

# FRAGMENTS – EXERCISE 6

**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. With her heavy dictionary,<sup>(A)</sup> Donna thumps the top of her ancient computer monitor.<sup>(B)</sup> Whenever the color tint flickers.<sup>(C)</sup> from normal to sickly yellow.
  - A. ... dictionary Donna ...
  - B. ... monitor whenever ...
  - C. ... flickers. From ...
  - D. No change is necessary.
2. When Kate saw the gray worm on the dissection tray.<sup>(A)</sup> She folded her arms.<sup>(B)</sup> and refused to pick up the scalpel.<sup>(C)</sup> even though she would earn a zero in lab.
  - A. ... tray, she ...
  - B. ... arms. And ...
  - C. ... scalpel. Even though ...
  - D. No change is necessary.
3. Karlene drove slowly through the heavy traffic.<sup>(A)</sup> Anticipating a bag of microwave popcorn.<sup>(B)</sup> and a couple of hours in front of the television.<sup>(C)</sup> as her reward for a hard day at work.
  - A. ... traffic, anticipating ...
  - B. ... popcorn, and ...
  - C. ... television. As ...
  - D. No change is necessary.

4. Because of all his responsibilities at work and school,<sup>(A)</sup> Michael had no time to devote to the yard,<sup>(B)</sup> so weeds, vines, and insects thrived in this jungle.<sup>(C)</sup> That neighbors looked on with disapproval.
- A. ... school. Michael ...  
B. ... yard so ...  
C. ... jungle that ...  
D. No change is necessary.
5. Citing writer's block as the reason,<sup>(A)</sup> that she did not have her essay,<sup>(B)</sup> Yao received no sympathy from Professor Santos.<sup>(C)</sup> Who will only accept "breather's block" as a legitimate excuse for late work.
- A. ... reason, that ...  
B. ... essay. Yao ...  
C. ... Santos, who ...  
D. No change is necessary.
6. Mackenzie had to leave the room,<sup>(A)</sup> for her father was noisily crunching raw radishes,<sup>(B)</sup> which produced so annoying a sound <sup>(C)</sup> that studying was impossible.
- A. ... room. Because her ...  
B. ... radishes. Which ...  
C. ... sound; that ...  
D. No change is necessary.

7. Because he had eaten a stack of twelve **pancakes**,<sup>(A)</sup> **Emanuel** heard his stomach begin to **rumble**,<sup>(B)</sup> **as** it processed the **food**,<sup>(C)</sup> **Gurgling** loudly to protest the huge meal.
- A. ... pancakes. Emanuel ...  
B. ... rumble. As ...  
C. ... food, gurgling ...  
D. No change is necessary.
8. Although fans blew in every **room**,<sup>(A)</sup> **Faye** found the house unbearably **hot**,<sup>(B)</sup> **And** wished that the air conditioning **repairman**,<sup>(C)</sup> **who** was already three hours late, would pull into her driveway.
- A. ... room. Faye ...  
B. ... hot and ...  
C. ... repairman. Who ...  
D. No change is necessary.
9. A student fascinated with all things ancient **Egyptian**,<sup>(A)</sup> **Kemette** squinted at the computer **screen**,<sup>(B)</sup> **hoping** to find the information she **needed**,<sup>(C)</sup> **to** finish her research paper on Old Kingdom art.
- A. ... Egyptian, Kemette ...  
B. ... screen. Hoping ...  
C. ... needed, to ...  
D. No change is necessary.

10. Whenever one of her six cats jumps on the kitchen **counter,**<sup>(A)</sup> **Lorna** just **sighs.**<sup>(B)</sup> **And** reminds herself that everything tastes **better.**<sup>(C)</sup> **if** there is a little cat hair in it.
- A. ... counter Lorna ...
  - B. ... sighs and ...
  - C. ... better, if ...
  - D. No change is necessary.
11. Piling into the car, Jorge and his friends drove to Little Anthony's **Pizzeria**<sup>(A)</sup> **and** gorged on house **specialties,**<sup>(B)</sup> **such as,**<sup>(C)</sup> **garlic** knots, meatballs, and sausage pizza.
- A. ... Pizzeria. And ...
  - B. ... specialties such ...
  - C. ... as garlic ...
  - D. No change is necessary.
12. My appliances are always **hungry.**<sup>(A)</sup> **For** example, the dryer will eat **underwear,**<sup>(B)</sup> **and** the microwave will suck off half a frozen **dinner.**<sup>(C)</sup> **while** it is cooking.
- A. ... hungry, for ...
  - B. ... underwear and ...
  - C. ... dinner, while ...
  - D. No change is necessary.

13. While Dr. Kinser bounced down the stairs,<sup>(A)</sup> **and** strode through the hallway.<sup>(B)</sup> **A** brightly colored tie streamed over his shoulder,<sup>(C)</sup> **flapping** in his wake.
- A. ... stairs, and ...
- B. ... hallway, a ...
- C. ... shoulder flapping ...
- D. No change is necessary.
14. Despite her parents' disapproval,<sup>(A)</sup> **Tran** continues to date Charlie.<sup>(B)</sup> **A** nice young man<sup>(C)</sup> **whose** only fault is not being born Vietnamese.
- A. ... disapproval Tran ...
- B. ... Charlie, a ...
- C. ... man. Whose ...
- D. No change is necessary.
15. Anyone who visits Neil will find uneaten fruit all over his apartment.<sup>(A)</sup> **Such as** rotting bananas on the kitchen counter,<sup>(B)</sup> **desiccated** grapes in a bowl on the coffee table,<sup>(C)</sup> **and** a drippy apple on the bureau by the bed.
- A. ... apartment. For instance, he has rotting ...
- B. ... counter. Desiccated ...
- C. ... table. And ...
- D. No change is necessary.

16. Searching travel **websites** <sup>(A)</sup> **to** compare room and flight **rates**, <sup>(B)</sup> **Shaquita** fantasized about a spring break vacation to **Hawaii**. <sup>(C)</sup> **As** her unfinished algebra homework lay ignored on her desk.
- A. ... websites, to ...  
B. ... rates Shaquita ...  
C. ... Hawaii as ...  
D. No change is necessary.
17. Paulie is a **daredevil** <sup>(A)</sup> **who** enjoys skydiving, motorcycle racing, and boxing. **But** <sup>(B)</sup> **will** not eat raw cookie **dough** <sup>(C)</sup> **because** he is afraid of bacteria from uncooked eggs.
- A. ... daredevil. Who ...  
B. ... But he will ...  
C. ... dough, because ...  
D. No change is necessary.
18. The potted geranium **wilted** <sup>(A)</sup> **from** lack of water on Terry's kitchen **window** <sup>(B)</sup> **while** the faucet dripped **wastefully**, <sup>(C)</sup> **staining** the porcelain sink with rust.
- A. ... wilted, from ...  
B. ... window. While ...  
C. ... wastefully staining ...  
D. No change is necessary.

19. His arms full of expensive science fiction **paperbacks,**<sup>(A)</sup> **Cary remembered**<sup>(B)</sup> **that** next semester's tuition was due in two **weeks.**<sup>(C)</sup> **Making** a trip to the library instead of the bookstore a better financial decision.
- A. ... paperbacks Cary ...  
B. ... remembered, that ...  
C. ... weeks, making ...  
D. No change is necessary.
20. With the huge number of confusing rules colliding in her **head,**<sup>(A)</sup> **Cindy** took the quiz on **fragments**<sup>(B)</sup> **and hoped,**<sup>(C)</sup> **that** she would remember enough of the material to pass.
- A. ... head. Cindy ...  
B. ... fragments, and ...  
C. ... hoped that ...  
D. No change is necessary.

