

Writing Complete Sentences

Part 1 Correcting Sentence Fragments

Choose the group of words that turns each sentence fragment into a complete sentence. (5 points each)

1. Was startled by the sonic boom.
 A. The whole city was startled by the sonic boom.
 B. Was startled by the sonic boom early this morning.
2. In trains, planes, cars, and buses.
 A. Fans came for the World Series in trains, planes, cars, and buses.
 B. Fans came for the World Series. In trains, planes, cars, and buses.
3. One of her favorite pastimes during the warm months.
 A. One of her favorite pastimes during the warm months of the year.
 B. Surfing is one of her favorite pastimes during the warm months.
4. The ostrich and the emu.
 A. People sometimes mistake the ostrich and the emu.
 B. The ostrich and the emu running at top speed.
5. For heroic action in the line of duty.
 A. A medal for heroic action in the line of duty.
 B. The police officer received a medal for heroic action in the line of duty.
6. Which North American river?
 A. Which North American river empties into the Gulf of Mexico?
 B. Which North American river? Empties into the Gulf of Mexico.
7. Cannot be seen in the skies of the Northern Hemisphere.
 A. Cannot be seen in the skies of the Northern Hemisphere, though we tried.
 B. The Southern Cross cannot be seen in the skies of the Northern Hemisphere.
8. Along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.
 A. You can hike from Maine to Georgia along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.
 B. Along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail running from Maine to Georgia.
9. The Eskimos of Canada and Alaska.
 A. The Eskimos of Canada and Alaska. Combine the old ways with the new.
 B. The Eskimos of Canada and Alaska combine the old ways with the new.
10. Looked for a place to rest.
 A. In their wagon train looked for a place to rest.
 B. The weary pioneers in the wagon train looked for a place to rest.

Choose the answer that tells what is needed to correct each fragment. (5 points each)

11. To the top of the ladder.
 A. subject B. verb C. subject and verb
12. Ate three apples and two bananas.
 A. subject B. verb C. subject and verb
13. The music teacher with her clarinet.
 A. subject B. verb C. subject and verb
14. Every summer the air conditioner.
 A. subject B. verb C. subject and verb
15. All over the country.
 A. subject B. verb C. subject and verb

Part 2 Correcting Run-on Sentences

Choose the group of words that corrects the two run-on sentences. (5 points each)

16. A. George Washington Carver was born a slave he became a scientist. And discovered many uses for peanuts.
 B. George Washington Carver was born a slave, he became a scientist and discovered many uses for peanuts.
 C. George Washington Carver was born a slave. He became a scientist and discovered many uses for peanuts.
17. A. Suddenly the lights dimmed and people hurried to their seats excitedly. The play was about to begin.
 B. Suddenly the lights dimmed. And people hurried to their seats excitedly, the play was about to begin.
 C. Suddenly the lights dimmed and people hurried to their seats excitedly, the play was about to begin.
18. A. Some young children are nyctophobiacs, they are afraid of the dark.
 B. Some young children are nyctophobiacs. They are afraid of the dark.
 C. Some young children are nyctophobiacs they are afraid of the dark.
19. A. Kate is a numismatist. You should see her collection of coins.
 B. Kate is a numismatist, you should see her collection of coins.
 C. Kate is a numismatist you should see. Her collection of coins.
20. A. Did you see? The President he just walked by us.
 B. Did you see the President, he just walked by us.
 C. Did you see the President? He just walked by us.