Pronoun Agreement – Exercise 3

Directions: Choose the pronoun that establishes agreement. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. Each of my brothers has some lame excuse why ____ will not recycle or carpool.
   A. he
   B. they

2. The Committee of Victorious Vegetarians picketed the cafeteria so that ____ could protest the cruel and unusual treatment of plant matter by the cooks.
   A. it
   B. they

3. Not only Mayor Lopez but also the city council members donated ____ lunch money to a downtown shelter for World Hunger Day.
   A. her
   B. his or her
   C. their

4. My thirty-six-year-old brother still prizes a squirrel skull and a cigar box full of baseball cards because ____ from his happy childhood.
   A. it is a relic
   B. they are relics
5. While Nuclear Toasters performed during the Battle of the Bands, Mark and Pedro made ____ dizzy while head banging in the crowd.

   A. himself
   B. themself
   C. themselves

6. When a tornado appeared on the horizon, the family agreed that ____ would have to postpone the picnic.

   A. it
   B. they

7. Jenny threatened to stab her husband Bill with the $150 sewing scissors because he had used ____ to cut roofing shingles.

   A. it
   B. them

8. The Galati family soon realized that ____ must vacuum more frequently to keep the hair of Coco, the new Labrador retriever puppy, from sticking to everyone’s feet.

   A. it
   B. they

9. Captain Kirk, as well as the other bridge crew, denied that ____ had dented the right thruster of the Enterprise while buzzing a Romulan outpost.

   A. he
   B. they
10. Every student, professor, librarian, groundskeeper, secretary, and coach cheered with approval when the cafeteria staff agreed to treat more kindly the vegetables under ____ care.

   A. its
   B. their

11. My friend Eric, like too many students in our Basic Spanish class, believes that ____ need to learn a foreign language.

   A. he does not
   B. they do not

12. If those gourmands want a food adventure, ____ should try Tito’s Taco Palace, which provides at least one exotic, high-protein insect in every tortilla.

   A. he or she
   B. they

13. Neither of my brothers realized that ____ splashing legs were captivating a hungry shark cruising under the waves.

   A. his
   B. their

14. Either Ryan or his brothers will give ____ socks to a stranger complaining about blisters.

   A. his
   B. their
15. Each tomato, cucumber, pepper, and green bean luxuriated in the cool spray of the sprinkler while the water washed off ____ dusty skin.

A. its
B. their

16. If my friends kept opinions about basketball, music, and politics to ____ , they would argue less.

A. him or herself
B. themselves
C. themself

17. After closing the restaurant, the pizzeria staff drove home, fell into ____ , and dreamed about things as diverse as race cars, poodles, and skies full of spinning pepperoni slices.

A. its bed
B. their beds

18. Bernie’s Burger Emporium claims that ____ burgers are low fat, but the optional condiments that I require to make the dry patties palatable add plenty of calories.

A. its
B. their

19. Not only the cats but also Jasper the dog believes that the bed is ____ , and humans are permitted to sleep on it only because they warm the mattress.

A. his
B. theirs
20. When classes begin this year, Edgewater High School will allow ____ students to have visible piercings only in their ears.

A. its  
B. their