

WRITING CENTER PRACTICE TEST - FALL SENTENCE STRUCTURE 2

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. Since many future employees will be unskilled, industries will have to create new training programs for them.

- (A) Since
- (B) Although
- (C) Despite the fact
- (D) Even though

2. In order to attend the conference, they say the registration form must be filled out a week in advance.

- (A) they say the registration form must be filled out
- (B) they say you must fill out the form
- (C) you must fill out the form
- (D) fill out the form

3. My ten-year-old brother plays the violin in his elementary school orchestra, and he's been playing for two years, and so he invited me to go to the spring concert at his school.

- (A) My ten-year-old brother plays the violin in his elementary school orchestra, and he's been playing for two years, and so he invited me to go to the spring concert at his school.
- (B) My ten-year-old brother, who has been playing the violin for two years, invited me to go to the spring concert at his school.
- (C) Because my ten-year-old brother plays the violin in his elementary school orchestra, and he's been playing for two years, he invited me to go to the spring concert at his school.
- (D) My ten-year-old brother, playing the violin for two years, invited me to the spring concert at his school.

4. Although only a beginner, my piano teacher pushed for excellence.

- (A) Although only a beginner
- (B) Even though only a beginner
- (C) Only a beginner
- (D) Although I was only a beginner

5. Sandra said she would rather put up with the hectic pace of life in the big city than to waste time in a little backwater town.

- (A) to waste time in a little backwater town.
- (B) wasting time in a little backwater town.
- (C) waste time in a little backwater town.
- (D) will waste time in a little backwater town.

6. Some of the dance movements are difficult to master, everyone improves with practice.

- (A) master, everyone improves with practice.
- (B) master everyone improves with practice.
- (C) master; however, everyone improves with practice.
- (D) master, however, everyone improves with practice.

7. Although Mr. White and Mr. Terry came highly recommended, he has more experience.

- (A) Although Mr. White and Mr. Terry came highly recommended, he has more experience.
- (B) Both Mr. White and Mr. Terry came highly recommended, but he has more experience.
- (C) Although both Mr. White and Mr. Terry came highly recommended, Mr. Terry has more experience.
- (D) Even though Mr. White and Mr. Terry came highly recommended, he has more experience.

8. Online searching is a valuable research tool, and it does have its disadvantages, and it is sometimes expensive, and not all areas are completely covered.

- (A) Online searching is a valuable research tool, and it does have it disadvantages, and it is sometimes expensive, and not all areas are completely covered.
- (B) Online searching is a valuable research tool, but it does have its disadvantages: it is sometimes expensive and not all areas are completely covered.
- (C) Online searching is a valuable research tool, and it does have its disadvantages. It is sometimes expensive. Not all areas are completely covered.
- (D) Online searching is a valuable research tool, it has disadvantages, it's expensive and not all areas are completely covered.

9. Arthritis afflicts more than 31 million Americans without a doubt it is painful, disabling people of all ages.

- (A) Americans without a doubt it is
- (B) Americans without a doubt, it is
- (C) Americans, without a doubt, it is
- (D) Americans; without a doubt, it is

10. Alice Paul both founded the National Women's Party as well as submitting the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment.

- (A) as well as submitting the first
- (B) and submitted the first
- (C) as well as having submitted the first
- (D) as well as she submitted the 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. Fairy tales are not simply children's stories; they reinforce the values of various cultures.

Rewrite, beginning with
More than simple children's stories, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) fairy tales
- (B) values are reinforced
- (C) various cultures
- (D) reinforcement of values

12. Critics protest against the tyranny of exams. However, students are taking more exams every year.

Rewrite, beginning with
Even though critics protest against the tyranny of...

The next words will be:

- (A) exams, however students are taking
- (B) exams, but students are taking
- (C) exams, students are taking
- (D) exams and taking

13. For many students with children, day care is a pipe dream. Therefore, some come to campus with their tots in tow.

Rewrite, beginning with
Some students come to campus with their tots in tow...

The next words will be:

- (A) therefore, for many of them

- (B) because for many of them
- (C) and for many of them
- (D) day care is

14. The government passed a new tax law; this law will take effect in 1993.

Rewrite, beginning with
A new tax law...

The next words will be:

- (A) in 1993
- (B) having been passed
- (C) passed and effective
- (D) passed by the government

15. It is not unusual for Unions to complain. Imported goods have taken over the market.

Rewrite, beginning with
Union complaints are...

The next words will be:

- (A) not unusual because
- (B) not unusual, imported
- (C) not unusual, over the market
- (D) not unusual because of taking

16. The climber slipped, but the rope held.

Rewrite, beginning with
Although the climber slipped, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) but the rope
- (B) however the rope
- (C) holding the rope
- (D) the rope

17. So that he could lose weight, Tom watched his calories and swam daily.

Rewrite, beginning with
Tom watched his calories and...

The next words will be:

- (A) swam daily therefore
- (B) swam daily and so he could

- (C) swam daily in order to lose
- (D) swam daily; weight loss

18. During Memorial Day weekend, summer dresses are reasonably priced and come in many bright colors.

Rewrite, beginning with

Reasonably priced during Memorial Day weekend, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) summer dresses
- (B) many bright colors
- (C) and having bright dresses
- (D) with bright colors

19. To investigate a crime you must analyze the clues.

Rewrite, beginning with

Investigating a crime requires...

The next words will be:

- (A) analysis of
- (B) the clues being
- (C) and having done analysis
- (D) the clues undergoing

20. The plane will take off once the fog lifts.

Rewrite, beginning with

When the fog lifts, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) then the takeoff
- (B) the plane
- (C) which the plane
- (D) where the plane