

EDITING TEST II

Name _____

Edit the following passage. Correct any errors in capitalization, spelling, and punctuation. Divide the passage into paragraphs. Make only essential changes.

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST B

Name _____

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank.

- 1) I am not sure why you _____ doing that.
 - A) where
 - B) we're
 - C) were

- 2) Each horse in the race had _____ colors.
 - A) their
 - B) there
 - C) its
 - D) it's

- 3) The young lawyer struggled to understand and to articulate the _____ of the complex case.
 - A) principal
 - B) principle

- 4) The old man is one of many individuals who _____ lost their life savings to those crooks.
 - A) has
 - B) have

- 5) The ballerina felt _____, for she did not know the choreography well.
 - A) badly
 - B) bad

- 6) Do you really have to give _____ the best chocolates from the box?
 - A) Al and she
 - B) Al and her
 - C) she and Al

- 7) After the news of his friend's death in the car crash, Jeff wished that he _____ his friends not to drive when they were drunk.
 - A) would've warned
 - B) would of warned
 - C) had warned
 - D) would warn

- 8) Of the four children, she was the _____ generous.
 - A) most
 - B) more

- 9) _____ impressive to see a grizzly bear in the wild.
A) Its'
B) Its
C) It's
- 10) Neither the majorettes nor the drum major _____ to alter the routine.
A) want
B) wants
- 11) In her column, the reviewer wrote that the ballet dancers _____ a wonderful performance.
A) had given
B) had gave
C) gave
- 12) The sophomores _____ contain their excitement at having won first place in the university's academic contest.
A) could hardly
B) couldn't hardly
- 13) Students in the summer art class were involved enough in _____ work to skip lunch to complete a project.
A) his
B) her
C) their
- 14) Our home was damaged by the storm _____ we will have to replace our roof.
A) so,
B) , so;
C) , so,
D) , so
- 15) In a fit of anger after an argument, I _____ out all of my friend's letters and pictures.
A) threw
B) had thrown
C) thru
D) through
- 16) Louis was a scoundrel _____ everyone distrusted.
A) who
B) whom

- 17) The government official carefully _____ the precise responsibilities of each new cabinet officer.
- A) explained
 - B) implied
 - C) alluded to
 - D) inferred
- 18) After the committee had deliberated, they _____ a report that included the concerns of the citizens.
- A) wrote
 - B) had wrote
 - C) written
 - D) had written
- 19) The lawyer suggested that you and _____ work to find an agreement outside the courtroom, for the trial would be long and unpleasant.
- A) his
 - B) he
 - C) him
- 20) The pressure to complete all of the work weighed _____ upon her mind.
- A) heavy
 - B) heavily
- 21) The dancing instructor told the class to practice in order to make _____ steps automatic.
- A) their
 - B) its
- 22) The committee found it difficult to _____ his revisions.
- A) accept
 - B) except
- 23) Alan's friends resented him because they were not as talented as _____.
- A) he
 - B) him
 - C) his
- 24) The trail of the _____ marked the way to the stream.
- A) dogs' paws'
 - B) dogs' paws
 - C) dog's paw's
 - D) dogs paws

- 25) The ambulance responded to an accident at the construction _____.
- A) cite
 - B) sight
 - C) site
- 26) Which sentence is the most correct, clear, and concise?
- A) The association gave the award to the lawyers who won the most cases for his clients.
 - B) The association gave the award to the lawyers who won the most cases for clients.
 - C) The association gave the award to the lawyer who won the most cases for their clients.
- 27) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) Joan will make an effective president of the class, for she has intelligence, perseverance, dedication, and humor.
 - B) Joan will be the best person to be president of the class because she has such fine intelligence, her ability to persevere is clear, she possesses a basic sense of determination, and a lovely sense of humor.
 - C) Joan will be an excellent class president because she has intelligence, a sense of humor, an extraordinary strong inner sense that enables her to persevere, and a sense of dedication.
- 28) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) The senior citizen's principal mood was one of irritation.
 - B) The octogenarian experienced constant irritation about the limitations of his mental ability.
 - C) The old man was usually irritable.
 - D) The elderly person's predominant mental condition was one of extreme irritation.
- 29) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) Walking on the stone wall three feet above the water, Lake Michigan reminds me of the power and untamed beauty of nature.
 - B) Lake Michigan reminds me of the power and untamed beauty of nature walking on the stone wall three feet above the water.
 - C) Walking on the stone wall three feet above the water of Lake Michigan, I appreciate the power and untamed beauty of nature.
- 30) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) My son, by the very experience of having a newspaper route, has learned the responsibility that comes with a job and how much he must discipline himself.
 - B) Having a newspaper route, learning responsibility, and to acquire discipline teach my son how to handle a job.
 - C) My son has learned how to handle a job by having a newspaper route, discipline, and practicing responsibility.

- 31) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) The choice to go to the college that she liked best was made by Katherine.
 - B) Katherine chose to go to the college she liked most.
 - C) The choice about which college she liked most was made by Katherine herself.
 - D) The choice to go to the college that was most appealing to her was made by Katherine.
- 32) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) The plumbers replaced the water lines with plastic pipe that were leaking.
 - B) The plumbers replaced the leaking water lines with plastic pipe.
 - C) With plastic pipe the water lines that were leaking were replaced by the plumbers.
- 33) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) To discover, to understand, and to create—these are the activities of the educated.
 - B) The activities of educated people are to discover, understand, and creation.
 - C) To discover, understand, and creation are the activities of the educated.
 - D) To discover, to understand, and to create; these are the activities of the educated.
- 34) Which sentence is correct, clear, and concise?
- A) The committee argued about seat belt legislation and they could not scarcely remain polite.
 - B) The committee argued about seat belt legislation and it could scarcely remain polite.
 - C) The committee argued about seat belt legislation, and it could not scarcely remain polite.
 - D) The committee argued about seat belt legislation, and they could scarcely remain polite.
- 35) Which sentence best expresses the relationship between the two clauses?
- A) Looking at the character development in the story, the novelist reveals to us surprisingly psychological insight.
 - B) Looking at the character development in the story, we discover the novelist's surprisingly psychological insight.
 - C) Looking at the character development in the story, surprising psychological insight is revealed to us.
 - D) Looking at the character development in the story, the novelist surprisingly reveals psychological insight to us.
- 36) Which sentence best expresses the relationship between the two clauses?
- A) Jane is a pretty girl with a good sense of humor and a quick intelligence, but she is shy and has difficulty making friends.
 - B) Jane is a pretty girl with a good sense of humor and a quick intelligence. Then she is shy and has difficulty making friends.
 - C) Jane is a pretty girl with a good sense of humor and a quick intelligence; therefore, she is shy and has difficulty making friends.

- 37) Which sentence best expresses the relationship between the two clauses?
- A) He is bright, hard working, and agreeable; moreover, he is attractive and punctual.
- B) He is bright, hard working, and agreeable; thus, he is attractive and punctual.
- C) He is bright, hard working, and agreeable; nonetheless, he is attractive and punctual.

One of the underlined sections may mark an error in punctuation. Choose the letter that marks the error in punctuation. If there is no error, choose E.

- 38) Moving to a new city is often both stressful and exciting, for although we are
A
isolated, we are faced with possibilities. For most average adults, the first six
B C
 months are stressful. The next six months bring the comfort of new
friendships, the adventure of new places, and the satisfaction of making a new
D
 home. No error.
E

- 39) On certain days I seem to go at the world in the wrong direction. I feel clumsy,
A
 unintelligent, irritable, and depressed, others seem overbearing, arrogant, clever,
B
 and insufferable. On such days I try to retreat to a quiet place as soon as possible.
C D
No error.
E

- 40) In the midst of great personal happiness, some people have difficulty empathizing
A
 with another person who is in pain; we often fear feeling another's pain.
B
Nevertheless, we can find ways to help each other; if we are willing to do so.
C D
No error.
E

One of the four underlined words in this passage may mark an error in capitalization. Choose the letter that marks the error in capitalization. If there is no error, write E.

- 41) During the Vietnam war, some families experienced turmoil when one son went
A
north to Canada to avoid the draft and one went east for training before being
B C
 shipped to Vietnam to fight. Many clinical psychiatrists have tried to explain the
D
 divisions within these families. No error.
E

- 42) For vacation I went to Fort Worth, Texas, and explored the Amon Carter Museum
A B C
 that had shows on Winslow Homer, contemporary American photography, and
D
 recent acquisitions. No error.
E
- 43) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence, or comma splice?
- A) The band was ready to leave, but the car would not start.
 B) The band was ready to leave; however, the car would not start.
 C) Although the band was ready to leave, the car would not start.
 D) The band was ready to leave, the car, however, would not start.
- 44) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence, or comma splice?
- A) As the band walked to work, Elwood composed a song called "Cadillac Blues."
 B) Elwood composed a song called "Cadillac Blues" as the band walked to work.
 C) Although Elwood composed a song called "Cadillac Blues" as the band walked to work.
 D) The band walked to work; incidentally, Elwood composed a song called "Cadillac Blues."
- 45) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence, or comma splice?
- A) The band was late for its gig; indeed, the bar was just closing when they arrived.
 B) The band was so late for its gig that the bar was just closing when they arrived.
 C) The band arrived late, not surprisingly, the bar was just closing when they arrived.
 D) When the band—late again—arrived for its gig, the bar was just closing.
- 46) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence, or comma splice?
- A) Stretching and yawning, Elwood went to sleep on a pool table.
 B) Elwood, stretching and yawning, went to sleep on a pool table.
 C) Elwood stretched and yawned, then he went to sleep on a pool table.
 D) Elwood stretched, yawned, and then went to sleep on a pool table.
- 47) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence or comma splice?
- A) "Get off that pool table," shouted the bartender the next morning, "get out of here!"
 B) "Get off that pool table," shouted the bartender the next morning. "Get out of here and don't come back!"
 C) "Get off that pool table! Get out of here and don't come back," shouted the bartender the next morning.
 D) The next morning the bartender shouted, "Get off that pool table! Get out of here and don't come back!"

- 48) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence or comma splice?
- A) Starting easily and purring like a kitten, a Cadillac with a new battery.
 - B) Having a new battery, the Cadillac started easily and purred like a kitten.
 - C) The Cadillac had a new battery; it started easily and purred like a kitten.
 - D) Whenever it had a new battery, the Cadillac started easily and purred like a kitten.
- 49) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence or comma splice?
- A) The whole band laughed when they heard that the bartender's car wouldn't start.
 - B) When the band heard that the bartender's car wouldn't start, they all laughed.
 - C) News came that the bartender's car wouldn't start; the whole band laughed.
 - D) The bartender's car not starting, and the whole band laughing.
- 50) Which of the following examples illustrates a fragment, run-on (or fused) sentence or comma splice?
- A) The band drove off into the sunset; the bartender wondered where Elwood had procured a new battery.
 - B) As the band drove off into the sunset, the bartender wondered where Elwood had procured a new battery.
 - C) The band drove off into the sunset; meanwhile, the bartender wondered where Elwood had procured a new battery.
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Diagnostic Test B

- 1) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Confused Words
Skill: LBHB41a, LBCH45a, LBCE45a
- 2) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Possessives
Skill: LBHB30a,b, LBCH42a,b, LBCE42a,b
- 3) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Confused Words
Skill: LBHB41a, LBCH45a, LBCE45a
- 4) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Subject-Verb Agreement
Skill: LBHB15a, LBCH29a-k, LBC29a-k
- 5) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Adjectives and Adverbs
Skill: LBHB16b, LBCH33b, LBCE33b
- 6) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Pronoun Agreement
Skill: LBHB15b, LBCH31a, LBCE31a
- 7) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Verb Tenses
Skill: LBHB14g, LBCH26b, LBCE26b
- 8) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Comparative Adjectives
Skill: LBHB16d, LBCH33c, LBCE33c
- 9) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Contractions
Skill: LBHB30c, LBCH42c, LBCE42c
- 10) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Subject-Verb Agreement
Skill: LBHB15a, LBCH31b, LBCE31b
- 11) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Verb Tenses
Skill: LBHB14g, LBCH26b, LBCE26b
- 12) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Double Negatives
Skill: LBHB16e, LBCH33d, LBCE33d
- 13) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Pronoun Agreement
Skill: LBHB15b, LBCH31d, LBCE31d
- 14) Correct Answer: D
Topic: Punctuation
Skill: LBHB28a, LBCH39a, LBCE39a
- 15) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Verb Tenses
Skill: LBHB14g, LBCH26b, LBCE26b
- 16) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Relative Pronouns
Skill: LBHB13g, LBCH30c, LBCE30c

- 17) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Confused Words
Skill: LBHB41a,c, LBCH45a,b, LBCE45a,b
- 18) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Verb Tenses
Skill: LBHB14g, LBCH26b, LBCE26b
- 19) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Pronoun Case
Skill: LBHB13a, LBCH26a,b, LBCE26a,b
- 20) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Adverbs
Skill: LBHB16c, LBCH33a, LBCE33a
- 21) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Pronoun Agreement
Skill: LBHB15b, LBCH32c, LBCE32c
- 22) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Exact Language
Skill: LBHB38a, LBCH18b, LBCE18b
- 23) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Pronoun Case
Skill: LBHB13a, LBCH30a, LBCE30a
- 24) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Possessives
Skill: LBHB30a, LBCH42a, LBCE42a
- 25) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Exact Language
Skill: LBHB38a, LBCH18b, LBCE18b
- 26) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Pronoun Agreement, Sexist Pronouns
Skill: LBHB15b, LBCH31a&37h, LBCE31a&37h
- 27) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Parallel Structure, Misplaced Modifier
Skill: LBHB25a,b, LBCH16a,b, LBCE16a,b
- 28) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Writing Concisely
Skill: LBHB39b, LBCH20b, LBCE20b
- 29) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Misplaced Modifiers
Skill: LBHB21a, LBCH34a, LBCE34a
- 30) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Writing Concisely
Skill: LBHB39a, LBCH20a, LBCE20a
- 31) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Passive Voice, Wordiness
Skill: LBHB14j,28a, LBCH39a,20a, LBCE39a,20a
- 32) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Misplaced Modifiers
Skill: LBHB21a, LBCH34a, LBCE34a
- 33) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Punctuation
Skill: LBHB32b, LBCH44a, LBCE44a

- 34) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Collective Noun, Double Negative
Skill: LBHB15b&16e, LBCH28f&29d, LBCE28f&29d
- 35) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Dangling Modifiers
Skill: LBHB21a, LBCH34a, LBCE34a
- 36) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Transitions
Skill: LBHB24c, LBCH36a,b, LBCE36a,b
- 37) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Transitions
Skill: LBHB24c, LBCH36a,b, LBCE36a,b
- 38) Correct Answer: E
Topic: Comma Rules
Skill: LBHB28a,b,e,f, LBCH39a,b,d, LBCE39a,b,d
- 39) Correct Answer: B
Topic: Semicolon
Skill: LBHB29c, LBCH40c, LBCE40c
- 40) Correct Answer: D
Topic: Semicolon
Skill: LBHB29e, LBCH40d, LBCE40d
- 41) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Capitalization
Skill: LBHB33d, LBCH46b, LBCE46b
- 42) Correct Answer: E
Topic: Capitalization
Skill: LBHB33d, LBCH46b, LBCE46b
- 43) Correct Answer: D
Topic: Comma Splice
Skill: LBHB18b, LBCH36b, LBCE36b
- 44) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Fragments
Skill: LBHB17a,d, LBCH35a,b, LBCE35a,b
- 45) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Comma Splice
Skill: LBHB18c, LBCH36a, LBCE36a
- 46) Correct Answer: C
Topic: Comma Splice
Skill: LBHB17a,d, LBCH35a,b, LBCE35a,b
- 47) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Comma Splice
Skill: LBHB18c, LBCH36a, LBCE36a
- 48) Correct Answer: A
Topic: Fragments
Skill: LBHB17a,d, LBCH35a,b, LBCE35a,b
- 49) Correct Answer: D
Topic: Fragments
Skill: LBHB17a,d, LBCH35a,b, LBCE35a,b
- 50) Correct Answer: D
Topic: Comma Splice
Skill: LBHB18b, LBCH36b, LBCE36b