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1. Which sentence below is the BEST way to combine the following two sentences?

William really wants to drive the new car. The car is his mom's.

- A. William really wants to drive the new car, the car is his mom's.
 - B. William really wants to drive the new car; also the car is his mom's.
 - C. William really wants to drive the new car, but the car is his mom's.
 - D. William really wants to drive the new car; still the car is his mom's.
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2. What is the BEST way to rewrite the sentence below?

For students who want to pursue careers in music, dance, creative writing, or drama, was designed the Menard School for the Performing Arts.

- A. In music, dance, creative writing, or drama was the Menard School for the Performing Arts designed for students who want to pursue careers.
 - B. Wanting to pursue careers in music, dance, creative writing, or drama was the Menard School for the performing Arts designed for students.
 - C. To pursue careers in music, dance, creative writing, or drama for students was the Menard School for the Performing Arts Designed.
 - D. The Menard School for the Performing Arts was designed for students who want to pursue careers in music, dance, creative writing, or drama.
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3. What change should be made to the sentence below?

The eight books in that box belongs to your teacher.

- A. change *eight* to *ate*
 - B. change *books* to *book*
 - C. change *belongs* to *belong*
 - D. change *your* to *you're*
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4. How can the error be corrected in the sentence below?

Whos going to want to go to the baseball game in the pouring rain?

- A. change *Whos* to *Whos'*
 - B. change *Whos* to *Whose's*
 - C. change *Whos* to *Whose*
 - D. change *Whos* to *Who's*
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5. Which of the following is the BEST way to combine the sentences below?

Linda plays on the basketball team. Shari plays on it, too.

- A. Linda and Shari on the basketball team play.
 - B. Linda and Shari play on the basketball team.
 - C. Linda plays on the basketball team and Shari plays on it too.
 - D. Linda plays on the basketball team and Shari too.
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 6.

1Today at the train station, I saw all sorts of exciting things. 2One lady was hurrying to catch her train and ran right into a pole luckily she did not get hurt. 3Right after that, a little dog escaped from its owner and was scurrying all over the station. 4I didn't have a chance to see more excitement because I had my own train to catch.

6. Which statement in the paragraph above is a run-on sentence?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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7. How are these two sentences below BEST combined?

Grant designed the first place poster in the contest. He won five hundred dollars.

- A. Grant designed the first place poster in the contest and winning five hundred dollars is what he did.
 - B. Grant designed the first place poster in the contest he won five hundred dollars.
 - C. Grant designed the first place poster in the contest and winning five hundred dollars.
 - D. Grant designed the first place poster in the contest and won five hundred dollars.
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8. Where should the word *excitedly* go in the sentence below?

Herbert spotted the signal on the radar screen and called to his colleagues to come quickly.

- A. after *spotted*
 - B. after *signal*
 - C. after *called*
 - D. after *quickly*
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Use the entry below to answer question 9.

9. Which dictionary definition above fits the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence below?

hitch (hich) *v.* **1.** To fasten something by a hook or knot; to tie. **2.** To raise with a pull. **3.** To get a free ride from drivers of passing vehicles. **4.** Slang. To bring together in marriage.

Now that we have automobiles, there is no need to hitch a horse to a carriage.

- A. definition 1
 - B. definition 2
 - C. definition 3
 - D. definition 4
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10. Which sentence could BEST be added to the paragraph below?

The concert was supposed to start at 7 o'clock, but some things went wrong backstage and it didn't start until almost 8 o'clock. One problem was that the drummer could not find his drum sticks. The lead singer's costume tore and had to be sewn at the last minute. There were also some problems with the lights, so the entire electrical system had to be checked out.

- A. The concert began almost an hour late.
 - B. One of the band members lost part of his instrument.
 - C. When the singer's costume tore, a person who knew how to sew fixed the problem.
 - D. The band's manager had never seen so many problems in one night and was relieved when the musicians finally took the stage.
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11. Which sentence is an imperative sentence?

- A. When you look in the drawer, you'll find your pen.
 - B. Doesn't your sister go to the same school as mine?
 - C. Be sure all your papers are in the correct order.
 - D. Larry always knows all the answers.
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12. Which is the predicate adjective in the sentence below?

The Marriage of Figaro, performed at the Atlanta Opera, was marvelously enchanting.

- A. performed
 - B. Opera
 - C. marvelously
 - D. enchanting
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Use the index below to answer question 13.

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13. Where would information on safety precautions that should be taken in water be found?

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Use the paragraph below to answer question 14.

1Paul was determined to visit Mr. Parker today. **2**Stepping out into the pouring rain, Paul opened his umbrella and began his trek. **3**Walking carefully to avoid the puddles, Paul thought back to when he first met Mr. Parker, over a year ago. **4**It had been a rainy day like today, only that day Paul had no umbrella. **5**Mr. Parker had pulled over in his car and offered his umbrella to Paul. **6**Since then, they had been great friends. **7**In fact, Mr. Parker was more like an adopted grandfather for Paul.

14. After which sentence in the paragraph above should the following sentence BEST be placed?

Paul thankfully took it and promised to return it the next day.

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 5
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15. What is the interjection in the sentence below?

Oh, I forgot to bring the plastic silverware.

- A. I
 - B. Oh
 - C. bring
 - D. the
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16. Which sentence is a run-on sentence?

- A. Bob's older brother bought a new car when he graduated from college.
 - B. He invited Bob and all of Bob's friends to take a drive to the lake with him after he brought the car home.
 - C. The trip was fun for everyone because the car was comfortable and smelled new and all of his friends took turns sitting in the front seat and helping to read the map while Bob's brother drove and the radio played.
 - D. When the friends got to the lake, they spent the day hiking, fishing, and swimming, and before they went home, Bob's brother took everyone out for pizza.
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 17.

1Sarah wanted to spend her summer playing at the pool with her friends. **2**She loved to splash and dive with Yukiko and Todd and thought that would be a great way to spend the coming summer days. **3**A job would allow her to save up for a new bike. **4**If Sarah got a job, she might also be able to spend the hot summer inside a nice, air-conditioned office building.

17. Which of the choices below should be inserted as a transition between sentences 2 and 3?

- A. Sarah might be able to work at the same company as her father.
 - B. Of course, Sarah could get a job instead and spend the summer making some money.
 - C. Yukiko and Todd liked to get to the pool in the morning and stay there the whole day.
 - D. Even though she liked the pool, it could get boring after a few weeks.
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18. Which statement below is a fragment?

1I tried. 2To get Dave to talk about the
surprise. 3He wouldn't. 4I don't understand.

- A. statement 1
 - B. statement 2
 - C. statement 3
 - D. statement 4
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 19.

1I read an article about leaves changing color in the fall. 2The leaves turn all sorts of colors, how interesting; the leaves cover the ground. 3Once they have covered the ground, like a blanket, they need to be raked. 4Then you know it's time for winter.

19. In the paragraph, which sentence is a run-on?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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20. Which change should be made to the sentence below?

The temperature rose to 101°F for the sixth day in a row there is no sign that the heat wave will end soon.

- A. add a semicolon after *row*
 - B. add a colon after *row*
 - C. add a comma after *there*
 - D. add a period after *there*
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21. Which BEST fills in the blank in the sentence below?

All of the students _____ Juan were asked to edit their papers.

- A. accept
 - B. were accepted
 - C. except
 - D. were excepted
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 22.

1Last week, our art club went on an exciting field trip. **2**To an advertising agency. **3**We saw artists sketching posters and learned how they use computers in their work. **4**I never knew how much detail and hard work is involved in advertising.

22. Which statement in the above paragraph is a sentence fragment?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 3
 - D. sentence 4
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 23.

1My annual visit to Uncle Willie’s house is always full of surprises. 2When I was seven, I made my first visit he took me on a hike through the forest where we “spied” on animals and kept written accounts in our journals. 3When I was nine, Uncle Willie and I built a three story bird house and decorated it with colored paint. 4When I was eleven, Uncle Willie helped me write a one-act play that I performed with other kids in his neighborhood. 5My favorite visit was when I was eight; we created a marching band for the neighborhood parade. 6Next week, I will go to Uncle Willie’s house for this year’s visit.

23. Which sentence in the paragraph above is a run-on sentence?

- A. sentence 2
 - B. sentence 4
 - C. sentence 5
 - D. sentence 6
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24. Which word is NOT needed in the sentence below?

Kristin’s huge dog is very friendly, intelligent, and large.

- A. intelligent
 - B. and
 - C. huge
 - D. very
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25. What type of sentence is the one below?

Goodness, it’s really bright in here!

- A. declarative
 - B. imperative
 - C. exclamatory
 - D. interrogative
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 26.

1The first president to suggest we celebrate Thanksgiving was Abraham Lincoln. **2**In 1863, he wrote a letter proposing Thanksgiving as a national holiday. **3**Congress finally issued a proclamation in 1941. **4**Since then, Thanksgiving has been celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. **5**Thanksgiving is a national holiday.

26. Which sentence repeats information in the paragraph above?

- A. sentence 2
 - B. sentence 3
 - C. sentence 4
 - D. sentence 5
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27. What does the underlined word modify in the sentence below?

The amiable animal was playing in the park yesterday.

- A. park
 - B. playing
 - C. animal
 - D. was
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28. Which of the following groups of words contains an error?

- A. Blasco Paving Co.
 - B. Novato, CA 94948
 - C. February 6 1995
 - D. Dear Sirs:
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29. Which statement BEST modifies the underlined word below?

The Kane County School Board has recently established a scholarship foundation for students who aspire to be teachers.

- A. The Kane County School Board
 - B. has recently established
 - C. a scholarship foundation
 - D. who aspire to be teachers
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 30.

1Leonard was nervous as he watched Ms. Clark read over his list of references. **2**His uncle, his neighbor, his science teacher, all three attested to Leonard's responsible nature and willingness to work. **3**He really wanted to work for Ms. Clark as her errand runner. **4**Not only would he appreciate the extra money the job would bring, but it would help Leonard when he tried to get another job in a more formal place of business. **5**Leonard really wanted this job as Ms. Clark's errand runner. **6**Leonard braced himself as Ms. Clark looked up. **7**She smiled and Leonard breathed a sigh of relief; he had gotten the job.

30. Which sentence in the paragraph above repeats information found elsewhere in the paragraph?

- A. sentence 1
 - B. sentence 2
 - C. sentence 4
 - D. sentence 5
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