

# 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.

