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 (A) **school,** (B) **Michael** had no time to devote to the (C) **yard,** so weeds, vines, and insects thrived in this (B) **jungle.** 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 (A) **reason** that she did not have her (B) **essay,** (C) **Yao** received no sympathy from Professor (C) **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 (A) **room,** (B) **for her** father was noisily crunching raw (B) **radishes,** which produced so annoying a (C) **sound** 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, Emanuel heard his stomach begin to rumble as it processed the food. 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, Faye found the house unbearably hot. And wished that the air conditioning repairman, 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, Kemette squinted at the computer screen, hoping to find the information she needed 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, Lorna just sighs. And reminds herself that everything tastes better 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 and gorged on house specialties, such as 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. For example, the dryer will eat underwear, and the microwave will suck off half a frozen dinner 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, Cary remembered that next semester's tuition was due in two weeks. 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, Cindy took the quiz on fragments and hoped that she would remember enough of the material to pass.

A. ... head. Cindy ...
B. ... fragments, and ...
C. ... hoped that ...
D. No change is necessary.