COMMA SPLICES AND FUSED SENTENCES – EXERCISE 5

**Directions:** Choose the correct way to fix the underlined problem in each item. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. Gustavo can tolerate any lecture, no matter how boring the instructor **is, in** his mind, Gustavo imagines that he is on board the starship *Enterprise*, blasting Romulans from his post on the bridge.

   A. is in
   B. is; In
   C. is; in

2. Sylvia shivered in her silk **shirt, the** difference in temperature between the hot road and the cold library was extreme.

   A. shirt the
   B. shirt, for the
   C. shirt, because the

3. Many road signs warned Tommy of the construction work **ahead, he** did not realize that his lane was closed, though, until he mowed down a traffic barricade with the front of his car.

   A. ahead he
   B. ahead but he
   C. ahead. He
4. The grip of the pantyhose, the stranglehold of the scarf, and the bite of the tight shoes made Rachel want the interview to **end, she** longed for a cotton T-shirt and jeans.

A. end she  
B. end; however, she  
C. end. She

5. Ryan is highly allergic to **cats, he** requires at least twenty god-bless-yous every time he visits Mariko and her seven Siamese.

A. cats he  
B. cats, so he  
C. cats, as a result, he

6. Professor Britton was grading papers at her **desk, her** students were slaving over their in-class compositions, sighing heavily and flipping through their dictionaries for the correct spellings of words.

A. desk her  
B. desk while her  
C. desk, moreover, her

7. Ingie looked at his wife's collection of cookbooks and **sighed, although** there were thousands of recipes for delicious meals, he knew that Valerie would want to order another pepperoni and mushroom pizza for dinner.

A. sighed although  
B. sighed, Although  
C. sighed; Although
8. Mike has terrible eating **habits when** he opened his lunch bag, we saw a bag of potato chips, two candy bars, cellophane-wrapped cupcakes, and a carton of chocolate milk.

A. habits, when  
B. habits, but when  
C. habits; when  

9. While flirting on the phone with the satellite dish salesman, Rose forgot the omelet cooking in the **kitchen, she** was surprised when the stovetop fire filled the house with smoke.

A. kitchen she  
B. kitchen, so she  
C. kitchen, consequently; she  

10. Several students sat sneezing and sniffling in their **seats, Jason** always wore too much cologne, and allergic reactions kicked into high gear as the odor wafted through the classroom.

A. seats Jason  
B. seats, and Jason  
C. seats, Jason  

11. Sandra spent every dime on her vacation to Cancun, Mexico, where she went shopping, dancing, swimming, and **sightseeing, she** does not care that her rent will be late or that she will have to eat macaroni and cheese for a month.

A. sightseeing she  
B. sightseeing, nevertheless, she  
C. sightseeing; she
12. The terrified passengers aboard the 747 gripped their armrests as the jet bucked in a bad stretch of turbulence after a ride like this one, everyone knew that five minutes on Disney’s Space Mountain would feel like relaxing in a rocking chair.

A. turbulence, after
B. turbulence; After
C. turbulence. After

13. Richard squeezed, thumped, and shook the empty shampoo bottle, hoping for a few drops to wash his dirty hair, since the bottle was completely empty, Richard worked up a lather with a few sprinkles of bathroom cleanser instead.

A. hair since
B. hair; since
C. hair, consequently, since

14. After the thunderstorm, Teresa splashed through the puddles left on the street, she enjoyed the cool rainwater on her hot feet.

A. street she
B. street, because she
C. street, for she

15. Fred blew and blew on the globs of liquid whiteout, but they refused to dry when the professor called time, Fred closed the cover of his exam book and hoped the pages would not cement together.

A. dry, when
B. dry; when
C. dry, as a result, when
16. As Irene scooped stuffing from the Thanksgiving turkey, gold glinted in the 
   **breadcrumbs, finally**, the earring that she had lost early that morning reappeared.

   A. breadcrumbs finally
   B. breadcrumbs, finally at last
   C. breadcrumbs; finally

17. No foot powder, no shoe insert, no expensive soap can kill the odor of Bartholomew's 
   **feet, when** this young man takes off his shoes, even the goldfish gag.

   A. feet when
   B. feet. When
   C. feet, thus when

18. Ursula clutched her head, trying to remember the correct formula to solve the 
   statistics **problem, the** only thing she could focus on, however, was the stupid fight 
   she had in the car with her boyfriend Mac.

   A. problem the
   B. problem, consequently, the
   C. problem; the

19. Quang wants a degree in business **administration, he** fantasizes about yelling at 
   future subordinates who are too afraid of losing their jobs to defend themselves.

   A. administration he
   B. administration, because he
   C. administration since he
20. In Professor Ribley’s calculus class, Yi-Ping tapes every lecture and carefully rewrites her notes, she is planning to sell these guides to desperate freshmen next semester.

A. notes she  
B. notes, because she  
C. notes, for she