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1. What type of sentence is the sentence below?

How long does it take an ice cube to melt?

- A. declarative
 - B. imperative
 - C. interrogative
 - D. exclamatory
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2. What is the BEST way to organize the sentences below into a paragraph?

So Cody typed in *jazz, Louis*, and

Armstrong as key words for his search.

Cody's group picked Louis Armstrong, a

famous jazz musician.

Mr. Johnston suggested that they look

for information on the Internet.

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on famous Americans in music.

- A. Mr. Johnston assigned the class a project on famous Americans in music. Mr. Johnston suggested that they look for information on the Internet. So Cody typed in *jazz, Louis*, and *Armstrong* as key words for his search. Cody's group picked Louis Armstrong, a famous jazz musician.
 - B. Mr. Johnston suggested that they look for information on the Internet. Mr. Johnston assigned the class a project on famous Americans in music. So Cody typed in *jazz, Louis*, and *Armstrong* as key words for his search. Cody's group picked Louis Armstrong, a famous jazz musician.
 - C. Cody's group picked Louis Armstrong, a famous jazz musician. Mr. Johnston assigned the class a project on famous Americans in music. Mr. Johnston suggested that they look for information on the Internet. So Cody typed in *jazz, Louis*, and *Armstrong* as key words for his search.
 - D. Mr. Johnston assigned the class a project on famous Americans in music. Cody's group picked Louis Armstrong, a famous jazz musician. Mr. Johnston suggested that they look for information on the Internet. So Cody typed in *jazz, Louis*, and *Armstrong* as key words for his search.
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3. What is the subject of the sentence below?

Olivia and Martin enjoy boating on Lake Monroe, although Olivia likes a sailboat and Martin enjoys a motorboat.

- A. enjoy, boating
 - B. Olivia, Martin
 - C. Lake Monroe
 - D. sailboat, motorboat
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4. What part of speech does the word *bold* become when *ly* is added?

- A. verb
 - B. adjective
 - C. adverb
 - D. noun
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 5.

1Rub-a-dub-dub, let's go sailing in a tub. **2**Sailors of all ages build bathtub boats for the Great International Bathtub Motor Race. **3**They make lightweight fiberglass versions of old-fashioned bathtubs. **4**They attach their tubs to water skis or plywood bases. **5**The rules of the race say that no entry can be more than 6 feet long and 3 feet wide.

5. Which sentence could be added after sentence 2 in the paragraph above?

- A. They use sails on their bathtubs to race.
 - B. They get a bumpy ride on the choppy water.
 - C. They compete every year in this annual event.
 - D. They make sure their bathtub is in good condition.
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6. Which word in the sentence below should begin with a capital letter?

Ramon asked, “where are the red pencils?”

- A. asked
 - B. where
 - C. red
 - D. pencils
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 7.

1We also ride our bikes on the park paths. **2**Where I live, bikes are important to kids. **3**We use bikes to ride to our friends’ homes and to get to school. **4**It is great to be able to get places on our own.

7. What is the correct order the sentences in the paragraph above should follow?

- A. 4, 3, 1, 2
 - B. 2, 3, 1, 4
 - C. 3, 1, 4, 2
 - D. 1, 2, 4, 3
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8. Marty was writing a paragraph for his language arts class. He needs to find synonyms for the word *great*. What would be the BEST reference book for him to use?

- A. an almanac
 - B. a thesaurus
 - C. an encyclopedia
 - D. an atlas
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9. The underlined word *Wow* in the paragraph below is what part of speech?

Excited about his first trip in an airplane, José looked out the window as it left the ground. "Wow!" he exclaimed, "Those people down there look like ants!"

- A. an adjective
 - B. an adverb
 - C. a conjunction
 - D. an interjection
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10. In the sentence below, what is the direct object?

After school, I painted a picture.

- A. After
 - B. school
 - C. painted
 - D. picture
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11. What resource would contain the information below?

fast–quick, speedy, swift

gleeful–happy, jolly, merry

- A. an atlas
 - B. a thesaurus
 - C. an encyclopedia
 - D. a magazine
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12. How is the index of a book useful?

- A. It lists the chapters in a book.
 - B. It lists the key words in a book and gives page numbers.
 - C. It tells who wrote the book.
 - D. It provides definitions of difficult words.
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13. Which key word should you use to look up in an encyclopedia to answer the question below?

Was the Roman god, Vulcan, the god of fire or of thunder?

- A. Roman
 - B. thunder
 - C. fire
 - D. Vulcan
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 14.

1My friends and I visited the aquarium on Sunday. **2**All of us were amazed. **3**By the colorful, fluttering sea anemones. **4**We thought they looked like delicate flowers.

14. Which statement above is a fragment?

- A. statement 1
 - B. statement 2
 - C. statement 3
 - D. statement 4
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15. What part of the research paper shows where the writer/author obtained information regarding the subject?

- A. the text
 - B. the bibliography/reference page
 - C. the title page
 - D. the outline
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16. Which of the following sentences could be used for a topic sentence for a paragraph on a typical day in an eighth-grade classroom?

- A. Getting up in the morning for school is really hard.
 - B. The long bus ride home from school is usually very loud.
 - C. Eighth-grade students have a lot to learn every day.
 - D. There are usually a lot of students absent in eighth grade.
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17. Which of the following sentences could be removed from the paragraph below?

How many languages are there? There are almost too many spoken languages to count. The world is divided into many countries and the people in every country speak at least one language. In some countries people speak many different languages. In fact, India has more languages than any other country. The largest numbers of people in the world speak Chinese, English, Hindi, and Spanish. There are 3,000 to 5,000 languages spoken around the world.

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 - B. In some countries people speak many different languages.
 - C. The largest numbers of people in the world speak Chinese, English, Hindi, and Spanish.
 - D. There are 3,000 to 5,000 languages spoken around the world.
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 18.

1Fabriana went to the public library to see which new books had arrived. **2**She was surprised to learn that she could check out videos, audio cassettes, and compact discs. **3**She was further surprised to find computers available for exploring the Internet. **4**She had no idea how many services were offered by the neighborhood library.

18. Which sentence is the topic sentence of the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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19. Which part of the sentence below contains an error?

Mark asked Shaun if him knew the capital of Massachusetts.

- A. Mark asked Shaun
 - B. if him knew
 - C. the capital
 - D. of Massachusetts
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 20.

1Have you heard of plantains? **2** Plantains are a fruit related to the banana. **3**They look like bananas, containing the fruit inside a peel, but they are a bit smaller. **4**Plantains also grow like bananas, but the palm trees upon which they are found are a little smaller, too. **5**The biggest difference between plantains and bananas is taste. **6**Although they look like bananas, plantains taste like potatoes.

20. Which is the topic sentence of the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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21. In the sentence below, where should the word *nearly* be placed?

To get to the amusement park, we nearly drove three hours!

- A. after *park*
 - B. after *drove*
 - C. after *three*
 - D. after *hours*
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22. Which word is the correct possessive form of the word *fox*?

- A. foxes'
 - B. foxe's
 - C. foxs's
 - D. fox's
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23. What is the BEST way to combine the sentences below?

My youth group went camping last weekend. We roasted marshmallows in a campfire.

- A. Because my youth group went camping last weekend, we roasted marshmallows in a campfire.
 - B. Although we went camping last weekend, we roasted marshmallows in a campfire.
 - C. My youth group went camping last weekend, but we roasted marshmallows in a campfire.
 - D. When my youth group went camping last weekend, we roasted marshmallows in a campfire.
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24. Which sentence is a compound sentence?

- A. I will order a hamburger, french fries, and a soft drink.
 - B. You can get a toy with your meal, or you can get a larger drink.
 - C. How many fast-food restaurants are there in your city or town?
 - D. The food is always fresh but not as good as home cooking.
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 25.

1She puts butter, salt, pepper, milk, and a little bit of cottage cheese in them. **2**When I'm old enough to make my own dinner on the stove, I'll make and eat lots of old-fashioned mashed potatoes. **3**She learned this recipe from my grandmother. **4**My favorite food is my mom's old-fashioned mashed potatoes.

25. In what order should the sentences above be written to make a logical paragraph?

- A. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - B. 4, 3, 1, 2
 - C. 2, 4, 3, 1
 - D. 3, 1, 2, 4
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Use the topic sentence below to answer question 26.

Many plant-eating animals can live together because they eat plants found in different locations.

26. Which sentence does NOT support the above topic sentence?

- A. Giraffes eat leaves from the tops of trees where most cannot reach.
 - B. Elephants have grinding teeth that move from side to side.
 - C. Gerenuks stand on their hind legs to reach leaves.
 - D. Zebras will eat most any type of grass.
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Use the announcement below to answer question 27.

Annie received the following birth announcement about her new nephew in the mail.

James Michael Worton was born on July 11 1998, in Lewiston, Missouri. He weighed nine pounds and four ounces.

27. Which of the following needs to be added to the announcement above?

- A. add a comma after *in*
 - B. add a comma after *July 11*
 - C. add a comma after *weighed*
 - D. add a comma after *pounds*
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28. How can the sentence below be BEST written?

Chris walked to the park and walked to the grocery store.

- A. Chris walked. She walked to the park and to the grocery store.
 - B. Chris walked to the park. And walked to the grocery store.
 - C. Chris walked to the park and to the grocery store.
 - D. Chris walked to the park. But she walked to the grocery store.
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29. What is the subject of the sentence below?

England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales are known collectively as the United Kingdom.

- A. United Kingdom
 - B. are known
 - C. England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales
 - D. collectively
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 30.

1Glass bottles are made when pieces of crushed sand, limestone, and sodium carbonate are mixed together and melted in a hot oven. **2**It is possible to make colored glass if metals are added. **3**As an example, adding nickel makes glass yellow and gold makes it red. **4**The hot, liquid glass then drops down a tube into iron molds that travel along a track. **5**Air is blown down the tubes into the molds, so that the glass cools and becomes the shape of the molds.

30. Which sentence would make a good closing for the paragraph above?

- A. Another type of metal makes the glass blue.
 - B. People used to get milk delivered in glass bottles.
 - C. Glass bottles are found in every supermarket.
 - D. Finally, the bottles are heated and cooled again to make the glass strong.
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