

# 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.<sup>(A)</sup> she realized.<sup>(B)</sup> that her meals for the next week would consist of cheap food.<sup>(C)</sup> 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.<sup>(A)</sup> Michelle typed the last sentence of her research paper. Then a bolt of lightning crashed nearby.<sup>(B)</sup> extinguishing the electricity.<sup>(C)</sup> 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.<sup>(A)</sup> Jasmine froze in her seat.<sup>(B)</sup> as all eyes in the room darted from her to Mr. Williams.<sup>(C)</sup> 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**,<sup>(A)</sup> **bitterly** complaining about the difficult midterm and stern teaching in their biology **course**.<sup>(B)</sup> **As** Mrs. Perry, their **professor**,<sup>(C)</sup> **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**,<sup>(A)</sup> **and** **discovered** <sup>(B)</sup> **that** she could hear the classical music that Mr. Nguyen played in his office on the other **side**.<sup>(C)</sup> **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**,<sup>(A)</sup> **Tiffany** and Faith sniffled uncomfortably in their **seats**,<sup>(B)</sup> **suffocated** by the cheap shaving **lotion**.<sup>(C)</sup> **that** Henry always wore.
- A. ... Revolution. Tiffany ...  
B. ... seats. Suffocated ...  
C. ... lotion, that ...  
D. No change is necessary.

10. Once classes were over,<sup>(A)</sup> **Maria** used to meet her lab partner Chris at the diner near campus,<sup>(B)</sup> until she discovered that Chris preferred,<sup>(C)</sup> 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,<sup>(A)</sup> the blinds filtered shadowy light into Adrian's cluttered apartment,<sup>(B)</sup> where clothing and empty take-out boxes littered the floor,<sup>(C)</sup> 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,<sup>(A)</sup> **Madeline** ran to the phone,<sup>(B)</sup> hoping that the call was from Eric,<sup>(C)</sup> 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**,<sup>(A)</sup> **and** blew loose strands of hair from her **eyes**,<sup>(B)</sup> **hoping** that clearer vision would help her make sense of the difficult algebra **problem**,<sup>(C)</sup> **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**,<sup>(A)</sup> **Rufus** offered to unpack the **groceries**,<sup>(B)</sup> **but dropped** the carton of eggs that Mom would later **need**,<sup>(C)</sup> **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**,<sup>(A)</sup> **Dominique** searched for an empty space close to the mall **entrance**,<sup>(B)</sup> **so** that an afternoon thunderstorm wouldn't drench **her**,<sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **Boris** had a stack of car magazines as camouflage <sup>(B)</sup> **but** he was really reading Better Homes and Gardens, studying decorating ideas <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **Kelvin** used ketchup <sup>(B)</sup> **to** make smiley faces on the burgers <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **of** anyone Rachel knows <sup>(B)</sup> **he** essentially has a compost pile rotting in the main compartment <sup>(C)</sup> **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 <sup>(A)</sup> **But** couldn't accept the slice that her student Michael offered <sup>(B)</sup> **because** she knew that it was a bribe <sup>(C)</sup> **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,<sup>(A)</sup> Leisha debated wearing four hoops in each ear and a nose ring,<sup>(B)</sup> or removing the jewelry,<sup>(C)</sup> and tolerating convention during the college job fair.
- A. ... recruiters Leisha ...
  - B. ... ring. Or ...
  - C. ... jewelry, and ...
  - D. No change is necessary.

