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Grammar Exercise

Part 1: Select the correct word choice.

- 1** The profit margins at a typical warehouse club _____ between 11% and 14% compared with 25% to 30% at a typical grocery store.

 - A. is
 - B. are

- 2** A high fat diet, obesity, and lack of exercise _____ the risk of developing heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

 - A. increases
 - B. increase

- 3** _____ news articles about computers being given to a Brazilian jungle tribe.

 - A. Here's
 - B. Here are

- 4** This iPod and phone _____ to Travis.

 - A. belong
 - B. belongs

- 5** A wound infested with maggots _____ quickly without any threat of infection or gangrene.

 - A. heals
 - B. heal

- 6** American consumers _____ learned that the days of unlimited low cost energy are over.

 - A. has
 - B. have

- 7 _____ 251 school days in China a year, which is 71 more days than in American schools.
- A. There's
 - B. There are
- 8 Neither PlayStation 3 _____ Nintendo Wii has the most realistic graphics.
- A. nor
 - B. or
- 9 In the past, the pattern of stars that _____ like twin boys was called Gemini, or the Twins.
- A. looked
 - B. looks
- 10 Did you know that the moon that _____ the tide to rise and fall?
- A. caused
 - B. causes

Part 2: In the following “sentences” identify if it is a sentence fragment (incomplete sentence), a run-on sentence (more than one complete sentence separated by a comma), or if the sentence is already correct.

- 11 First we laughed, then we cried.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct
- 12 Please speak softly.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct

- 13** As long as you remember how to get there.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct
- 14** Be careful.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct
- 15** If you really want to be a better employee.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct
- 16** Don't sing, you're not ready for American Idol.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct
 - D. Sentence fragment
 - E. Run-on sentence
 - F. Already correct
- 17** The first son of a U.S. president to also become a president was John Quincy Adams, whose father was John Adams.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct

- 18** Hurry!
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct
- 19** Since members of Congress must run for re-election every two years and successful candidates, on average, spend over a million dollars on the campaign.
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct

- 20** Seen Carson lately?
- A. Sentence fragment
 - B. Run-on sentence
 - C. Already correct

Part 3: Retype the following sentences adding commas and quotation marks where they are needed.

- 21** Since the NCAA basketball tournament moved to the 64 game format there has never been a year that all four #1 seeds made it to the Final Four.
- 22** The world's largest outdoor food festival Taste of Chicago takes place annually in Chicago's downtown Millennium Park.
- 23** David said Vinny get lost.
- 24** In 2002 Philadelphia Eagles' star Brian Dawkins became the only player in history to have an interception sack a quarterback recover a fumble and make a touchdown in one game.

- 25** According to a recent survey many kids in the U.S. are too busy too distracted and too tired to read a book for fun.
- 26** For days it seemed likely that Hurricane Rita would hit Houston Texas and more than a million people evacuated but the storm veered into Louisiana.
- 27** Auto racing which began in France in 1895 is now one of the world's most popular spectator sports.
- 28** Mr. Barnes said Laptop computers use up to 90% less energy than desktop models.
- 29** The economic rebound so many experts have predicted including the Federal Reserve chairman is starting to look doubtful.
- 30** Although U.S. life expectancy recently rose to more than 78 years the country still lags behind 30 other countries in estimated life span.

Part 4: Rewrite the following sentences adding capital letters and underlining where they are needed. (One sentence is already correct.)

- 31** John Steinbeck's novel the grapes of wrath tells how poor oklahoma farmers traveled to california during the great depression of the 1930s.
- 32** The restoration is an english historical period during which the monarchy was restored, following a period known as the commonwealth, when england had no king or queen.

- 33** Weather forecasters are predicting heavy spring rains which will help fill our reservoirs to meet the heavy demand of summer and fall.
- 34** The first play the sophomore class will read is *Lost in Yonkers*.
- 35** Hundreds of native american reservations and pueblos are open to the public including Taos Pueblo in new mexico, Pine Ridge reservation in south Dakota, and Hopi villages in arizona.
- 36** The six official languages of the united nations are english, french, arabic, chinese, russian, and spanish.
- 37** Blake said that the band *Destiny's Child* was a loser on star search.
- 38** Angel falls, which plunges 3,212 feet into the Churun river in eastern venezuela, has a longer drop than any other waterfall in the world.
- 39** As a young, struggling dancer in new york city, madonna worked as a counter clerk at Dunkin' Donuts in times square.
- 40** Jay Gatsby, the main character in f. scott fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*, hopelessly attempts to revive an old romance.