool and a two- car garage seem rather basic.

- (A) Raised in the suburbs,
- (B) To those raised in the suburbs,
- (C) Since growing up in the suburbs,
- (D) Being raised in the suburbs,

8. Although perfumes became religious offerings in their own right, being expensive to make.

- (A) being expensive
- (B) having been expensive
- (C) costing a lot
- (D) they were expensive

9. I had misgivings about the marriage, I did not attend the wedding.

- (A) marriage, I did not attend the wedding.
- (B) marriage, so I did not attend the wedding.
- (C) marriage, therefore, I did not attend the wedding.
- (D) marriage I did not attend the wedding.

10. Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Smith came highly recommended, but he had performed more operations.

- (A) Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Smith came highly recommended, but he had performed more operations.
- (B) Although both Dr. Brown and Dr. Smith came highly recommended, Dr. Brown had performed more operations .

(C) Although Dr. Brown and Dr. Smith came highly recommended, he had performed more operations.

Part II

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.

1. Although the horse looked gentle, it proved high-spirited and hard to manage.

Rewrite, beginning with
The horse looked...

The next words will be:

- (A) gentle, it proved
- (B) gentle, however, it proved
- (C) gentle, but it proved
- (D) gentle, proved it to be

2. The information on the storm shows that the destruction that it caused was enormous.

Rewrite, beginning with
The information shows that the...

The next words will be:

- (A) enormous destruction
- (B) storm caused
- (C) storm's enormous destruction
- (D) the destruction it caused

3. Monet's paintings of Giverny's garden are colorful and rich so that one feels like one is walking down the garden path.

Rewrite, beginning with
So colorful and rich...

The next words will be:

- (A) are Monet's paintings
- (B) the paintings of Monet
- (C) as to be unable to forget the paintings.
- (D) while walking down

4. After emptying her bag, searching the apartment, and calling the library, Jennifer realized she had lost the book.

Rewrite, beginning with

Once she emptied her bag, searched the apartment, called the library, Jennifer...

The next words will be:

- (A) realizing she lost
- (B) realized she had lost
- (C) formed a realization
- (D) screaming that she lost

5. Playing squash is fun once you practice a few times.

Rewrite, beginning with

When you have practiced playing squash a few times ...

The next words will be:

- (A) then its fun
- (B) which you have fun
- (C) you will have fun
- (D) fun is what you

6. To comprehend this essay you need to know something about the background of feminism.

Rewrite, beginning with

Comprehending this essay...

The next words will be:

- (A) requires background knowledge
- (B) requiring some background knowledge
- (C) it requires knowledge
- (D) you must be

7. Mike Wallace, who started out in television doing cigarette ads, earned his reputation on the long-running CBS program "60 Minutes."

Rewrite, beginning with

Starting out in television doing cigarette ads, ...

The next words will be

- (A) earning his reputation
- (B) on the long-running
- (C) "60 Minutes" earned
- (D) Mike Wallace earned

8. So that she can keep up on new medicines, Dr. Powers subscribes to several medical journals.

Rewrite, beginning with
Dr. Powers subscribes to several medical...

The next words will be:

- (A) journals which are
- (B) journals in order to
- (C) journals; they are

9. Woody Allen is best known as an actor and director, but he also is a musician.

Rewrite, beginning with
Although Woody Allen is best known as an actor and director, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) he is also
- (B) and also as
- (C) but he is also

10. It is a shame that June dropped out of school. She is such a good student.

Rewrite, beginning with
June's dropping out of school is...

The next words will be:

- (A) a shame, she is
- (B) a shame because she is
- (C) a shame because of being