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MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Select the letter of the answer that best describes the underlined portion of each sentence.

- 1) In what has been called an earth-shattering discovery, evidence of life on Mars was recently uncovered. 1) _____
A) adverb B) noun C) adjective
- 2) The announcement of the amazing discovery came at a NASA news conference. 2) _____
A) adverb B) noun C) adjective
- 3) The evidence comes from a 4.2-pound meteorite that was found in Antarctica in 1984. 3) _____
A) noun B) conjunctive adverb C) relative pronoun
- 4) Within the interior fissures of the meteorite, scientists found sections of carbonate. 4) _____
A) adverb B) possessive noun C) adjective
- 5) These sections contained tubular structures similar to microscopic fossils of bacteria. 5) _____
A) subject B) predicate C) adjective
- 6) Scientists found concentrated hydrocarbons, iron sulfides, and magnetite around the possible fossils. 6) _____
A) participle phrase B) independent clause C) prepositional phrase
- 7) Hydrocarbons are often found in sediment around decaying organisms, and iron sulfides and magnetite are compounds produced by microorganisms. 7) _____
A) independent clause B) relative clause C) dependent clause
- 8) David S. McKay, a planetary scientist, led the team that made the discovery. 8) _____
A) dependent clause B) appositive C) independent clause
- 9) He says the combination of evidence is compelling enough to claim the team has discovered evidence of past life. 9) _____
A) object B) predicate C) subject
- 10) While the team of scientists has not found "the smoking gun," they believe their Martian life theory offers the simplest explanation. 10) _____
A) participle phrase B) independent clause C) dependent clause
- 11) Many in the scientific community are excited by the team's discovery; however, not all of them agree that the evidence is conclusive. 11) _____
A) subordinating conjunction
B) conjunctive adverb
C) coordinating conjunction

- 12) Some scientists are skeptical because the compounds found on the meteorite have also been found on meteorites that weren't from Mars. 12) _____
 A) conjunctive adverb
 B) subordinating conjunction
 C) coordinating conjunction
- 13) In spite of the controversy, the discovery will most likely speed up NASA's plans to send probes to Mars. 13) _____
 A) adverb
 B) infinitive verb
 C) prepositional phrase
- 14) Hoping to capitalize on the team's discovery, NASA plans to send several unmanned expeditions to Mars in the next ten to fifteen years. 14) _____
 A) dependent clause
 B) independent clause
 C) participle phrase
- 15) These will be followed by a manned expedition to Mars in the second decade of the twenty-first century. 15) _____
 A) subject
 B) collective noun
 C) proper noun

Select the letter of the correct verb.

- 16) In the early 1970s, the United States _____ to experience a new wave of immigration. 16) _____
 A) begun
 B) begins
 C) began
- 17) Since the 1970s, approximately 800,000 legal and 300,000 illegal new immigrants _____ the United States. 17) _____
 A) have entered
 B) enter
 C) are entering
- 18) As a result, between 1970 and 1998 the percentage of immigrants in the United States _____ from 4.8% to 8.9%. 18) _____
 A) raised
 B) rose
 C) was rising
- 19) Until recently, most of the new immigrants _____ from Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. 19) _____
 A) came
 B) come
 C) are coming
- 20) Large numbers of the new immigrants have _____ to live in New York, Texas, Florida, or California. 20) _____
 A) chose
 B) chosen
 C) chosed
- 21) By the late 1990s, after years of unrestricted traffic, the large number of immigrants _____ a financial burden for these states. 21) _____
 A) has become
 B) had become
 C) became
- 22) Until then, welfare agencies, health care facilities, and school systems _____ the brunt of the pressure. 22) _____
 A) bore
 B) had borne
 C) have borne
- 23) People say these agencies are hard-pressed to provide services now that tax dollars _____. 23) _____
 A) dry up
 B) are drying up
 C) had dried up

- 24) Some people want to place limits on immigration because they fear that today illegal immigrants _____ jobs away from citizens. 24) _____
 A) have been taking B) are taking C) would take
- 25) Some _____ about how new immigrants might assimilate in a nation whose people are mainly European. 25) _____
 A) are concern B) are concerned C) have been concern

Select the letter of the choice that represents the correct use of the pronoun case.

- 26) John, Cathy, and _____ like to go to rock concerts. 26) _____
 A) me B) I
- 27) John prefers the "classic" groups like the Eagles and the Who, both of _____ have had reunion tours. 27) _____
 A) whom B) who
- 28) Between you and _____, I think these groups are 28) _____
 A) I B) me
- 29) I prefer somewhat more contemporary groups such as the Cranberries and Hootie and the Blowfish, but I have to admit, _____ sounds are similar to some old groups that John likes. 29) _____
 A) there B) their C) they're
- 30) One group that never seemed , although _____ music never changed from the sixties, was the Grateful Dead. 30) _____
 A) their B) there C) its
- 31) For a long time, John and Cathy were Deadheads, people _____ travel from city to city following the Grateful Dead on tour. 31) _____
 A) who B) that C) whom
- 32) To John and _____, the Grateful Dead embodied all the vices and virtues of the sixties. 32) _____
 A) her B) she
- 33) Free love, communal living, pacifism, mind-expansion through drugs, _____ the values the Dead professed. 33) _____
 A) this is B) these are
- 34) _____ three did not always agree about the values the Dead stood for, but we sure loved the band's music. 34) _____
 A) We B) Us
- 35) We also loved the atmosphere surrounding the Dead's concerts, as much as the concerts _____ 35) _____
 A) themselves B) theirselves C) themself

- 36) The Volkswagen buses plastered with peace and flower-power decals, the people selling Dead paraphernalia, the sharing of food and resources, no one enjoyed these more than _____. 36) _____
A) us B) we C) ours

Select the letter of the correct answer.

- 37) Some Americans were _____ that the English language is losing ground in the United States. 37) _____
A) really worried B) real worried
- 38) They believed that legislation was _____ needed to guarantee English as the nation's standard language. 38) _____
A) bad B) badly
- 39) A bill before the Senate, the English Language Empowerment Act, would make English an _____ sanctioned language. 39) _____
A) official B) officially
- 40) However, linguists point to the worldwide use of English as _____ in the history of languages. 40) _____
A) more unique B) most unique C) unique
- 41) They argue that fears of a decline in the use of English should not be taken _____. 41) _____
A) too seriously B) too serious C) to seriously
- 42) About one-fifth of the world's population now speaks English _____ enough to communicate. 42) _____
A) well B) good
- 43) The number of people who speak English as a second language is growing _____. 43) _____
A) really quickly B) real quickly C) really quick
- 44) The use of English is _____ throughout much of Asia and Africa. 44) _____
A) spreaded widely B) wide-spread C) wide spread out
- 45) In a number of countries where numerous languages and dialects are spoken, English has some _____ advantages for language factions trying to communicate among themselves. 45) _____
A) terribly practical B) very practical
- 46) Technology has also had a _____ impact on the spread of English throughout the world. 46) _____
A) dramatical B) dramatic C) dramatized
- 47) The Internet provides _____ opportunities that could not be imagined a few years ago. 47) _____
A) education B) educational
- 48) However, students must have a _____ grasp of English to avail themselves of these opportunities. 48) _____
A) reasonably good B) real good C) reasonable good

Select the letter of the correct verb.

- 49) Everyone, at one time or another, _____ seen pictures of tornadoes. 49) _____
A) has B) have
- 50) These storms, intense whirlwinds shaped like a funnel, _____ among the most destructive 50) _____
forces in nature.
A) are B) is
- 51) They usually form between April and June when masses of cool, dry air from Canada _____ 51) _____
with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.
A) collides B) collide
- 52) Carrying winds in excess of 200 miles per hour, one of these storms _____ capable of leveling 52) _____
whole towns.
A) are B) is
- 53) Each year there _____ about 1,000 tornadoes reported in the United States. 53) _____
A) are B) is
- 54) In one year alone, property damage caused by tornadoes _____ estimated at close to half a 54) _____
billion dollars.
A) was B) were
- 55) Since 1900, a large number of Americans, 10,000 to be exact, _____ died in tornadoes. 55) _____
A) has B) have
- 56) Although many people believe that a tornado, also known as a twister, _____ only in the 56) _____
Midwest, one can occur in almost every part of the country.
A) develop B) develops
- 57) When a twister or a tornado _____ over water, it is called a water spout. 57) _____
A) form B) forms
- 58) Scientists known as storm chasers _____ been closely following tornadoes to learn how they 58) _____
are formed.
A) have B) has
- 59) The film *Twister* follows a team of scientists that _____ after these dangerous storms. 59) _____
A) chase B) chases
- 60) Unlike the scientists who _____ these storms in real life, the film's storm chasers get within a 60) _____
few hundred yards of the tornadoes.
A) follows B) follow

SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.

Choose the sentence that does not contain a sentence fragment and is punctuated correctly.

- 61) A) Most authorities on the subject trace the origins of the detective story to Edgar Allan Poe. The nineteenth century short story writer, critic, and poet who wrote "The Raven." 61) _____
- B) Most authorities on the subject trace the origins of the detective story to Edgar Allan Poe, the nineteenth-century short story writer, critic, and poet who wrote "The Raven."
- C) Most authorities on the subject trace the origins of the detective story to Edgar Allan Poe, the nineteenth century short story writer, critic, and poet. Who wrote "The Raven."
- 62) A) In the 1840s Poe wrote stories which established many of the conventions of the genre. Such as "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Mystery of Marie Roget," and "The Purloined Letter." 62) _____
- B) In the 1840s Poe wrote stories which established many of the conventions of the genre. For example, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Mystery of Marie Roget," and "The Purloined Letter."
- C In the 1840s Poe wrote stories which established many of the conventions of the genre, such as "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Mystery of Marie Roget," and "The Purloined Letter."
- 63) A) In "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," Poe created C. Auguste Dupin, fiction's first amateur detective. 63) _____
- B) In "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," Poe created C. Auguste Dupin fiction's first amateur detective.
- C) In "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," Poe created C. Auguste Dupin. Who was fiction's first amateur detective.
- 64) A) Poe also created the convention of the narrator who is an admiring friend. A device that was later made famous by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 64) _____
- B) Poe also created the convention of the narrator who is an admiring friend. This device was later made famous by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- C) Poe also created the convention of the narrator. An admiring friend and a device that was later made famous by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- 65) A) In honor of Sherlock Holmes' friend and chronicler. These narrators are now referred to as Watsons. 65) _____
- B) In honor of Sherlock Holmes' friend and chronicler; these narrators are now referred to as Watsons.
- C) In honor of Sherlock Holmes' friend and chronicler, these narrators are now referred to as Watsons.

- 66) A) Poe also established the following conventions. The locked room mystery, the accusations of an innocent suspect, and the trap set for the real perpetrator. 66) _____
- B) Poe also established the following conventions, the locked room mystery, the accusations of an innocent suspect, and the trap set for the real perpetrator.
- C) Poe also established the following conventions: the locked room mystery, the accusations of an innocent suspect, and the trap set for the real perpetrator.
- 67) A) Poe also invented the convention of the solution that is overlooked. Because it is so obvious. 67) _____
- B) Poe also invented the convention of the solution that is overlooked because it is so obvious.
- C) Poe also invented the convention of the solution that is overlooked, because it is so obvious.
- 68) A) The pitting of detective against bumbling police officer was yet another convention Poe invented. 68) _____
- B) The pitting of detective against bumbling police officer. It was yet another convention Poe invented.
- C) The pitting of detective against bumbling police officer was yet another convention. Which Poe invented.
- 69) A) There are several sub-genres of detective fiction. For instance, private eye mysteries, police procedurals, hard-boiled mysteries, locked room mysteries, and thrillers. 69) _____
- B) There are several sub-genres of detective fiction, such as private eye mysteries, police procedurals, hard-boiled mysteries, locked room mysteries, and thrillers.
- C) There are several sub-genres of detective fiction. Including private eye mysteries, police procedurals, hard-boiled mysteries, locked room mysteries, and thrillers.
- 70) A) The locked room mystery was perfected by John Dickenson Carr. Generally regarded as the greatest plot magician. 70) _____
- B) The locked room mystery was perfected by John Dickenson Carr, he is generally regarded as the greatest plot magician.
- C) The locked room mystery was perfected by John Dickenson Carr, who is generally regarded as the greatest plot magician.

- 71) A) In a locked room mystery, where not only is the crime committed in a room with locked windows and doors. But the room is also watched by witnesses. 71) _____
- B) In a locked room mystery, not only is the crime committed in a room with locked windows and doors. But also watched by witnesses.
- C) In a locked room mystery, not only is the crime committed in a room with locked windows and doors, but the room is also watched by witnesses.
- 72) A) Inventing dozens of ways of entering and exiting the locked room, Carr never once used a secret passage! 72) _____
- B) Inventing dozens of ways of entering and exiting the locked room. Carr never once used a secret passage!
- C) Though he invented dozens of ways of entering and exiting a locked room. Carr never once used a secret passage!

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Select the letter of the correct verb.

- 73) Anyone who has experienced these intense storms _____ better than to get so close. 73) _____
 A) knows B) know

Choose the letter of the selection that creates neither a comma splice nor a fused sentence.

- 74) The U.S. Patent Office opened in 1838 it has granted more patents for mouse traps than for any other invention. 74) _____
 A) 1838, it B) 1838; it C) no change
- 75) The Patent Office grants about forty new mouse trap patents a year it turns down ten times as many applications. 75) _____
 A) year, but B) year but C) year; but
- 76) Thousands of mouse traps have been patented, only a few have made money for their inventors. 76) _____
 A) patented, however; B) patented; however, C) no change
- 77) Some early traps impaled, choked, or drowned mice, more recent inventions have electrocuted or gassed them. 77) _____
 A) mice; more B) mice; whereas, more C) no change
- 78) Successful choker traps lured a mouse into sticking its head through a hole then used a wire noose to choke it. 78) _____
 A) hole. Then used B) hole; then they used C) hole, then used
- 79) Not every mouse trap is designed to kill mice, some only trap them. 79) _____
 A) mice; some B) mice, and C) no change

- 80) In the 1870s, a number of "toy traps" were patented these lured the mouse into some sort of spinning, turning, or rolling mechanism. 80) _____
 A) patented; these B) patented, these C) no change
- 81) The mechanisms were similar to the plastic bubbles and exercise wheels found in today's small mammal habitats but once a mouse entered the toy trap, it could not escape. 81) _____
 A) habitats but, B) habitats, but C) no change
- 82) The most successful mouse trap was patented in 1903 by John Mast, it is still manufactured today. 82) _____
 A) Mast, which B) Mast. It C) no change
- 83) Mast's trap uses a striking method a spring-activated metal rod breaks the mouse's neck. 83) _____
 A) method: a B) method, a C) no change
- 84) Mast manufactured coleslaw and popcorn, one can see why he needed a mouse trap with foods that mice liked to eat on the premises. 84) _____
 A) popcorn, so B) popcorn; so C) no change

SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.

In each of the following sets, choose the letter of the sentence that expresses the thought most clearly and effectively.

- 85) A) People have inhabited a small cavern in Australia's Kakadu National Park for over 20,000 years continuously. 85) _____
 B) People have continuously inhabited a small cavern in Australia's Kakadu National Park for over 20,000 years.
- 86) A) Aborigines called the Gagudju lived there only a mere dozen years ago. 86) _____
 B) Aborigines called the Gagudju only lived there a mere dozen years ago.
- 87) A) Looking at the floor and in every corner of the cavern carefully, I saw stone tools and the bones of animals. 87) _____
 B) Looking carefully at the floor and in every corner of the cavern, I saw stone tools and the bones of animals.
- 88) A) Lying near these artifacts are more recently used objects, such as beer cans, styrofoam cups, and plastic wrappers. 88) _____
 B) Lying near these artifacts are objects, such as beer cans, styrofoam cups, and plastic wrappers.
- 89) A) The Gagudju now have abandoned the cavern and live in another part of the park. 89) _____
 B) The Gagudju have abandoned the cavern and now live in another part of the park.

- 90) A) The first time I visited the cavern, I only saw a painting of a fish on the wall. 90) _____
B) The first time I visited the cavern, I saw only a painting of a fish on the wall.
- 91) A) However, beside the fish there are paintings of spiny anteaters, goats, and pigs drawn finely. 91) _____
B) However, beside the fish there are finely drawn paintings of spiny anteaters, goats, and pigs.
- 92) A) Driving all day through the park, I came to the camp of the Gagudju who once lived at the site of the cavern. 92) _____
B) I came to the camp of the Gagudju after driving all day through the park who once lived near the site of the cavern.
- 93) A) Sitting cross-legged under a shady tree, there are several Aborigines who greet me. 93) _____
B) Sitting cross-legged under a shady tree, several Aborigines greet me.
- 94) A) Listening to their stories, they are the only ones I realize who can tell me about the Gagudju culture. 94) _____
B) Listening to their stories, I realize that they are the only ones who can tell me about the Gagudju's culture.
- 95) A) Never having been written down, these few old men possess the ancient knowledge of their people. 95) _____
B) Never having been written down, the ancient knowledge of their people is possessed by these few old men.
- 96) A) The elders speak in short sentences softly. 96) _____
B) The elders speak softly in short sentences.
- 97) A) They tell me about the time of the creation, called the Dreamtime, when ancestral beings created the land and gave birth to the people. 97) _____
B) Called the Dreamtime, they tell me about the time of the creation when ancestral beings created the land and gave birth to the people.
- 98) A) When the ancestral beings completed the creation, they told the Gagudju to not change anything. 98) _____
B) When the ancestral beings completed the creation, they told the Gagudju not to change anything.

99) A) They told the Gagudju to live in harmony with the land.

99) _____

B) They told the Gagudju to live with the land in harmony.

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Choose the letter of the selection that creates neither a comma splice nor a fused sentence.

100) Mast's trap has maintained its popularity for three reasons, it was simple, cheap to produce, and killed instantly. 100) _____
A) reasons: it B) reasons it C) no change

101) Electric mouse traps had one fatal flaw in their design, they were potentially dangerous to children and pets. 101) _____
A) design, which they B) design. They C) no change

102) The cheap cost of the snap trap is important because Americans do not remove the mouse and reset the trap, they drop the trap and the mouse into the trash. 102) _____
A) trap; they B) trap: they C) no change

103) This practice is entirely unnecessary; but, it makes the manufacturers very happy. 103) _____
A) unnecessary but, it B) unnecessary, but it C) unnecessary but it

Select the letter of the correct verb.

104) They don't want to end up like the cow in *Twister* or any of the other objects that _____ caught up in the storm and hurled through space. 104) _____
A) are B) is

Select the letter of the correct answer.

105) Because the Internet's linguistic patterns and best software are in English, it is _____ to carry on an electronic relationship without knowledge of English. 105) _____
A) near impossible B) nearly impossible

106) However, this situation most likely won't last long because changes in the Internet occur _____ for English to remain its only international language. 106) _____
A) too quick B) to quickly C) too quickly

107) Because English has become the international language of commerce, communication, and scientific discourse, people who are _____ about its status have nothing to worry about. 107) _____
A) real concern B) really concerned C) real concerned

Select the letter of the choice that represents the correct use of the pronoun case.

108) Cathy's favorite member of the band was Jerry Garcia, _____ lifestyle was the embodiment of excess. 108) _____
A) whom B) who's C) whose

- 109) When he died, I was deeply saddened, but I didn't take it nearly as hard as _____. 109) _____
 A) her B) she
- 110) Some people felt his death marked the end of the Dead, but I think _____ wrong. 110) _____
 A) they're B) their C) there
- 111) The spirit of the band lives on in its music and in fans like John, Cathy, and _____. 111) _____
 A) me B) I

Select the letter of the correct verb.

- 112) Soon after complaints arose, Congress _____ various proposals to limit the number of 112) _____
 immigrants admitted each year.
 A) is considering B) could consider C) considered
- 113) If some of the legislation _____, immigrants would be denied many benefits citizens take for 113) _____
 granted.
 A) would be passed B) were passed C) was passed
- 114) Some of the bills proposed in the late 1990s _____ no distinction between legal and illegal 114) _____
 immigrants.
 A) made B) were making C) have been making
- 115) If some of these laws are applied rigidly, legal immigrants _____ to take their children out of 115) _____
 public school.
 A) will be forced B) are being forced C) were forced
- 116) Some school districts in California said that they _____ to comply, if laws were applied to 116) _____
 deny an education to illegal immigrants.
 A) refuse B) will refuse C) would refuse

Answer Key

Testname: UNTITLED10

- 1) A
- 2) C
- 3) C
- 4) C
- 5) A
- 6) C
- 7) A
- 8) B
- 9) A
- 10) C
- 11) B
- 12) B
- 13) B
- 14) C
- 15) C
- 16) C
- 17) A
- 18) B
- 19) A
- 20) B
- 21) B
- 22) B
- 23) B
- 24) B
- 25) B
- 26) B
- 27) A
- 28) B
- 29) B
- 30) C
- 31) A
- 32) A
- 33) B
- 34) A
- 35) A
- 36) B
- 37) A
- 38) B
- 39) B
- 40) C
- 41) A
- 42) A
- 43) A
- 44) B
- 45) B
- 46) B
- 47) B
- 48) A
- 49) A
- 50) A

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- 51) B
- 52) B
- 53) A
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- 58) A
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- 62) C
- 63) A
- 64) B
- 65) C
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- 67) B
- 68) A
- 69) B
- 70) C
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- 72) A
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- 99) A
- 100) A

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- 101) B
- 102) A
- 103) B
- 104) A
- 105) B
- 106) C
- 107) B
- 108) C
- 109) B
- 110) A
- 111) A
- 112) C
- 113) B
- 114) A
- 115) A
- 116) C