

## Review for LA Benchmark—First Nine Weeks

Choose the sentence with the correct internal punctuation.

1. a. She was late to the party, because her car wouldn't start.  
b. She was late to the party because her car wouldn't start.  
c. She was late to the party because, her car wouldn't start.
  
2. What is the best way to rewrite the following sentence for clarity?  
*That girl is walking the dog wearing a yellow dress.*
  - a. That girl is walking wearing a yellow dress the dog.
  - b. That girl wearing a yellow dress is walking the dog.
  - c. Walking the dog wearing a yellow dress is that girl.

Write in the blank if the following sentences are in active or passive voice.

3. The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The papers were graded by Mrs. Johnson. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Caterpillar took the hookah out of its mouth. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mrs. Johnson graded the papers. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Alice was addressed by the Caterpillar in a languid, sleepy voice. \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the underlined word as gerund, participle, or infinitive.

11. I love reading to my little sister.
  - a. gerund
  - b. participle
  - c. infinitive
  
12. Geraldine cried when she saw the broken watch.
  - a. gerund
  - b. participle
  - c. infinitive
  
13. Walter and Alice try to find their true identities.
  - a. gerund
  - b. participle
  - c. infinitive
  
14. Kendra told us the story about her grandmother's death. Which is MOST likely to Kendra's tone.
  - a. humorous
  - b. serious
  - c. suspicious

How are these verbals functioning in the following sentences?

15. Swimming is my favorite exercise.
  - a. noun
  - b. verb
  - c. adjective

16. The scowling faces of the Indians were scary.

- a. noun
- b. verb
- c. adjective

17. I learned to read with Mama.

- a. noun
- b. verb
- c. adjective

18. A person feels an excruciating sense of pain.

- a. noun
- b. verb
- c. adjective

19. Kendra told us the story of her grandmother's death. What is MOST likely Kendra's mood?

- a. cheerful
- b. suspenseful
- c. sorrowful

20. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- a. "...you have to turn into a chrysalis—you will someday, you know—and then after that..."
- b. "you have to turn into a chrysalis, you will someday, you know—and then after that..."
- c. "...you have to turn into a chrysalis, you will someday, you know, and then after that..."
- d. "...you have to turn into a chrysalis—you will someday, you know, and then after that"

21. Which sentence is written correctly?

- a. You can wash and dry the dishes, or you can finish your homework.
- b. You can wash and dry the dishes, you can finish your homework.
- c. You can wash and dry the dishes or, you can finish your homework.
- d. You can wash, and dry the dishes, or you can finish, your homework.

22. If you are reading, and come to a word you are unfamiliar with, which technique would help you understand the meaning of the word?

- a. Think about the spelling of the word.
- b. Look for clues to the meaning of the word in the surrounding passage.
- c. Ignore the prefixes or suffixes in the word.
- d. Skip the word and come back to it later.

23. Which sentence is correct?

- a. Esteban has discovered you can learn valuable studying tips from others.
- b. Esteban has discovered himself can learn valuable studying tips from others.
- c. Esteban has discovered him can learn valuable studying tips from others.
- d. Esteban has discovered he can learn valuable studying tips from others.

24. Which words BEST fill in the blank in the sentence below?

*The mail carrier \_\_\_\_\_ he spoke daily, is retiring.*

- a. with what
- b. with who
- c. with which
- d. with whom

25. What is the difference between a memoir and a biography?

26. Rachel is writing an essay on the person she cares about most. Which of the following should she NOT do in her introduction?

- a. tell a personal anecdote about this person
- b. give an interesting fact about this person
- c. use a quotation that describes this person
- d. tell the reader that she is going to be writing about this person

27. Which type (genre) of writing explains, instructs, or describes?

- a. persuasive
- b. expository
- c. narrative
- d. technical

28. Which type (genre) of writing tells a story?

- a. persuasive
- b. expository
- c. narrative
- d. technical

29. Which type (genre) of writing tries to convince the reader to believe their opinion?

- a. persuasive
- b. expository
- c. narrative
- d. technical

30. Choose the sentence that has the correct capitalization.

- a. She respected her Friend.
- b. Boats on the mediterranean received the warnings.
- c. Most Lighthouses today are not operated by people.
- d. The new boy in our class transferred from Chicago.

**Choose the sentence that should be the concluding sentence for the paragraph.**

31. Hamsters are very interesting pets to own. They love to explore and exercise in spinning wheels. When you feed a hamster, it will stuff its food in its cheeks, which is quite funny to see.

- a. Gerbils also make interesting pets.
- b. Hamsters are adorable when they are babies!
- c. Hamsters are great fun to own, and they make cute friends, too!

**Choose the sentence that should be the topic sentence (thesis) for the paragraph.**

32. Both melba toast and peach melba get their names from the singer Nellie Melba. Graham crackers are named after Sylvester Graham, a minister. The popular Bing cherry is named for a Chinese orchardist, while the less popular Napoleon cherry is named for Napoleon Bonaparte.

- a. Cherries are best when they are on top of a sundae.
- b. I hope to have a food named after me one day.
- c. A surprising number of foods get their names from people.

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

Captain America has fought his last mission. The respected superhero is killed in the issue of his own comic that hit stands Wednesday, the *Daily News* reported.

It ends a long run for the character created in 1941. He was created to represent the patriotic feeling during World War II. Over the years, more than 210 million copies of "Captain America" comic books have been sold in 75 countries. "Captain America" is published by Marvel Entertainment Inc. Captain America was also a member of the superhero team The Avengers.

In the comic-book world, death is not always final. Many characters, including Superman, have come back from the dead. Marvel Entertainment editor in chief Joe Quesada said that Captain America could come back. Still, the character's death came as a shock to co-creator Joe Simon.

"We really need him now," said Simon, 93. Simon worked with artist Jack Kirby to create Captain America. Jack Kirby is responsible for co-creating the Fantastic Four.

**33. Which of the following sentences is irrelevant (not important) to the article?**

- a. Many characters, including Superman, have come back from the dead.
- b. Jack Kirby is responsible for co-creating the Fantastic Four.
- c. Captain America has fought his last mission.

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

**1)** In the early 1970s, the American government was being shaken by a great crisis. **2)** For the first time an American president would be forced to resign from office in disgrace. **3)** In June 1972, five men were arrested in Washington, D.C., for breaking into a Democratic Party office building called the Watergate. **4)** The Watergate is now a high class apartment building. **5)** The men who committed the break in were no ordinary burglars. **6)** They were working for a group that was trying to get Republican Richard Nixon re-elected.

**34. Which of the following sentences is irrelevant (not important) to the article?**

- a. Sentence 1
- b. Sentence 3
- c. Sentence 4

**35. Sentence 1 in the above paragraph is a:**

- a. supporting sentence
- b. concluding sentence
- c. topic sentence

**36. Which of the following sentences is the most descriptive?**

- a. The water fell over a pile of rocks.
- b. The waterfall had people standing around it.
- c. The sound of the roaring waterfall was deafening.

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

Though both Madonna and Gwen Stefani of No Doubt are both rock stars, they have had very different life experiences. Each woman grew up in very different circumstances. Madonna grew up in New Jersey. While trying to make a name for herself, she ended up living on the streets. Finally, she was discovered. Gwen, on the other hand, was able to rise to fame as a teenager, still safe and sound in her parents' suburban home.

**37. This paragraph is an example of which organizational structure?**

- a. chronological order
- b. compare and contrast
- c. problem and solution

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

The rodeo has developed in three major stages. Rodeos began in the Old West as contests of skill among cowboys during cattle roundups. By 1920, rodeos had become a popular spectator sport for the general public. Today rodeos combine traditional western events with a circus-like atmosphere and the marketing techniques of big business.

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**Read the following paragraphs, then answer the questions that follow.**

The bald eagle is the national symbol for the United States of America. However, most Americans do not know much about this majestic bird. For instance, the eagle's diet is quite varied. It exists on different sources of food, including animals, like fish, rodents, birds, snakes, and rabbits.

39. What is the purpose of this paragraph?
- to persuade
  - to entertain
  - to inform
  - to instruct

Either both parents or just the female incubate (sits on and warms) the eggs. The babies, covered with down, remain in the nest from 50 to 100 days. The female eagle generally lays one to three brownish, speckled eggs a year.

40. What is the error in the above paragraph?
- The second sentence disrupts the flow of the paragraph's ideas.
  - The commas are used incorrectly.
  - The topic sentence is misplaced.
  - The facts stated in the paragraph are inaccurate and untrue.

During the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Baghdad was the target of massive allied air attacks. The bombing destroyed much of the city's infrastructure, including several bridges over the Tigris River, and military and government sites. Most city landmarks were spared, and reconstruction after the war was rapid.

41. What is the purpose of the underlined sentence in this paragraph?
- to offer a topic for the paragraph
  - to serve as a supporting sentence
  - to serve as a concluding sentence

**Read the following paragraph, then answer the question.**

There is a crisis in medical care that must be addressed. The problem is that costs keep skyrocketing while service keeps plummeting. Doctors order more and more tests that increase medical bills. Meanwhile, patients spend more and more time waiting, and less and less time talking with the doctor.

42. Which of the following would be the best concluding sentence for this paragraph?
- Something needs to be done, and soon.
  - My doctor charges more than any other doctor in town.
  - When I broke my leg, the doctor sent me to have four tests done.

43. Which transition word is most appropriate for the blank?

It is very easy to make a cup of hot chocolate. First, boil 8 ounces of water. While the water is boiling, pour a package of hot chocolate mix into a coffee mug. Pour the boiling water into the coffee mug, which will dilute the cocoa mix. \_\_\_\_\_, stir the mixture until all of the mix has dissolved.

- a. Therefore
- b. However
- c. Finally
- d. Next

44. Choose the best order for the sentences.

1. Many manatees are nursed back to health in these hospitals and released back into the wild.
2. There are three such hospitals in Florida.
3. The manatee population has been threatened by motor boats.
4. Boats traveling at high rates of speed often badly injure or even kill manatees.
5. New laws to lower speed limits in areas inhabited by manatees have helped.
6. Also, special manatee "ambulances" are being used to transport injured manatees to veterinary hospitals.

- a. 3, 4, 5, 1, 6, 2
- b. 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2
- c. 3, 4, 5, 2, 6, 1
- d. 3, 4, 5, 6, 2, 1

45. A minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ sentences should be included in a standard paragraph.

- a. 3 detailed
- b. 1 topic, 2 detailed
- c. 1 topic, 4 supporting
- d. 1 topic, 3 supporting, 1 concluding

Answer questions 46- after reading the passage below. .

I can't wait for Fall Break! I have really big plans. First, I plan to go to Destin, FL to the annual seafood festival. Next, I hope to go to Atlanta, GA to see my cousin in his starring role in a school play. Finally, I want to go to my best friend's wedding in Jacksonville, FL. I hope I have enough time to do all of these things. My Fall Break is going to be spectacular!

46. What is the author's mood in the passage?

- a. Sad
- b. Excited
- c. Pleased

47. What is the tone of the passage?

- a. Cheerful
- b. Sarcastic
- c. Frightening

48. Which sentence in the passage reflects internal conflict?

- a. I can't wait for Fall Break!
- b. I want to go to my best friend's wedding.
- c. I hope I have enough time to do all of these things.

