APOSTROPHES — EXERCISE 2

Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.” Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. To avoid muddy dog (A) prints on (B) Mom’s clean floor, we left the (C) puppy’s in the backyard.
   A. prints’
   B. Moms
   C. puppies
   D. No change is necessary.

2. (A) Strands of hair whipped (B) Jessica’s face as the cold wind blew through the bare (C) trees.
   A. Strand’s
   B. Jessicas
   C. tree’s
   D. No change is necessary.

3. Even on the (A) belts last hole, the baggy (B) jeans keep sliding off (C) Roger’s hips, making the poor boy waddle like a penguin.
   A. belt’s
   B. jean’s
   C. Rogers
   D. No change is necessary.
4. Even after four \textbf{(A) cups} of coffee, Melissa \textbf{(B) couldn’nt} muster the energy to finish the journal assignments for Professor \textbf{(C) Koopman’s} class.

A. cup’s  
B. couldn’t  
C. Koopmans  
D. No change is necessary.

5. The lawn \textbf{(A) mower’s} roar woke Stephen from a sound sleep. He cursed his \textbf{(B) neighbor’s} dedication to yard maintenance and dove under the \textbf{(C) blanket’s}.

A. mowers  
B. neighbors  
C. blankets  
D. No change is necessary.

6. The bed beckoned with \textbf{(A) it’s} soft pillows and warm blankets, but Tommy still had 25 \textbf{(B) problems} to solve for Mr. \textbf{(C) Takashima’s} algebra class.

A. its  
B. problems’  
C. Takashimas  
D. No change is necessary.

7. Jeannette hated my Halloween costume, but she loves \textbf{(A) zombies}, so \textbf{(B) she’ll} like \textbf{(C) your’s}.

A. zombie’s  
B. she’ll  
C. yours  
D. No change is necessary.
8. Lissette \(^{[A]}\) can't believe her \(^{[B]}\) roommate's bad manners; Alex has once again left the bathroom sink full of shaving cream and \(^{[C]}\) whiskers.

A. can’t  
B. roommates  
C. whisker’s  
D. No change is necessary.

9. \(^{[A]}\) Esther's eyeglasses are cloudy with fingerprints, but her brother \(^{[B]}\) Nile's keeps his \(^{[C]}\) lenses pristine.

A. Esthers  
B. Niles  
C. lense’s  
D. No change is necessary.

10. Mrs. Majeed frowned as she glanced at the blue \(^{[A]}\) team's answers. We certainly hope she \(^{[B]}\) smile's when she sees \(^{[C]}\) ours.

A. teams  
B. smiles  
C. our's  
D. No change is necessary.

11. Every morning, Clarissa straightens her \(^{[A]}\) curls with a flat iron and \(^{[B]}\) reapply's metallic pink polish to her \(^{[C]}\) fingernails.

A. curl's  
B. reapplies  
C. fingernails’  
D. No change is necessary.
12. Looking for (A) **signs** of wear to disqualify the issue as mint, Sheldon inspected the comic (B) **book’s** (C) **corners** and spine.

A. sign’s  
B. books  
C. corners’  
D. No change is necessary.

13. (A) **Antoine’s** fingers are never still; if this young man (B) **isn’t** drumming out a song on the desk, then (C) **he’s** snapping a rubber band or twirling pens.

A. Antoines  
B. is’nt  
C. his  
D. No change is necessary.

14. (A) **Line’s** of worry creased (B) **Samuel’s** forehead as he scanned the quiz (C) **items**.

A. Lines  
B. Samuels  
C. item’s  
D. No change is necessary.

15. The contents of (A) **Christina’s** purse include tangled (B) **necklaces**, an uncapped lip balm, and her (C) **roommates** missing watch.

A. Christinas  
B. necklaces’  
C. roommate’s  
D. No change is necessary.
16.  (A) **Nicks** collection of (B) **hats** includes a ball cap shaped like a plate of (C) **tacos**.

   A. Nick’s  
   B. hats’  
   C. taco’s  
   D. No change is necessary.

17.  We (A) **couldn’t** see well from our seats, so when Byron and his (B) **friends** left to buy popcorn, we stole (C) **theirs**.

   A. couldn't  
   B. friend’s  
   C. their’s  
   D. No change is necessary.

18.  (A) **Ben’s** bad attitude (B) **gets** him in trouble in class. We need to convince Ben to uncross his (C) **arm’s** and smile on occasion.

   A. Bens’s  
   B. get’s  
   C. arms  
   D. No change is necessary.

19.  As (A) **James** was writing his concluding paragraph, his (B) **pencil** point broke. Rummaging in his book bag for another writing instrument, he hoped that his great last (C) **line’s** wouldn't escape.

   A. Jame’s  
   B. pencil’s  
   C. lines  
   D. No change is necessary.
20. Gloria covered her (A) **ears** with her hands and focused on the quiz (B) **questions**; she tried to ignore the techno music escaping from (C) Chandler’s ear buds.

A. ear’s  
B. question’s  
C. Chandlers  
D. No change is necessary.