

WRITING CENTER PRACTICE TEST - SPRING SENTENCE STRUCTURE 1

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 the battery in her camera had a weak charge, the shutter still worked properly.

- (A) Since
- (B) Because
- (C) Even though
- (D) While

2. When people judge a photograph from the perspective of a painting, then the result is they miss the essence of the work.

- (A) When people judge a photograph from the perspective of a painting, then the result is they
- (B) When people judge a photograph from the perspective of a painting, they
- (C) With people judging a photograph from the perspective of a painting, therefore they
- (D) People, who judge a photograph from the perspective of a painting, with the result that they

3. After Stephen consulted Orson, he realized that directing the film was beneath him.

- (A) he realized
- (B) Stephen realized
- (C) he had realized
- (D) he will realize

4. A few of our fellow students viewed the assignment with distaste, and they read the book too hurriedly, and they missed some of Gibbon's best insights.

- (A) A few of our fellow students viewed the assignment with distaste, and they read the book too hurriedly, and they missed some of Gibbon's best insights.
- (B) A few of our fellow students, who viewed the assignment with distaste, so they read the book too hurriedly, and they missed some of Gibbon's best insights.
- (C) Because they viewed the assignment with distaste, a few of our fellow students read the book too hurriedly and missed some of Gibbon's best insights.
- (D) A few of our fellow students viewed the assignment with distaste, which means they read the book too hurriedly and they missed some of Gibbon's best insights.

5. Covering the patient with a lead vest, the machine took an x-ray.

- (A) Covering the patient with a lead vest, the machine
- (B) After covering the patient with a lead vest, the machine
- (C) After covering the patient with a lead vest, the technician
- (D) After he covered the patient with a lead vest, the machine

6. At sixteen years of age, my family moved away from the nuclear plant

- (A) At sixteen years of age,
- (B) When I was sixteen years of age,
- (C) When sixteen years of age,
- (D) Sixteen years of age

7. They try painting realistic representations and to sculpt abstract figures.

- (A) to sculpt abstract figures.
- (B) sculpt abstract figures.
- (C) sculpting abstract figures.
- (D) abstract figures to sculpt.

8. Bob and Rick considered the sport of professional wrestling, but he decided wrestling was not for him.

- (A) he decided
- (B) he decides
- (C) deciding
- (D) Rick decided

9. Our history professor stressed that we should read Gibbon's Decline and Fall and we should know it for the exam, read it in its entirety.

- (A) Our history professor stressed that we should read Gibbon's Decline and Fall and we should know it for the exam, read it in its entirety.
- (B) Our history professor stressed that we should read Gibbon's Decline and Fall and we should know it for the exam, and we read it in its entirety because he said so.
- (C) The fact that we should know Gibbon's Decline and Fall for the exam was stressed by our history professor, and we read it in its entirety.
- (D) Our history professor stressed that we should know Gibbon's Decline and Fall for the exam, so we read the book in its entirety.

10. Although we had taken a course in photography, our photographs were fuzzy.

- (A) Although
- (B) Because

- (C) Since
- (D) When

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 1995.

Rewrite, beginning with
A new tax law...

The next words will be:

- (A) in 1995
- (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