

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 Mr. Williams,^(C) A professor who tolerated no interruptions during a lecture.
 - A. ... bag. Jasmine ...
 - B. ... seat. As ...
 - C. ... Mr. Williams, a ...
 - D. No change is necessary.

4. As Alex squeezed down the narrow row of chairs.(A) His heavy book bag bumped the large soda perched on a desk.(B) sending a shower of diet cola into Teresa'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** Mrs. Perry, their **professor**,^(C) **eavesdropped** from inside a far stall.
- A. ... mirror bitterly ...
B. ... course as ...
C. ... professor 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 Mr. 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 classes were 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 their chemistry homework.
- A. ... over Maria ...
B. ... campus, until ...
C. ... preferred to ...
D. No change is necessary.
11. Coated with dust,^(A) the blinds filtered shadowy light into 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 wouldn't 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. Mrs. Neal loves chocolate **cake** ^(A) **But** couldn't 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.

