

# 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 sniffing 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

