

8. Recent studies have shown that children who drink an inordinate amount of soda

a b c

frequent avoid drinking water or fruit juices. No error.

d e

9. Karen or Sarah will raise their hands to let you know when it is the perfect time to make your appearance.

a b c d

No error.

e

The following sentences test correctness and effectiveness of expression. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English; in other words, pay attention to grammar, choice of words, sentence construction, and punctuation.

In each of the following sentences, part of the sentence or the entire sentence is underlined. Beneath each sentence, you will find five options for phrasing that underlined part. Choice a repeats the original, so if you believe it is correct as is, this is the correct answer. Your choice should produce the most effective sentence—clear and precise, without awkwardness or ambiguity.

10. The overall decrease in traditional public school funding is occasionally attributed to the steady growth of homeschooling, it is increasing at an average of 15% per year.

- a. growth of homeschooling, it is increasing
- b. growth of homeschooling it is increasing
- c. growth of homeschooling; it is increasing
- d. growth of homeschooling, but it is increasing
- e. growth of homeschooling, although it is increasing

11. Although he stated earlier that he had planned to retire from writing nonstop best-sellers, Stephen King's newest release titled *The Cell*.

- a. Stephen King's newest release titled *The Cell*.
- b. Stephen King's newest release is titled *The Cell*.
- c. Stephen King's newest release, which is titled *The Cell*.
- d. Stephen King's newest release known as *The Cell*.
- e. Stephen King's newest release are titled *The Cell*.

12. A classic novel was removed from the required reading list that was considered to be far too controversial and racist for the majority of the students.
- A classic novel was removed from the required reading list that was considered to be far too controversial and racist for the majority of the students.
 - Far too controversial and racist for the majority of the students, the list removed the classic novel from required reading.
 - Considered to be far too controversial and racist by the majority of the students, the required reading list removed the classic novel.
 - A classic novel that was considered to be far too controversial and racist for the majority of the students was removed from the required reading list.
 - The majority of students, feeling the classic novel was far too controversial and racist for the required reading list, removed it.
13. The immense mountain ranges of the Pacific Northwest are commonly sprinkled with snow, covered in clouds, and endless evergreen pine trees cover them.
- and endless evergreen pine trees cover them.
 - with pine trees endlessly evergreen covering them.
 - plus covers in endless evergreen pine trees.
 - but still endless evergreen pine trees cover them.
 - and covered with endless evergreen pine trees.
14. Although the cost of fossil fuels has continued to rise and people have vehemently protested, but consumers just keep paying the exorbitant prices and filling up their tanks.
- but consumers just keep paying the exorbitant prices and filling up their tanks.
 - paying the exorbitant prices and filling up their tanks, consumers keep doing.
 - consumers just keep paying the exorbitant prices and filling up their tanks.
 - and consumers just keep paying the exorbitant prices and filling up their tanks.
 - exorbitant prices and filling up their tanks, consumers just keep paying and doing
15. While an amazing number of bands from the 1960s and 1970s have tried to reunite for touring purposes, they rarely are as successful as they had hoped.
- they rarely are as successful as they had hoped.
 - so they rarely are as successful as they had hoped.
 - rarely as successful as they had hoped are they.
 - because they had hoped to be as successful.
 - that they rarely are as successful as they hoped to be.

- 16.** Since e-mails have become such a popular and convenient method of personal and business communication, so old-fashioned letter writing is becoming a lost art.
- so old-fashioned letter writing is becoming a lost art.
 - old-fashioned letter writing is becoming a lost art.
 - because old-fashioned letter writing has become a lost art.
 - old-fashioned letter writing will become a lost art.
 - however, old-fashioned letter writing is becoming a lost art.
- 17.** A variety of Broadway shows have been attracting huge audiences and reviving the concept of live theatre, *Wicked* and *Mama Mia* brought in a record number of new fans.
- live theatre, *Wicked* and *Mama Mia*
 - live theatre *Wicked* and *Mama Mia*
 - live theatre, but *Wicked* and *Mama Mia*
 - live theatre, however, *Wicked* and *Mama Mia*
 - live theatre; *Wicked* and *Mama Mia*
- 18.** Led by such well-known rockers as Rod Stewart, crooning ballads from the 1940s and 1950s, a large and unexpected comeback with baby boomers.
- ballads from the 1940s and 1950s, a large and unexpected comeback
 - ballads from the 1940s and 1950s; a large and unexpected comeback
 - ballads from the 1940s and 1950s are making a large and unexpected comeback
 - ballads from the 1940s and 1950s makes a large and unexpected comeback
 - ballads from the 1940s and 1950s will be making a large and unexpected comeback
- 19.** The new museum offers everything from submarine tours, planetarium shows, science lab demonstrations, and interactive exhibits, children converge on the place daily.
- and interactive exhibits, children converge
 - and interactive exhibits, but children converge
 - and interactive exhibits children converge
 - and interactive exhibits; children converge
 - and interactive exhibits which children converge
- 20.** Today's growing industry of alternative medicine offers consumers healthier choices, more natural treatments, wider options, and healthcare professionals who truly care.
- Today's growing industry of alternative medicine offers consumers healthier choices, more natural treatments, wider options, and healthcare professionals who truly care.
 - Today's growing industry of alternative medicine offers consumers healthier choices, more natural treatments, wider options, and truly caring healthcare professionals.
 - Today's growing industry of alternative medicine offers consumers healthier choices, naturaller treatments, wider options, and truly caring healthcare professionals.
 - Today's growing industry of alternative medicine offers consumers more healthy choices, more natural treatments, more wide options and more caring professionals in healthcare.
 - Today's growing industry of alternative medicine offers consumers healthier choices, more natural treatments, wider options, and healthcare professionals that are truly caring.

- 21.** Because he had already finished his research paper three weeks before it was due, Jason spent his entire weekend reading and relaxing.
- Jason spent his entire weekend reading and relaxing.
 - so Jason spent his entire weekend reading and relaxing.
 - but Jason spent his entire weekend reading and relaxing.
 - although Jason spent his entire weekend reading and relaxing
 - since Jason spent his entire weekend reading and relaxing.

The following passage is an early draft of a student's essay, and parts of it need to be rewritten. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow it. Some questions are about individual sentences or parts of sentences. Here, you are asked to select the choice that will improve the sentence structure and word choice. Other questions refer to parts of the essay or even the entire essay and ask you to look carefully at its organization and development. You should follow the conventions of standard written English in answering the questions.

(1) Charles Dickens wrote an amazing number of books in his lifetime. (2) Before they were put into book format, however, they were published in magazines, one chapter at a time. (3) This kept readers subscribing to the publications. (4) Whenever one of his stories appeared, the number of copies sold would skyrocket.

(5) Dickens was much like the Stephen King of the 1800s. (6) Every single one of his books was a best-seller. (7) People followed the author on the street. (8) They wanted to meet him. (9) They were curious about him. (10) Many of his characters were as well known as television actors are today. (11) If a beloved character died in one of his stories, fans mourned to the point of even refusing to go to work or school.

(12) Although Dickens was an amazingly successful author, it was the stage that was his true passion. (13) He loved acting in live theatre, and during the last decade of his life, he performed excerpts from his own books to captivated audiences around the world.

- 22.** Which of the following is the best way to combine sentences 7, 8, and 9 (reproduced below)?

*People followed the author on the street.
They wanted to meet him. They were
curious about him.*

- People followed the author on the street, wanting to meet him as they were curious about him.
- People followed the author on the street because they were curious and wanted to meet him.
- Following the author on the street, people wanted to meet him because they were curious.
- Because they wanted to meet him, people followed the author on the street because they were curious about him.
- They wanted to meet him and were curious, so people followed the author on the street.

- 23.** Which sentence most appropriately follows sentence 13?
- a. Even when his health was declining, Dickens continued to perform some of the most violent and emotional acts from his books.
 - b. He is most well known for his holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, which has been turned into many different plays and films.
 - c. In fact, when a children's character named Little Nell died in one novel, people were seen crying in the middle of the street with the magazine in their hands.
 - d. In fact, Dickens was considered the wealthiest and most popular author of his generation.
 - e. It was where he felt like he was truly in his element and could show all of the emotion he put into his stories.
- 24.** This passage discusses everything EXCEPT
- a. how fans responded to Dickens's stories.
 - b. the overwhelming popularity of Dickens's books.
 - c. Dickens's fascination with performing.
 - d. where Dickens's stories were published.
 - e. the background of Dickens's family and poverty.