

Grammar Test

Time: 25 minutes
40 questions

Part I

Directions:

Questions **1-15** are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked **a), b), c),** and **d)**. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Note: you may not choose two answers as correct. In this situation, none of these answers will be counted in.

1. Not only _____ generate energy, but it also produces fuel for other fission reactors.
(A) a nuclear breeder reactor
(B) it is a nuclear breeder reactor
(C) does a nuclear breeder reactor
(D) is a nuclear breeder reactor

2. The flora of the arid American Southwest is less varied than _____.
(A) the semi-tropical Southeast
(B) it is the semi-tropical Southeast
(C) the Southeast is semi-tropical
(D) that of the semi-tropical Southeast

3. The size and shape of a nail depend primarily on the function _____ intended.
(A) which it is
(B) for which it is
(C) which it is for
(D) for which is

4. Natural silk is still highly prized _____ similar artificial fabrics.
(A) although is available
(B) despite there are available
(C) in spite of the availability of
(D) even though an availability of

5. _____ so incredible is that these insects successfully migrate to places that they have never even seen.
(A) That makes the monarch butterflies' migration
(B) The migration of the monarch butterflies is
(C) What makes the monarch butterflies' migration
(D) The migration of the monarch butterflies, which is

6. It is difficult _____ through swamps because of tangled roots and shallow waterways.
(A) to navigate even for small boats
(B) for even small boats to navigate
(C) even small boats for to navigate

(D) even to navigate for small boats

7. Barbara Jordan was the first woman in the South to win an election to the House of Representatives, _____ as Congresswoman from Texas from 1973 to 1979.

- (A) to serve
- (B) served
- (C) serving
- (D) has served

8. The type of plant and animal life living in and around a pond depends on the soil of the pond, _____, and the pond's location.

- (A) what the quality of the water is
- (B) how is the water quality
- (C) the quality of the water
- (D) what is the water quality

9. In 1837 the University of Michigan became the first state university _____ by a board of regents elected by the voters of the state.

- (A) under the control
- (B) it was controlled
- (C) being controlled
- (D) to be controlled

10. The North American robin is only _____ the European and African robins.

- (A) half big
- (B) as big half
- (C) half as big as
- (D) big by half

11. Canada does not require that U.S. citizens obtain passports to enter the country, and _____.

- (A) Mexico does neither
- (B) Mexico doesn't either
- (C) neither Mexico does
- (D) either does Mexico

12. One of the world's greatest rivers, _____.

- (A) one third of North America is linked by the water of the Mississippi
- (B) the Mississippi links one third of North America by water
- (C) North America is linked by the Mississippi in one third of the water
- (D) the water is linked in North America by one third of the Mississippi

13. The city of Kalamazoo, Michigan, derives its name from a Native American word _____ "bubbling springs."

- (A) meant
- (B) meaning
- (C) that it meant
- (D) whose meaning

14. The mountains surrounding Los Angeles effectively shield the city from the hot, dry winds of the Mojave Desert, _____ the circulation of air.

- (A) but they also prevent
- (B) also prevented by them
- (C) and also to prevent

(D) and also preventing

15. _____ appears considerably larger at the horizon than it does overhead is merely an optical illusion.

- (A) The Moon
- (B) That the Moon
- (C) When the Moon
- (D) The Moon which

Part II

Directions:

In questions 16-40, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked a), b), c), and d). Identify the one word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct.

Note: you may not choose two answers as correct. In this situation, none of these answers will be counted in.

16. Pleased to be asked for her thoughts, Gabriela openly said that she was not used to be told what to do.
A B C D
17. It is a common observation that liquids will soak through some materials but not through other.
A B C D
18. Because the high risk of fire during the drought, the officials ordered that no outside fire of any sort could be set.
A B C D
19. My next door neighbor, who is usually shy and doesn't say much, is being very friendly this morning and has a big party tonight for all his friends.
A B C D
20. The building of the Great Wall of China began between the 7th and 8th centuries BC as the means of defending most of the country from the invading people of the north,
A B C D
21. Liquids take the shape of any container which in they are placed.
A B C D
22. A wooden barrel is made from strips of wood called staves holding together with metal hoops.
A B C D
23. The mineral grains in basalt are so much small that they cannot be seen with the unaided eye.
A B C D
24. Forests cover near half the land area of Tennessee.
A B C D
25. Every one of the body's billions of cells require a constant supply of food and oxygen.
A B C D
26. It is a chemical called capsaicin that gives hot peppers their spice flavor.
A B C D
27. In the mid-1900's, an increasing number of jobs in the United States have involved the handling of information.
A B C D

28. Some underground water is enough safe to drink, but all surface water must be treated.
 A B C D
29. Snowshoes allow a person walking on snow without sinking into it because they distribute the person's weight over a wide area.
 A B C D
30. Most modern barns are both insulated, ventilated, and equipped with electricity.
 A B C D
31. Although the social sciences different a great deal from one another, they share a common interest in human relationships.
 A B C D
32. The Girl Scouts, which was found by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, has grown to a current membership of more than three million girls.
 A B C D
33. In advanced stages of anorexia, the patient is unable to feed themselves.
 A B C D
34. The attribution of human characteristics to animals or inanimate objects appears in the mythologies of many cultures is a literary device called anthropomorphism.
 A B C D
35. Having hit more home runs in one season than any other player in the history of baseball, Mark McGwire's record is famous.
 A B C D
36. The cerebellum's main functions are the maintenance of posture and move the body.
 A B C D
37. *Little House on the Prairie*, a successful television program, was adapted from a series of books by a young pioneer woman whose life was similar to that of the character called by name Laura.
 A B C D
38. Despite of many attempts to introduce a universal language, notably Esperanto and Idiom Neutral, the effort has met with very little success.
 A B C D
39. It is said that Einstein felt very badly about the application of his theories to the creation of weapons of war.
 A B C D
40. Oceanography is not a single science and rather a group of disciplines with a common focus.
 A B C D