

Sentence Clarity Exercise A

Directions: Read each group of words and choose the sentence that is most clearly written.

1.
 - A. The first beginning story was about our past history of presidents.
 - B. The first story was about past presidents in history.
 - C. The first story was about past presidents.
 - D. The beginning story was about presidents in history's past.

2.
 - A. My goals today are to go to the post office, to shop at the mall, and to go to the beach.
 - B. My goals today are to go to the post office, shopping at the mall, and go to the beach.
 - C. My goals today are to go to the post office, to go to the mall, and to the beach.
 - D. My goals today are going to the post office, to the mall, and to go to the beach.

3.
 - A. The boy who recently just graduated is smart and intelligent.
 - B. The boy who just graduated recently is smart, intelligent, and bright.
 - C. The boy who recently graduated is very smart and intelligent.
 - D. The boy who recently graduated is intelligent.

4.
 - A. The trip was exciting, informative, and it was stimulating.
 - B. The trip was exciting, informative, and stimulating.
 - C. The trip was exciting, informative, and full of stimulation.
 - D. The trip was exciting, was informative, and stimulated me.

5.
 - A. My goals are to make a new invention, patent it, and to sell it.
 - B. My goals are to make a new invention, patent it, and sell it.
 - C. My goals are to make a new invention, patenting it, and selling it.
 - D. My goals are making a new invention, to patent it, and to sell it.

6.
 - A. Ellen wore diamond rings on her fingers which she had bought in New York.
 - B. On her fingers, Ellen wore diamond rings which she had bought in New York.
 - C. Having bought the diamond rings in New York, her fingers wore them.
 - D. The diamond rings in New York, which were on her finger, were Ellen's.

7.
 - A. During my youth when I was young, I at times occasionally spent my summer vacation when I was off from school in Europe.
 - B. During my youth, I occasionally spent my summer vacations in Europe sometimes.
 - C. When I was young, I sometimes spent my summer vacations in Europe.
 - D. When I was young in my youthful days, I spent my summer vacations in Europe at times.

8.
 - A. The quarterback is tall, fast, and coordinated.
 - B. The quarterback is tall, is fast, and well-coordinated.
 - C. The quarterback is tall, fast, and is coordinated.
 - D. The quarterback is tall, moves fast, and coordinated.

9. A. They selected the carpets, measured them, and had to install them.
B. They selected the carpets, measuring them, and to install them.
C. They selected the carpets, measured them, and installed them.
D. They selected the carpets, they measured them, and installed them.
10. A. She was firmly determined to combine together both of the two halves of the group.
B. She was determined to firmly combine together both of the two halves of the group.
C. She was determined to combine the two groups.
D. She was firmly determined to bring together and combine the two half divisions of the group.
11. A. The new building is very safe, quite tall, and has good ventilation.
B. The new building is very safe, quite tall, and well ventilated.
C. The new building is very safe, is quite tall, and ventilated.
D. The new building is very safe, quite tall, and is ventilated.
12. A. During Christmas vacation, I work as a clerk, deliveryman, and run errands.
B. During Christmas vacation, I work as a clerk, deliveryman, and errand boy.
C. During Christmas vacation, I work as a clerk, deliver mail, and errand boy.
D. During Christmas vacation, I work as a clerk, deliver mail, and as an errand boy.
13. A. Tammy vacations in the hills, by the sea, or sometimes she's at home.
B. Tammy vacations in the hills, by the sea, or at home.
C. Tammy vacations in the hills, is by the sea, or at home.
D. Tammy vacations in the hills, the sea, or at home.
14. A. During the storm, the icy roads were slippery and everyone and everybody always slid all the time.
B. During the storm, the icy roads made everyone always slide all the time.
C. During the storm, everyone slid on the icy roads.
D. During the storm, the icy roads were slippery, and everyone slid all the time and every time.
15. A. She did her hair, her nails, and her make up.
B. She did her hair, her nails, and put on her make-up.
C. She did her hair, nails, and her make-up.
D. She did her hair, her nails, and make-up.
16. A. He is a person of integrity, is intelligent, and determination.
B. He is a person of integrity, being intelligent, and determined.
C. He is a person of integrity, intelligence, and determination.
D. He is a person showing integrity, being intelligent and determination.
17. A. Trying to hang his coat up, the rack was too crowded and it fell.
B. Trying to hang his coat up which was too crowded, the rack fell.
C. The rack was too crowded, and the man's coat fell.
D. The coat which was too crowded fell.

18. A. Dr. Johnson is a physician, educator, and enjoys collecting shells.
B. Dr. Johnson is a physician, is an educator, and shell collector.
C. Dr. Johnson is a physician, educates people, and a shall collector.
D. Dr. Johnson is a physician, educator, and shell collector.

Directions: Read each sentence and choose the one that uses verbs correctly.

19. A. After Carrie called me, she started her homework.
B. The kids do their chores and watched television.
C. Mom cooked dinner, and dessert was made by her, too.
D. Kerry won the contest, and the money was won by her, too.
20. A. The teacher will assign the homework and listened to the questions about the assignment.
B. Many studied the material for the exam all week and takes the test yesterday.
C. Most students did not study the lesson and were not prepared for the quiz.
D. Thousands of people sing in the choir, and all of them sang on key.
21. A. Alex already had bought a ticket to the game and will meet his friends there last night.
B. I knew last week and tell you about it.
C. They watched as the performers play the game.
D. The party ended, and everyone went home.
22. A. The rain continued for days and will not appear to stop.
B. The salesman made his presentation to the committee and started to leave.
C. Next week, Henry will go to North Carolina and planned to visit me.
D.. Dennis speaks to his mom and will find out about the vacation plans.
23. A. On Friday, Sears delivered my washing machine and installs it, too.
B. Our daughter will return from college next week and worked at home.
C. The Smiths will visit us in August and stayed until September.
D. The doctor thought about the problem and came up with a solution.
24. A. The silver Cadillac collided with a city bus and up pops the trunk.
B. When Meg had finished her errands, she left the mall and heads for home.
C. If Mark becomes bored, he read an exciting mystery written by Agatha Christie.
D. The police officers examined the evidence and then made their report to the chief.
25. A. As the Powells sailed toward their beach home, they see the lighted dock.
B. Babs ordered the book as soon as Ted mentions it.
C. It was about ten o'clock when suddenly everything goes wrong.
D. Quickly Elmo ran to the telephone and called the police.