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Use the paragraph below to answer question 1.

1Computers are useful to students for many reasons. **2**Computers are useful for typing assignments. **3** Radios were invented many years ago. **4**Students can also research topics on the Internet by using their computers.

1. Which sentence above should be removed from the paragraph?
 - A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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2. What is the purpose of the sentence below?

Canada is a country in North America.

- A. to give a command
 - B. to ask a question
 - C. to state a fact
 - D. to express surprise
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 3.

1Jesse's class put on an art show.**2**Students picked their best picture. **3**They chose the picture they liked the best.**4**They put up the pictures on the wall outside their classroom.

3. Which sentence should be removed from the paragraph above?
- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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Use the dictionary entry to answer question 4.

runv. **1.** race, speed, dash, fly. **2.** flow, pour, spill. **3.** operate, manage, direct, control.

4. skip, clear out, make off.

4. Which meaning of the word *run* in the thesaurus entry above is used in the following sentence?

John's father runs the hardware store.

- A. meaning 1
 - B. meaning 2
 - C. meaning 3
 - D. meaning 4
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 5.

1Sue is a babysitter and has spent much time with young children. 2She knows how to change diapers, give baths, and play games well with children. 3Sue is seventeen years old. 4She mainly babysits for her neighbors.

5. Which sentence should be removed from the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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6. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A. The crowd cheered, We won!
 - B. The crowd cheered, 'We won!'
 - C. The crowd cheered, "We won!"
 - D. The crowd cheered. "We won?"
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7. Jason has decided to write a report on the mountain grasshopper. Which question would BEST help Jason start the research process?

- A. Where do most insects spend the winter?
 - B. What is the diet of the mountain grasshopper?
 - C. What laws protect insects?
 - D. How can you control the population of insects in your yard?
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 8.

1Karen Bye is one of the top players on the U.S. Women’s Hockey Team. **2**When Karen was growing up in Wisconsin, only boys played hockey. **3**That was very unfair. **4**However, with talent and spirit, she kept trying out for her high school team. **5**She made it, and by her senior year she was co-captain.

8. Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 2
 - B. sentence 3
 - C. sentence 4
 - D. sentence 5
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9. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. The crowd gathered their.
 - B. Please go over there and pick up our order.
 - C. They’re are plenty of volunteers for the benefit.
 - D. There belongings were located at the front desk.
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10. What type of sentence is the one below?

Look what that clown is wearing!

- A. an exclamatory sentence
 - B. a declarative sentence
 - C. an imperative sentence
 - D. an interrogative sentence
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11. What change is needed in the sentence below?

Carl moved from Nashville to Memphis Tennessee.

- A. add a comma after Nashville
 - B. add a comma after Memphis
 - C. add a comma after Carl
 - D. add a comma after moved
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12. Which sentence is correct?

- A. Marita and I am not old enough to go out alone.
 - B. Paul ask his grandpa if he can come to my house.
 - C. The twins calls home if they're going to be late.
 - D. Ruth and Lisa play outside until dark.
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13. Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. Last weekend R.J. met the President of the United States.
 - B. Last weekend r.J. met the President of the United States.
 - C. Last weekend R.J. met the president of the United States.
 - D. Last weekend R.j. met the President of the United States.
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 14.

1If enough nutrients are present, tiny plants grow in the ocean and drift along with the current.2Small animals eat these plants.3Together, these plants and animals are called plankton.4Sea creatures and small fish eat plankton.5Bigger fish, sea birds, and seals feed on the plankton eaters.

14. Which would be the BEST closing sentence for the paragraph above?

- A. There could be no life in the ocean without plankton.
 - B. Plankton means *wanderer* in Greek.
 - C. Many creatures live in the ocean.
 - D. The ocean is a mysterious place.
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15. What is the simple predicate in the sentence below?

I understand how you feel.

- A. I
 - B. understand
 - C. you
 - D. feel
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16. What is the subject of the sentence below?

After going to the movie, Matthew went to dinner.

- A. going
 - B. movie
 - C. Matthew
 - D. dinner
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 17.

1Jake and me went to the country fair last week. 2Both of us had a great time. 3We hadn't been there for two years. 4Last year, Jake was visiting his grandparents.

17. Which sentence above uses an incorrect pronoun?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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18. Kent wrote the introductory paragraph below for his report. In the paragraph he stated the operations he will describe in his report. He will have six paragraphs in all. What will his second paragraph begin with?

There are four basic operations in mathematics. One operation is addition. Another is subtraction. The third is multiplication. The last operation is division.

- A. Dividing with fractions is one operation.
 - B. Multiplication is one operation in mathematics.
 - C. Finding like denominators is one operation.
 - D. Addition is one operation in mathematics.
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19. What does the underlined word *it* mean in the sentence below?

John and I could see the bus down the street long before it arrived.

- A. I
 - B. the bus
 - C. the street
 - D. John
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20. What change in capitalization should be made to the sentence below?

The author t.s. Eliot wrote a poem about a man named Alfred Prufrock who walked the streets of London.

- A. change author to Author
 - B. change t.s. to T.S.
 - C. change poem to Poem
 - D. change Alfred to alfred
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Use the letter below to answer question 21.

Dear Family,

I have been enjoying myself at camp. My friends and me went swimming, boating, and hiking. We also made a funny looking t-shirt. I will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Sammie

21. In the letter above, how should *My friends and me* be written?

- A. Mine friends and me
 - B. My friends and my
 - C. My friends and myself
 - D. My friends and I
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22. How should the sentence below BEST be corrected?

The family saw the Pacific ocean when they visited the state of California.

- A. put a capital *O* in *ocean*
 - B. put a capital *S* in *state*
 - C. put a small letter *p* in *Pacific*
 - D. put a small letter *c* in *California*
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23. Which word in the sentence below should be changed?

Tim asked if he could go to.

- A. change *asked* to *asking*
 - B. change *he* to *him*
 - C. change *go* to *goes*
 - D. change *to* to *too*
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Use the index below to answer question 24.

Aloe	15, 33–40, 67
	plants of Florida
	plants grown indoors
	plants that heal
	plants with flowers
Arrowroot	18, 43–50, 70
	plants as herbs

24. Jean is writing a report on the benefits of the aloe plant. She found the above index entry in one of her reference books. Where should she look next?

- A. plants of Florida
 - B. plants grown indoors
 - C. plants that heal
 - D. plants with flowers
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25. Which word BEST fills in the blank in the sentence below?

“Those paints are !” said Dora.

- A. her
 - B. my
 - C. your
 - D. mine
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26. Which word is the simple subject of the sentence below?

Jody walked the black dog to the playground near the school.

- A. Jody
 - B. dog
 - C. playground
 - D. school
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 27.

1My best friend is my dog. **2**Her name is Ali. **3**My dog's bark is too loud. **4**Every day we run in the field. **5**Every night Ali sleeps at the bottom of my bed. **6**I am so happy to have a dog!

27. Which sentence should be removed from the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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28. What change needs to be made in order for the sentence below to be correct?

Billy was born on February 14, 1985, in Macon Georgia.

- A. comma after Macon
 - B. comma after February
 - C. comma after born
 - D. comma after Billy
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29. What would be a good closing sentence for the paragraph below?

If you're thinking about getting a pet, a hermit crab would be a great choice. They eat just about anything. They don't need to be walked, and they don't make much noise!

- A. They can be kept in a small container.
 - B. They make very good pets.
 - C. You can make a maze for them.
 - D. Hermit crab races are fun and easy to do.
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 30.

1Plants are important to people for many reasons. **2**They recycle the air in which we breathe. **3**When my brother sleeps, he breathes very loudly. **4**Plants are all responsible for providing humans food and medicine. **5**Basically, humans could not survive without plants.

30. Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 3
 - C. sentence 4
 - D. sentence 5
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