

FRAGMENTS – EXERCISE 7

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. After Deidre saw the tiny balance on her ATM receipt,^(A) she realized,^(B) that her meals for the next week would consist of cheap food,^(C) such as peanut butter sandwiches and instant soup.

- A. ... receipt. She ...
- B. ... realized that ...
- C. ... food. Such ...
- D. No change is necessary.

2. Smiling with satisfaction^(A) Michelle typed the last sentence of her research paper. Then a bolt of lightning crashed nearby,^(B) extinguishing the electricity^(C) and making poor Michelle wish that she had invested in a surge protector.

- A. ... satisfaction, Michelle ...
- B. ... nearby. Extinguishing ...
- C. ... electricity. And ...
- D. No change is necessary.

3. When the cell phone began to chime in her book **bag,**^(A) **Jasmine** froze in her **seat**^(B) **as** all eyes in the room darted from her to Professor **Williams.**^(C) **An** instructor who tolerated no interruptions during a lecture.
- A. ... bag. Jasmine ...
B. ... seat. As ...
C. ... Williams, an ...
D. No change is necessary.
4. As Alex navigated the narrow row of **chairs.**^(A) **His** heavy book bag bumped the large soda perched on Teresa's **desk,**^(B) **sending** a shower of diet cola into the girl's **lap,**^(C) **soaking** her jeans.
- A. ... chairs, his ...
B. ... desk. Sending ...
C. ... lap soaking ...
D. No change is necessary.
5. You might **think**^(A) **that** a floor-length dress is **conservative**^(B) **until** you see the one that Christina **wears.**^(C) **A** psychedelic swirl of pinks and purples that attracts everyone's attention.
- A. ... think, that ...
B. ... conservative. Until ...
C. ... wears. It is a ...
D. No change is necessary.

6. As all of her classmates were sharing results ^(A) **Melody** quietly left the room ^(B) **and** found a quiet corner in the hallway ^(C) **so that** she could see her grade without embarrassing herself in front of her friends.

- A. ... results, Melody ...
- B. ... room, and ...
- C. ... hallway. So that ...
- D. No change is necessary.

7. Gloria and Scooby stood in front of the bathroom mirror, ^(A) **bitterly** complaining about the difficult midterm and stern teaching in their biology course. ^(B) **As** Professor Perry, their instructor, ^(C) **eavesdropped** from inside a far stall.

- A. ... mirror bitterly ...
- B. ... course as ...
- C. ... instructor eavesdropped ...
- D. No change is necessary.

8. One day in class, Shantrell rested her head against the wall ^(A) **and** discovered ^(B) **that** she could hear the classical music that Professor Nguyen played in his office on the other side. ^(C) **The music promptly** put her to sleep.

- A. ... wall. And ...
- B. ... discovered, that ...
- C. ... side. Which promptly ...
- D. No change is necessary.

9. While Professor Koopman explained the consequences of the French **Revolution,**^(A) **Tiffany** and Faith sniffled uncomfortably in their **seats,**^(B) **suffocated** by the cheap shaving **lotion**^(C) **that** Henry always wore.
- A. ... Revolution. Tiffany ...
B. ... seats. Suffocated ...
C. ... lotion, that ...
D. No change is necessary.
10. Once class was **over,**^(A) **Maria** used to meet her lab partner Chris at the diner near **campus**^(B) **until** she discovered that Chris **preferred,**^(C) **to** flirt with the waitresses instead of discussing the chemistry homework.
- A. ... over Maria ...
B. ... campus, until ...
C. ... preferred to ...
D. No change is necessary.
11. Coated with **dust,**^(A) **the** blinds filtered the sunlight entering Adrian's cluttered **apartment,**^(B) **where** clothing and empty take-out boxes littered the **floor.**^(C) **As** flies buzzed around rotting bananas on the kitchen counter.
- A. ... dust the ...
B. ... apartment. Where ...
C. ... floor as ...
D. No change is necessary.

12. Hands covered in cookie **dough,**^(A) **Madeline** ran to the **phone,**^(B) **hoping** that the call was from **Eric.**^(C) **Her** boyfriend who had broken his promise to call the day before.
- A. ... dough Madeline ...
 - B. ... phone hoping ...
 - C. ... Eric, her ...
 - D. No change is necessary.
13. Wendy pushed her glasses up her **nose,**^(A) **and** blew loose strands of hair from her **eyes,**^(B) **hoping** that clearer vision would help her make sense of the difficult algebra **problem.**^(C) **that** she was trying to solve.
- A. ... nose and ...
 - B. ... eyes. Hoping ...
 - C. ... problem, that ...
 - D. No change is necessary.
14. To get on his mother's good **side,**^(A) **Rufus** offered to unpack the **groceries,**^(B) **but dropped** the carton of eggs that Mom would later **need.**^(C) **to** make chocolate-broccoli muffins for the church bake sale.
- A. ... side Rufus ...
 - B. ... groceries. But he dropped ...
 - C. ... need, to ...
 - D. No change is necessary.

15. Circling the parking lot,^(A) Dominique searched for an empty space close to the mall entrance,^(B) so that an afternoon thunderstorm would not drench her,^(C) while she was loaded down with good buys.

- A. ... lot Dominique ...
- B. ... entrance. So ...
- C. ... her, while ...
- D. No change is necessary.

16. If his friends walked into the bookstore,^(A) Boris had a stack of car magazines as camouflage,^(B) but he was really reading *Better Homes and Gardens*, studying decorating ideas,^(C) to spruce up his first apartment.

- A. ... bookstore, Boris ...
- B. ... camouflage but ...
- C. ... ideas, to ...
- D. No change is necessary.

17. To make his long shift at Bernie's Burger Emporium tolerable,^(A) Kelvin used ketchup,^(B) to make smiley faces on the burgers,^(C) that he assembled at the grill.

- A. ... tolerable. Kelvin ...
- B. ... ketchup to ...
- C. ... burgers, that ...
- D. No change is necessary.

18. Darryl has the messiest book **bag**^(A) **of** anyone Rachel **knows**^(B); **he** essentially has a compost pile rotting in the main **compartment**^(C). **For instance, pistachio** shells, pencil shavings, and a brown banana.
- A. ... bag, of ...
B. ... knows, he ...
C. ... compartment. For instance, there are pistachio ...
D. No change is necessary.
19. Professor Neal loves chocolate **cake**^(A). **But** could not accept the slice that her student Michael **offered**^(B) **because** she knew that it was a **bribe**^(C) **for** a better grade on his midterm essay.
- A. ... cake but ...
B. ... offered. Because ...
C. ... bribe, for ...
D. No change is necessary.
20. Dressing for her interview with the **recruiters**^(A), **Leisha** debated wearing four hoops in each ear and a nose **ring**^(B) **or** removing the **jewelry**^(C) **and** tolerating convention during the college job fair.
- A. ... recruiters Leisha ...
B. ... ring. Or ...
C. ... jewelry, and ...
D. No change is necessary.

