

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,^(A) Donna thumps the top of her ancient computer monitor.^(B) Whenever the color tint flickers.^(C) 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.^(A) She folded her arms.^(B) and refused to pick up the scalpel.^(C) 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.^(A) Anticipating a bag of microwave popcorn.^(B) and a couple of hours in front of the television.^(C) 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,**^(A) **Michael** had no time to devote to the **yard,**^(B) **so** weeds, vines, and insects thrived in this **jungle.**^(C) **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,**^(A) **that** she did not have her **essay,**^(B) **Yao** received no sympathy from Professor **Santos.**^(C) **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,**^(A) **for her** father was noisily crunching raw **radishes,**^(B) **which** produced so annoying a **sound**^(C) **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**,^(A) **Emanuel** heard his stomach begin to **rumble**,^(B) **as** it processed the **food**,^(C) **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**,^(A) **Faye** found the house unbearably **hot**,^(B) **And** wished that the air conditioning **repairman**,^(C) **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**,^(A) **Kemette** squinted at the computer **screen**,^(B) **hoping** to find the information she **needed**,^(C) **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,**^(A) **Lorna** just **sighs.**^(B) **And** reminds herself that everything tastes **better**^(C) **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**^(A) **and** gorged on house **specialties,**^(B) **such as,**^(C) **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.**^(A) **For** example, the dryer will eat **underwear,**^(B) **and** the microwave will suck off half a frozen **dinner**^(C) **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,^(A) **and** strode through the hallway.^(B) **A** brightly colored tie streamed over his shoulder,^(C) **flapping** in his wake.
- A. ... stairs, and ...
B. ... hallway, a ...
C. ... shoulder flapping ...
D. No change is necessary.
14. Despite her parents' disapproval,^(A) **Tran** continues to date Charlie.^(B) **A** nice young man,^(C) **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.^(A) **Such as** rotting bananas on the kitchen counter,^(B) **desiccated** grapes in a bowl on the coffee table,^(C) **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** ^(A) **to** compare room and flight **rates**, ^(B) **Shaquita** fantasized about a spring break vacation to **Hawaii**. ^(C) **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** ^(A) **who** enjoys skydiving, motorcycle racing, and boxing. **But** ^(B) **will** not eat raw cookie **dough** ^(C) **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** ^(A) **from** lack of water on Terry's kitchen **window** ^(B) **while** the faucet dripped **wastefully**, ^(C) **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,**^(A) **Cary remembered**^(B) **that** next semester's tuition was due in two **weeks.**^(C) **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,**^(A) **Cindy** took the quiz on **fragments**^(B) **and hoped,**^(C) **that** she would remember enough of the material to pass.
- A. ... head. Cindy ...
 - B. ... fragments, and ...
 - C. ... hoped that ...
 - D. No change is necessary.

