

For each of the questions in this test, select the best answer from the four choices given. Mark your choice on the answer sheet.

Do not write in this test book or make any marks in the test book. Scratch paper has been provided for you to make notes or computations.

1. The athlete beginning well, with a substantial lead over the others in the race.

- A. beginning
- B. begin
- C. began
- D. who had begun

2. According to Mary, the other children in the group, some time ago, to the playground.

- A. the other children in the group, some time ago
- B. the other children, being in the group
- C. the other children had gone, some time ago
- D. the other children go, some time ago

3. The academic performance of scholarship athletes is improving in Texas colleges, partly due to the increased availability of on-line and face-to-face tutorial services.

- A. partly
- B. also
- C. they are
- D. it is being

4. Flying kites with his father and when he got to play baseball with his friends are Jacob's main activities during summer break.

- A. when he got to play baseball with his friends are Jacob's main activities
- B. to play baseball with his friends is Jacob's main activity
- C. playing baseball with his friends is Jacob's main activity
- D. playing baseball with his friends are Jacob's main activities

5. Most hunters in this area are safe, becoming dangerous to others only when playing pranks or when they were intoxicated.

- A. were
- B. will be
- C. are
- D. can be

6. Their all going to the party as soon as Melissa is finished changing clothes.

- A. Their
- B. There
- C. There are
- D. They're

7. Jenna liked it when her father past other cars on the interstate highway.

- A. past
- B. pasted
- C. passed
- D. repast

8. Although Greenland's ice sheet has been retreating for decades, but will cover most of that island for centuries to come.

- A. but will
- B. but to
- C. but may
- D. it will

9. The stories about Dracula are all based upon legends of a 15th century Wallachean prince, Vlad the Impaler, he was reputed to have displayed the bodies of criminals on stakes as a warning not to disobey the law.

- A. he was
- B. however he was
- C. who was
- D. although he was

10. Although she was never an early riser, Maia always had trouble making it to her first class in the morning.

- A. Although she was never an early riser,
- B. Although never an early riser,
- C. Because she was never an early riser,
- D. However she was an early riser,

11. A doctor is the only person I want having access to the things in my medical history.

Rewrite, beginning with

The only person I want having access to the things in my medical history...

The next words will be

- A. that would be
- B. he would be
- C. it is
- D. is a

12. Although the disease has become quite scarce in this country, pets should still be inoculated against rabies.

Rewrite, beginning with

Pets should still be inoculated against rabies...

The next words will be

- A. because the disease
- B. so the disease
- C. since the disease
- D. even though the disease

13. Despite his plummeting grades, Harold continued to skip his most difficult classes.

Rewrite, beginning with

Harold continued to skip his most difficult classes...

The next words will be

- A. because of
- B. regardless of
- C. in recognition of
- D. since his

14. For her stage presence in the Miss Snake Charmer contest, Abby was awarded the title of Miss Congeniality.

Rewrite, beginning with

Abby...

The next words will be

- A. being awarded
- B. awarded
- C. awarding
- D. was awarded

15. Jessica's friends warned her not to marry a man with as many ex-wives as Bubba had.

Rewrite, beginning with

Warned by...

The next words will be

- A. his
- B. him
- C. her
- D. their

16. Having a distinct advantage in height, practicing together for the entire off-season, and being coached by an ex-NBA player provided the team with every expectation of winning the title.

Rewrite, beginning with

The team had every expectation of winning the title because...

The next words will be

- A. of a distinct advantage in height, practicing together
- B. of its advantage distinctly in height, practicing together
- C. it had a distinct advantage in height, practiced together
- D. it had an advantage distinctly in height, practices together

17. The selective advantage of chameleons is due to the fact they are very fast animals and can adapt instantly to the colors and patterns of foliage behind them.

Rewrite, beginning with

Chameleons have a selective advantage...

The next words will be

- A. although they
- B. despite their
- C. because they
- D. however they

18. The city at the center of the region that has the lowest level of unemployment in Texas was Midland.

Rewrite, beginning with

In Texas, the city at the center of the region that has the lowest levels of unemployment...

The next word will be

- A. was
- B. were
- C. had
- D. has

19. The movie star worked out three hours a day in his desire to achieve a perfect looking body for the role he wanted to play.

Rewrite, beginning with

His desire to achieve a perfect looking body for the role he wanted to play...

The next words will be

- A. leading the
- B. led the
- C. having led the
- D. even though it led the

20. The twelve students in the first year composition class all had their own unique issues to address in the lab assignments.

Rewrite, beginning with

The first year composition class was made up of twelve students, each of whom had...

The next words will be

- A. their unique
- B. its unique
- C. his or her unique
- D. the unique

Read the passage and answer questions 21-24

(1)Photos from Adelaide roundups are particularly chilling because the facial expressions of participants are a mix of hatred, fear and pleasure. (2)In one, a man holds an automatic nail gun and has a scorpion pinned to a chopping block, looking as if he wants to cause the scorpion as much agony as possible.

(3)A photo shows beauty pageant winner Aussie Scorpion Lass 2014 in her crown and sash, holding long scorpion tongs in the air, with a huge arachnid clamped at the end, its head bloodied. (4)Aussie Scorpion Lass hangs back, her face contorted in fear, her mouth open in a scream. (5)She is 16 years old.

(6)The traditional roundups of Adelaide need to end. (7)However, the Jaycees could create a festival that raises money for the community and celebrates the scorpion as an icon of the Australian Outback. (8)An icon is a religious work of art, most commonly a painting, although more broadly the term is used in a wide number of contexts for an image, picture, or representation. (9)In other states and territories where scorpions live, the transition from roundup to wildlife festival has already happened.

(10)One crucial purpose of scorpion and wildlife festivals should be to show children that all animals must be treated with kindness and respect. (11)With young people being drawn to environmental science, conservation and wildlife biology; festivals provide networking opportunities and contact with professionals in these fields of interest. (12)How can such abuse of an animal be anything but damaging to this young lady's spirit?

21. Which of the following is best to replace the first word of sentence 3 (reproduced below)?

A photo shows beauty pageant winner Aussie Scorpion Lass 2014 in her crown and sash, holding long snake tongs in the air, with a huge rattlesnake clamped at the end, his head bloodied.

- A. Whichever
- B. Another
- C. Some
- D. Also

22. Which sentence contains irrelevant information and should be deleted?

- A. Sentence 2
- B. Sentence 4
- C. Sentence 8
- D. Sentence 11

23. Where is the best place for sentence 12 (reproduced below)?

How can such abuse of an animal be anything but damaging to this young lady's spirit?

- A. After sentence 2
- B. After sentence 5
- C. Before sentence 10
- D. Sentence 12 should remain where it is

24. Which of the following is the best revision of sentence 7 (reproduced below)?

However, the Jaycees could create a festival that raises money for the community and celebrates the scorpion as an icon of the Australian Outback.

- A. Replace "However" with "Nevertheless."
- B. Change "could create" to "are creating"
- C. Replace "However" with "Instead"
- D. Change "celebrates" to "celebrating"

25. Which of the following provides the best revision of sentence 11 (reproduced below)?

With young people being drawn to environmental science, conservation and wildlife biology; festivals provide networking opportunities and contact with professionals in these fields of interest.

- A. Change "With" to "From"
- B. Change the semi-colon after "biology" to a comma
- C. Change "contact" to "contacting"
- D. Sentence 11 needs no revision