Word Choice – Exercise 10: Whose and Who’s

This handout accompanies Exercise 10 of Grammar Bytes! Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—whose or who’s.

1. Give that glass of cold water to Stephen, __________ determined to finish the entire bowl of squid eyeball stew.
2. Stephen, __________ mouth burned after a big spoonful of the piping hot stew, grabbed the glass of cold water and took a long drink.
3. Up and down the long hallway paces Julio, __________ hoping that Mrs. Abbot will give him one more extension for the research essay when she returns to her office.
4. Professor Duncan returned the failing exam to Lornice, __________ poor performance on the midterm confirmed her reputation as a slacker.
5. While waiting in line at the register, Bryan stared at the cashier, __________ long, painted fingernails curled like macaroni.
6. Although we tried to concentrate on Mr. Nguyen’s lecture, we couldn’t help eavesdropping on Jerry, __________ loud voice boomed in the hallway as he chatted on his cell phone.
7. Ernesto, __________ ignoring Gloria’s frequent telephone calls, hopes to see Jasmine’s name and number pop up on his caller ID.
8. During biology lab, Eddie cannot keep his mind off the beautiful redhead __________ dating the jealous football player sitting beside her.
9. Unable to remember a single cause of the French Revolution, Corey glanced at John, __________ neat handwriting filled every available line in the exam book.
10. Before you eat the cold leftovers in that casserole dish, talk to Katie, __________ taking a microbiology class this semester and knows what miniscule creatures are crawling in the food.
11. When Daniel gets to Spanish class, he might summon his courage and talk to Lisa, __________ been smiling at him for half a semester.
12. Lisa, __________ smile lights up the classroom, has attracted the attention of Mario, who enjoys flexing his biceps as the students recite long lists of conjugated verbs.
13. Mario feels nothing but disdain for Daniel, __________ shyness keeps his eyes fixed on the textbook instead of gazing at the lovely Lisa.
14. Joey, __________ hoping to graduate with a perfect 4.0 GPA, worries that his chances are evaporating since Professor Orson is so difficult to please.
15. Hide that bottle of insect repellent from Maya, __________ down at the lake shore charming the dragonflies.
16. To avoid eating the stringy spears of asparagus, Markus sneaks them to his dog Cooper, __________ willing to “disappear” anything drenched with butter.

17. Sheila winked at Wilson, __________ cheeks blushed a bright pink.

18. To earn the highest possible grade on his essays, Darren brings drafts to Gertrude, __________ happy to show off her superior grammar skills while she edits his work.

19. Isabelle glared at Derrick, __________ loud knuckle cracking interfered with her ability to concentrate on the calculus quiz.

20. After admiring the gold necklace at the jewelry counter, Marlene looked up from her empty wallet to Wilfredo, __________ front pocket bulged with money he had gotten for his birthday.