

## WRITING CENTER PRACTICE TEST - SPRING 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 the best, choose (A).

**1. The town started an emergency water rationing program which was a result of no rain for three months.**

- (A) which was a result of no rain for three months.
- (B) that is because there had been no rain for three months.
- (C) having been no rain for three months.
- (D) because there had been no rain for three months.

**2. Speeding down the hill, several slalom poles were knocked down.**

- (A) several slalom poles were knocked down.
- (B) the skier knocked down several slalom poles.
- (C) knocking down the slalom poles.
- (D) while several slalom poles were knocked down.

**3. The manta ray has a wide, flat body, and it is also called a devilfish, and it is graceful.**

- (A) The manta ray has a wide, flat body, and it is also called a devilfish, and it is graceful.
- (B) Also called a devilfish, the manta ray has a wide, flat, graceful body.
- (C) The manta ray is also called a devilfish, and it has a wide, flat graceful body.
- (D) A wide, flat body makes the body of the manta ray graceful and it is also called a devilfish.

**4. When Cher talked to Audrey at noon, she did not realize that she might be resigning before the end of the day.**

- (A) When Cher talked to Audrey at noon, she did not realize that she might be resigning before the end of the day.
- (B) When she talked to Audrey at noon, she did not realize that she might be resigning before the end of the day.
- (C) When they talked at noon, Cher did not realize that Audrey might be resigning before the end of the day.
- (D) When they talked at noon, she did not realize that she might be resigning by the end of the day.

**5. Although the gallery refused to hang their work, the painters held a show in their loft.**

- (A) Although
- (B) Because
- (C) Even though
- (D) Unless

**6. After searching around the attic, a Halloween mask was discovered.**

- (A) After searching around the attic, a Halloween mask was discovered.
- (B) While searching around the attic, a Halloween mask was discovered.
- (C) The attic being searched, a Halloween mask was discovered.
- (D) After searching around the attic, we discovered a Halloween mask.

**7. Sharks are ferocious and they attack many bathers each year, and they seldom kill, so their reputation as killers is in part undeserved.**

- (A) Sharks are ferocious and they attack many bathers each year, and they seldom kill, so their reputation as killers is in part undeserved.
- (B) Sharks are ferocious and they attack many bathers each year, but they seldom kill, so their reputation as killers is in part undeserved.
- (C) Although many sharks are ferocious and attack many bathers each year, they seldom kill, so their reputation as killers is in part undeserved.
- (D) Being ferocious and attacking many bathers each year, but sharks seldom kill and their reputation as killers is in part undeserved.

**8. Julian had to struggle to get enough scholarship money, although he was the top student in his class.**

- (A) although
- (B) because
- (C) therefore
- (D) since

**9. When Luke dated Maria, Jason would hide the keys to his car to be sure Maria was safe.**

- (A) to his car
- (B) to your car
- (C) to a car
- (D) to Luke's car

**10. Without shoes, the rocky terrain was hard on the feet of the hikers.**

- (A) the rocky terrain was hard on their feet of the hikers.
- (B) the hikers found the rocky terrain hard on their feet.
- (C) hard on their feet was the terrain.
- (D) the terrain was rocky and hard on the feet of the hikers.

**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 new sentence given to you.

**11. Russian music flowered late. However, it has developed rapidly during the past two centuries.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*  
Although Russian music flowered...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) late, and it
- (B) late, but it
- (C) late, it
- (D) late. It

**12. Although the students attended every class, they learned very little.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*  
The students attended every...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) class, but they
- (B) class, they, however
- (C) class, very, little
- (D) class, however they

**13. In the sixties, long hair was the rage among the younger generation and symbolized a new set of values.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*  
The rage among the younger generation in the sixties, ...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) long hair
- (B) symbolized a new
- (C) and long hair
- (D) and a new set of values

**14. It is a relief that Spring has arrived. I can't afford to pay another high fuel bill.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*  
Spring's arrival is ...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) a relief because of another
- (B) a relief, I can't
- (C) a relief to afford
- (D) a relief because I

**15. Basking in the sun, eating well, and dancing all night are activities a tourist should engage in.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*

A tourist should bask in the sun, eat well, and ...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) dancing all night
- (B) dance all night
- (C) all night the dance
- (D) should dance

**16. The cable company provides free previews of premium stations; these free previews rarely increase the cable company's business.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*

Free previews of premium stations...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) increase the cable
- (B) the cable company
- (C) provided by
- (D) are rarely

**17. Production of the item has greatly increased; therefore, the cost has come down.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*

The cost of the item has come down...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) because production
- (B) resulting from
- (C) and production
- (D) the item has

**18. So that she would do well in the race, Darlene ran every morning and evening.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*

Darlene ran every morning and evening...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) which would
- (B) doing well
- (C) in order to do
- (D) and the race

**19. The movie was intriguing and thought-provoking, so much so that many people went to see it twice.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*

So intriguing and thought-provoking...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) was the movie that
- (B) people went
- (C) and so people two times
- (D) twice people went

**20. To pass this course, you have to master Standard Written English.**

*Rewrite, beginning with*

Passing this course...

**The next words will be:**

- (A) and having a mastery
- (B) mastering Standard
- (C) that you have to
- (D) requires a mastery of