

WRITING CENTER PRACTICE TEST - SPRING SENTENCE STRUCTURE 4

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. Candy is bad not only for the waistline but also the teeth.

- (A) Candy is bad not only for the waistline but also the teeth.
- (B) Candy is bad not only for the waistline but also for the teeth.
- (C) Candy reported to be bad not only for the waistline but also for the teeth.
- (D) Candy is bad for the waistline, also bad for the teeth.

2. The driver was not wearing a seat belt, consequently, she went through the windshield when the semi slammed into her car.

- (A) seat belt, consequently,
- (B) seat belt, as a result
- (C) seat belt, the consequence was
- (D) seat belt; consequently,

3. Plagued by hearing problems for many years, the Ninth Symphony was written when Ludwig von Beethoven was almost completely deaf.

- (A) the Ninth Symphony was written when Ludwig von Beethoven was almost completely deaf.
- (B) the Ninth Symphony was written during the time Ludwig von Beethoven was deaf.
- (C) Ludwig van Beethoven wrote the Ninth Symphony when he was almost completely deaf.
- (D) the Ninth Symphony, written when Ludwig van Beethoven was deaf.

4. With Bo Diddley using spoken taunts and boasts in his recordings four decades ago, they say he is the godfather of rap.

- (A) With Bo Diddley using taunts and boasts in his recordings four decades ago, they say he is the godfather of rap.
- (B) With Bo Diddley who used spoken taunts and boasts in his recordings four decades ago, they say he is the godfather of rap.
- (C) Bo Diddley using spoken taunts and boasts in his recordings four decades ago and who is the godfather of rap.
- (D) Bo Diddley, who was using spoken taunts and boasts in his recordings four decades ago, has been called the godfather of rap.

5. Americans now enjoy over two billion pounds of delicious nutritious pasta a year, it outranks every other country except Italy in consumption of this Mediterranean staple.

- (A) year, it outranks every other country
- (B) year, outranking every other country
- (C) year therefore outranking
- (D) year, so outranking

6. In his book *The 100* Michael H. Hart listed his choices for the 100 most influential people who ever lived; of all the people in the world he included such figures as Muhammad, Jesus Christ, Buddha, and Albert Einstein, which he chose to put on the list.

- (A) lived; of all the people in the world he included such figures as Muhammad, Jesus Christ, Buddha, and Albert Einstein, which he chose to put on the list.
- (B) lived; of all the people in the world he chose such figures as Muhammad, Jesus Christ, Buddha, and Albert Einstein.
- (C) lived, including such figures as Muhammad, Jesus Christ, Buddha, and Albert Einstein.
- (D) lived; he included and chose such figures as: Muhairimad, Jesus Christ, Buddha, and Albert Einstein.

7. *Rolling Stone* magazine called Sinead O'Connor "the first superstar of the nineties"; however, she says her commercial success is surprising because her songs are so personal.

- (A) nineties"; however, she says
- (B) nineties" however she says
- (C) nineties," she says, however,
- (D) nineties" she says

8. Playing outfield for the Cleveland Indians in 1947, Lawrence Euaene Doby became the first African-American player in the American League.

- (A) Lawrence Eugene Doby became the first African-American player in the American League.
- (B) the American League made Lawrence Eugene Doby the first African-American league player.
- (C) the American League had Lawrence Eugene Doby play for it and he was the first African-American to do so.
- (D) the American League hired Lawrence Eugene Doby, the first African-American player, in the American League.

9. The instructor took attendance, collected the homework, and she handed out the new assignment sheet.

- (A) and she handed out
- (B) and handing out

- (C) and handed out
- (D) and out she handed

10. The brown rice casserole was both tasty as well as having nutritional value.

- (A) as well as having nutritional value.
- (B) as well as being nutritious.
- (C) as well as it was nutritious.
- (D) and nutritious.

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. At the Montgomery police station, the police booked, fingerprinted, and jailed Rosa Parks.

Rewrite, beginning with
Rosa Parks was...

The next words will be:

- (A) at the Montgomery
- (B) booked, fingerprinted, and
- (C) with the police
- (D) booking, fingerprinting, and at the police

12. Rosa Parks, who had been ejected from a bus years earlier, refused to move to the back of the bus when the driver ordered her to do so.

Rewrite, beginning with
Having been ejected from a bus years earlier, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) Rosa Parks refused
- (B) therefore Rosa Parks
- (C) the bus driver ordered
- (D) after she refused

13. Because women are now facing many of the same pressures as men, they are also beginning to experience the same health problems.

Rewrite, beginning with
Women are now facing many of the same pressures as men, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) and therefore are
- (B) and the beginnings of health
- (C) and the health experiences
- (D) and the problems of women

14. When Samuel Parris led the witch hunts in 1692, he triggered a wave of witchcraft hysteria in Salem.

Rewrite, beginning with
Samuel Parris's witch hunts in 1692...

The next words will be:

- (A) and he triggered
- (B) triggered a wave
- (C) a wave was
- (D) the witchcraft hysteria was

16. Glenn Cunningham, who had lost all the toes on his left foot in a fire at the age of eight, overcame this significant disability and set a new world record for the mile in 1934.

Rewrite, beginning with
Glenn Cunningham set a new world record for the mile in 1934 after overcoming a significant...

The next words will be:

- (A) disability who had lost
- (B) disability he had lost
- (C) disability and lost
- (D) disability: he had lost

17. One of the reasons why the commercial is so effective is that it sends a message that people have always liked Pepsi.

Rewrite, beginning with
Most importantly, the commercial is...

The next words will be:

- (A) effective because it
- (B) that is sending
- (C) effective, it
- (D) effective because of that

18. Communists advocate revolution and socialists wish to adhere to constitutional procedures to end capitalism.

Rewrite, beginning with

To end capitalism, communists advocate revolution, while...

The next words will be:

- (A) adhering to constitutional
- (B) socialists wish to adhere
- (C) for the socialists
- (D) constitutional procedures are what

19. Students need to know how to use the library so that they can locate information to develop an argument.

Rewrite, beginning with

If you are a student, ...

The next words will be:

- (A) locating information
- (B) to develop your argument
- (C) you need to know how
- (D) the library so that

20. Anna Jarvis's devotion to her mother revealed itself in the letter-writing campaign that inspired the modern version of Mother's Day.

Rewrite, beginning with

The letter-writing campaign that inspired the modern version of Mother's Day...

The next words will be:

- (A) devoted by Anna Jarvis
- (B) revealed Anna Jarvis's
- (C) revealed in the devotion
- (D) which reveals her devotion