

# Tests

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# Test 1

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- This is a problem that they have to solve, and, once solved, it will bring them closer and closer to being mature adults and more practical.
  - mature adults and more practical
  - adults who are mature and more practical
  - mature adults and who are more practical
  - mature and more practical adults
  - mature, more practical adults
- Left alone in the house, the storm frightened the little boy so much that he crawled under his bed and wouldn't come out.
  - Left alone in the house, the storm frightened the little boy
  - The storm, frightening the little boy
  - The storm, left alone in the house, frightened the little boy
  - The storm frightened the left alone little boy in the house
  - Left alone in the house, the little boy was frightened by the storm
- Standing on the balcony, five different parks could be seen by me.
  - Standing on the balcony, five different parks could be seen by me.
  - Five different parks could be seen by me standing on the balcony.
  - On the balcony, five different parks by me could be seen.
  - Standing on the balcony, I could see five different parks.
  - I, on the balcony, could see five different parks standing.
- I remember a picture of an old man with long flowing hair, and he was climbing a tall oak tree.
  - hair, and he was climbing
  - hair as well as climbing
  - hair who was climbing
  - hair, he was climbing
  - hair climbing

5. In Joseph Conrad's *Victory*, he introduces a strange character named Heyst.

- (A) In Joseph Conrad's *Victory*, he introduces a strange character named Heyst.
- (B) Joseph Conrad, in his novel *Victory*, he introduces a strange character named Heyst.
- (C) A strange character named Heyst is introduced by Joseph Conrad in his novel *Victory*.
- (D) Joseph Conrad introduces a strange character named Heyst in his novel *Victory*.
- (E) Joseph Conrad's strange character Heyst is introduced by him in *Victory*, his novel.

6. Earlier that day Jay had asked Tim to meet him at his house.

- (A) Earlier that day Jay had asked Tim to meet him at his house.
- (B) Earlier that day Jay had asked Tim to meet Tim at Tim's house.
- (C) Earlier that day Jay had asked Tim, "Will you meet me at my house?"
- (D) Jay had asked Tim to meet him earlier that day at Jay's house.
- (E) Tim had been asked by Jay earlier that day to meet him at Jay's house.

7. The boy stomped out of the house, and the door bangs behind him as he left.

- (A) house, and the door bangs
- (B) house, banging the door
- (C) house, but the door banged
- (D) house, being that the door bangs
- (E) house whenever the door banged

8. Looking forward to an opening night performance, our tickets were purchased in advance.

- (A) Looking forward to an opening night performance, our tickets were purchased in advance.
- (B) Looking forward to an opening night performance, purchased in advance were our tickets.
- (C) Our tickets were purchased weeks in advance since we were looking forward to an opening night performance.
- (D) Looking forward to an opening night performance, we purchased our tickets in advance.
- (E) We, looking forward to an opening night performance, in advance purchased our tickets.

9. The lady operates a laundry; she was able to make a meager living by doing this.

- (A) The lady operates a laundry; she was able to make a meager living by doing this.
- (B) The lady operating a laundry, was able to make a meager living by doing this.
- (C) A meager living was able to be made by the lady operating a laundry.
- (D) The lady, making a meager living, was able to operate a laundry.
- (E) By operating a laundry, the lady was able to make a meager living.

10. A doctor is more than merely a provider of medicine, often a patient will go to him for advice and counseling.

- (A) often a patient will go to him for advice and counseling.
- (B) as he often provides advice and counseling for his patient.
- (C) providing a patient with advice and counseling often.
- (D) and will advise and counsel his patients often.
- (E) since advice and counseling by the patient are often received

11. When we saw William, appearing rather anxious about his date with Patty, but after talking to us for awhile, he relaxed.

- (A) appearing rather anxious about his date with Patty
- (B) his date with Patty caused him to be rather anxious
- (C) he appeared rather anxious about his date with Patty,
- (D) anxiously appearing about his date with Patty
- (E) who, because of his date with Patty, appeared rather anxious

12. I summoned all my strength, but I was able to drive the stake far into the ground.

- (A) I summoned all my strength, but I
- (B) Summoning all my strength, I
- (C) All of my strength being summoned by me, I
- (D) I, summoning all my strength, I
- (E) Even though I summoned all my strength, I

13. I fell several times, and my mother took my hand and helped me over the slippery ice.

- (A) I fell several times, and my mother took my hand and
- (B) Falling several times, I had my hand taken by my mother who
- (C) Falling several times, my mother took my hand and
- (D) After I had fallen several times, my mother took my hand and
- (E) Since I fell several times, my mother, taking my hand,

14. I want to play a good game of bridge, and the rules of the game must be remembered.

- (A) I want to play a good game of bridge, and the rules of the game must be remembered.
- (B) If I want to play a good game of bridge, I must remember the rules of the game.
- (C) If I want to play a good game of bridge, the rules of the game must be remembered by me.
- (D) If I want to play a good game of bridge, by me the rules of the game must be remembered.
- (E) I want to play a good game of bridge; therefore, the rules of the game must be remembered.

15. In a business office, they don't let you come to work late every day.

- (A) they don't let you
- (B) you are not allowed to
- (C) they do not allow you
- (D) being that you can't
- (E) it is not allowed to

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- The mayor's argument against higher taxes being more reasonable than the governor's.
  - being more reasonable than the governor's
  - it was reasonable, more so than the governor
  - which was more reasonable than the governor's
  - is more reasonable than the governor's argument
  - by far more reasonable than the governor
- His mother has told the boy many times to stay off the dog house, and he is determined to get on it.
  - house, and he is
  - house him being
  - house in spite of him being
  - house being that he is
  - house; however, he is
- Watching the ball game, the rain came down in torrents drenching the spectators.
  - Watching the ball game, the rain came down in torrents drenching the spectators.
  - Coming down in torrents drenching the spectators, the ball game was watched.
  - We watched the ball game, the rain coming down in torrents to drench the spectators.
  - Coming down in torrents, the rain drenched the spectators who watched the ball game.
  - Watching the ball game, the spectators saw the rain coming down in torrents drenching themselves.
- I was surprised to see you and Jake at the ball game I thought you and he were in San Antonio.
  - game I thought
  - game, I thought
  - game; however, I thought
  - game being that I thought
  - game: I thought

5. In my economics textbook it says that supply and demand influence prices.
- (A) In my economics textbook it says that
  - (B) According to my economics textbook,
  - (C) My textbook, saying that in economics
  - (D) It says in my economics textbook that
  - (E) My textbook says that in economics
6. Everywhere crops were flourishing and everyone was greatly encouraged by this.
- (A) flourishing and everyone was greatly encouraged by this
  - (B) flourishing, and this caused everyone to be encouraged
  - (C) flourishing, greatly encouraging everyone
  - (D) encouraging everyone by greatly flourishing
  - (E) flourishing, but they greatly encouraged everyone
7. When deciding upon a university to attend, fraternity life seems to interest some students more than getting an education.
- (A) fraternity life seems to interest some students more than
  - (B) some students are interested more by fraternity life than by
  - (C) it is hard to decide between a fraternity life and
  - (D) some students seem more interested in fraternity life than in
  - (E) interesting some students more than fraternity life is
8. Having retired from business, John's time and money were given to interests pertaining to cultural events.
- (A) John's time and money were given to interests pertaining to cultural events
  - (B) the time and money of John were given to cultural interests
  - (C) cultural interests received John's time and money
  - (D) John gave his time and money to cultural interests
  - (E) John, because of his cultural interests, gave his time and money to those events.
9. Nowhere does art seem more appreciated than in this area.
- (A) Nowhere does art seem more appreciated than in this area.
  - (B) In this area, more so than other places, art is more appreciated, it seems.
  - (C) More so than in other places, they seem to appreciate art here.
  - (D) Nowhere more than this area is art seemed to be appreciated more.
  - (E) Art seems more appreciated in this area than other places.
10. The train service needs to be improved, but we will have to use the bus.
- (A) The train service needs to be improved, but
  - (B) Because the improvement needs to be done on the train service,
  - (C) Until the train service is improved,
  - (D) Being that the train service has to be improved,
  - (E) When the train service is improved,

11. All of the flags are on display at the State Fair they were flown in from Washington only three days before they were to be exhibited.

- (A) All of the flags are on display at the State Fair they were
- (B) Since all of the flags are on display at the State Fair, they were
- (C) On display at the State Fair are all of the flags having been
- (D) All of the flags on display at the State Fair were
- (E) The State Fair has all of the flags that are on display and that were

12. We lost sight of the cat and, he squeezed through a small hole in the fence.

- (A) We lost sight of the cat and,
- (B) We lost sight of the cat; however,
- (C) We lost sight of the cat because
- (D) Losing sight of the cat,
- (E) The cat, our having lost sight of it,

13. I explained the theorem several times and this uncomprehending student still missed the point.

- (A) times and this uncomprehending student
- (B) times to this uncomprehending student who
- (C) times, being that this uncomprehending student
- (D) times, stressing the point for this uncomprehending student,
- (E) times although he was such an uncomprehending student that he

14. We saw a little old lady with a prominent gold tooth, and she was scrubbing her front steps.

- (A) We saw a little old lady with a prominent gold tooth, and she was scrubbing her front steps.
- (B) We saw a little old lady with a prominent gold tooth scrubbing her front steps.
- (C) We saw a little old lady scrubbing her front steps with a prominent gold tooth.
- (D) We saw a little old lady with a prominent gold tooth as she was scrubbing her front steps.
- (E) With a prominent gold tooth, the little old lady who we saw was scrubbing her front steps.

15. The burglar tried to convince the authorities that he found the wallet that didn't belong to him in his car.

- (A) that he found the wallet that didn't belong to him in his car
- (B) that he found the wallet in the car not belonging to him
- (C) that the wallet that didn't belong to him was found in his car
- (D) he, finding the wallet in his car, knew it did not belong to him
- (E) that he had found the wallet that didn't belong to him in his car

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- If he wins the election, the school could get new desks, additional library books, and they could buy better equipment for athletics.

  - and they could buy better equipment for athletics
  - as well as getting better athletic equipment
  - and permission to buy better athletic equipment
  - and better athletic equipment
  - and better equipment for athletics
- Liquid air, which resembles water, freezes foods instantly, but it leaves them extremely brittle.

  - instantly, but it leaves them extremely brittle
  - instantly; leaving them extremely brittle
  - instantly, but yet, it leaves them extremely brittle
  - instantly, but leaving them extremely brittle
  - instantly; but, it leaves them extremely brittle
- Before denying my request for a raise, I was told by my boss that my work had not met his expectations.

  - Before denying my request for a raise, I was told by my boss
  - Before my request for a raise was denied, I was told by my boss
  - Before denying my request for a raise, my boss told me
  - My boss told me, before I was denied my request for a raise,
  - I was told by my boss before he denied my request for a raise
- When he watched the law students discuss the case among themselves, he realized how much they had learned.

  - themselves, he realized
  - themselves, and realizing
  - themselves; realizing
  - themselves, he realizes
  - themselves; he realized



5. In some countries poverty is a common thing and they seem to accept it.

- (A) In some countries poverty is a common thing and they seem to accept it.
- (B) In some countries they accept poverty as a common thing.
- (C) Poverty, being a common thing in some countries, is accepted by the people.
- (D) In some countries poverty is a common thing that the people seem to accept.
- (E) Being accepted as a common thing is poverty in some countries.

6. I forced open my radio with my knife and damaged it badly.

- (A) I forced open my radio with my knife and damaged it badly.
- (B) By forcing my radio open with my knife, I damaged it badly.
- (C) My radio, being forced open with my knife, was damaged badly.
- (D) Being forced open with my knife was my radio, damaged badly.
- (E) I damaged my radio badly by forcing it open with my knife.

7. My flight has been postponed because of dense fog, however Sue can chair the meeting until I arrive.

- (A) fog, however Sue
- (B) fog, Sue
- (C) fog Sue
- (D) fog; consequently,
- (E) fog, but Sue

8. Pushing through the crowd to have a better view, the lady's ankle was sprained.

- (A) Pushing through the crowd to have a better view, the lady's ankle was sprained.
- (B) The lady, trying to get a better view, pushed through the crowd and her ankle was sprained.
- (C) The lady sprained her ankle pushing through the crowd to have a better view.
- (D) Trying to get a better view by pushing through the crowd, the lady's ankle was sprained.
- (E) Pushing through the crowd to have a better view, the lady sprained her ankle.

9. Jim told me to ask Mary if she could type it for me before I wrote the letter.

- (A) Jim told me to ask Mary if she could type it for me before I wrote the letter.
- (B) It was suggested by Jim that I ask Mary before I wrote the letter if she could type it for me.
- (C) Jim suggested that even before I wrote the letter, I should ask Mary if she could type it for me.
- (D) Before I wrote the letter, I was told by Jim to ask Mary if she could type it for me.
- (E) I was told by Jim to ask Mary before I wrote the letter if she could type it for me.

10. While visiting with relatives lately, the subject of college came up, and your sister informed us of your good grades.

- (A) lately, the subject of college came up, and your sister informed us of your good grades
- (B) lately, we were informed by your sister as the subject of college came up about your good grades
- (C) lately, your good grades came up with the subject of college and your sister informed us of them
- (D) lately, the subject of college came up and we were informed of your good grades by your sister
- (E) lately about the subject of college, your sister informed us of your good grades

11. I will not be able to attend the board meeting like I planned and I regret it.

- (A) I will not be able to attend the board meeting like I planned and I regret it.
- (B) I regret not being able to attend the board meeting as I had planned.
- (C) Not being able to attend the board meeting as I had planned is what I regret.
- (D) I regret it that I will not be able to attend the board meeting like I had planned.
- (E) It is regrettable that I will not be able to attend the board meeting as planned.

12. The experience of that hard-working official reveals the hazards of holding public office; consequently, they often have to undergo unbearable physical and mental stress.

- (A) office; consequently, they often have
- (B) office, often having
- (C) office: he often has
- (D) office, it requiring that they have
- (E) office, and they often have

13. My car has broken down on the way to the meeting but, I shall be delayed at least six hours

- (A) My car has broken down on the way to the meeting but, I shall
- (B) My car breaking down on the way to the meeting is causing me to
- (C) Being that my car has broken down on the way to the meeting, I will
- (D) Because my car has broken down on the way to the meeting, I shall
- (E) On the way to the meeting my car broke down and it caused me to

Larry had been there for at least ten minutes before he notices the sign.

14. (A) Larry had been there for at least ten minutes before he notices
- (B) It was at least ten minutes that Larry had been there before he notices
- (C) Larry, before having been there for at least ten minutes, notices
- (D) Larry had been there for at least ten minutes before he noticed
- (E) For at least ten minutes Larry was there before he had noticed

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- In a recent survey students reported that they go out to lunch in order to get better food, to get a better choice of food, and depending on where they go, they can save money.
  - they can save money
  - saving money
  - to save money
  - money can be saved
  - they are able to save money
- In that final semester, Dan lettered in baseball, served as president of the student body, and he ranked near the top of his class.
  - body, and he ranked
  - body, ranking
  - body, and ranked
  - body; he ranked
  - body; however, he ranked
- The baby hit his head crawling on his knees, and he immediately began to scream and cry louder than any other baby I have ever heard.
  - The baby hit his head crawling on his knees, and he immediately
  - Hitting his head crawling on his knees, the baby immediately
  - Hitting his head while crawling on his knees, the baby immediately
  - Hitting his head and while he was crawling on his knees, the baby immediately
  - Crawling on his knees, the baby hit his head and immediately
- My soccer jersey was bought at this shop my shoes were bought at another store across town.
  - shop my shoes were bought
  - shop, while buying my shoes
  - shop; also, my shoes were bought
  - shop, but my shoes were bought
  - shop: my shoes being bought

5. We had planted an acre of potatoes and corn, which encouraged us to believe that we would eat well the next winter.

- (A) We had planted an acre of potatoes and corn, which encouraged us to believe
- (B) We planted an acre of potatoes and corn and this encouraged us to believe
- (C) Planting an acre of potatoes and corn encouraged us to believe
- (D) Encouraging us to believe, we planted an acre of potatoes and corn so
- (E) An acre of potatoes and corn had been planted by us as encouragement to believe

6. He waved a flag above his head, which he held in his hand.

- (A) He waved a flag above his head, which he held in his hand.
- (B) Above his head he waved a flag which he held in his hand.
- (C) Waving a flag above his head, he held it in his hand.
- (D) Holding the flag in his hand, he waved it above his head.
- (E) The flag which he held in his hand was waved above his head.

7. He said he wouldn't try to argue with the boss it wouldn't do any good.

- (A) boss it
- (B) boss: it
- (C) boss; however, it
- (D) boss, it
- (E) boss, and it

8. Answering the letter by return mail, the problem was settled promptly by the manager.

- (A) Answering the letter by return mail, the problem was settled promptly by the manager.
- (B) Answering the letter by return mail, the manager promptly settled the problem.
- (C) By return mail the problem was answered and settled promptly by the manager in a letter.
- (D) The problem was settled promptly by the manager who had answered the letter by return mail.
- (E) Settling the problem promptly was the manager who answered the letter by return mail.

9. Mr. Kelly was a man with nerves of steel, and he shrank from the scene of this particular automobile accident.

- (A) Mr. Kelly was a man with nerves of steel, and he shrank from the scene of this particular automobile accident.
- (B) Mr. Kelly, having nerves of steel, shrank from this particular automobile accident.
- (C) This particular accident caused a man with nerves of steel, Mr. Kelly, to shrink.
- (D) Mr. Kelly, a man with nerves of steel, shrank from this particular accident.
- (E) With nerves of steel, Mr. Kelly shrank from this particular accident.

10. Gasping for breath, the boy's story was told excitedly.

- (A) Gasping for breath, the boy's story was told excitedly.
- (B) The boy's story was excitedly told by the boy gasping for breath.
- (C) The boy, gasping for breath, his story was told excitedly.
- (D) Gasping for breath, the boy excitedly told his story.
- (E) Excitedly gasping for breath, the boy's story was told.

11. Having seen the effects of the new plan, its usefulness could not be denied by James.

- (A) its usefulness could not be denied by James
- (B) it could not be denied that it was useful
- (C) not being able to be denied was its usefulness by James
- (D) James could not deny its usefulness
- (E) James could not be denied by its usefulness

12. After receiving his inheritance, Harry became lazy, undependable, and he didn't have a care in the world.

- (A) undependable, and he didn't have a care in the world
- (B) undependable, and not caring about anything
- (C) undependable, and unconcerned
- (D) undependable, and seeming to be unconcerned
- (E) undependable, and not having a care in the world

13. I took a test last spring and it showed that I am weak in math.

- (A) I took a test last spring and it showed that I am weak in math.
- (B) Showing that I am weak in math is the test that I took last spring.
- (C) Last spring I was showed by the test that I took that I am weak in math.
- (D) Being weak in math is what I was shown last spring when I took the test.
- (E) The test that I took last spring showed that I am weak in math.

14. In taking a survey of all the contestants, we found that one is inconsiderate, thinks she is better than everybody else, and pretentious.

- (A) inconsiderate, thinks she is better than everybody else,
- (B) inconsiderate, thinking she is better than everybody else,
- (C) inconsiderate, looks down on everybody else,
- (D) not being considerate of others, conceited
- (E) inconsiderate, conceited,

15. Having taken my seat, the movie finally began.

- (A) Having taken my seat, the movie
- (B) Being that my seat was taken, the movie
- (C) The movie, having taken my seat,
- (D) After I took my seat, the movie
- (E) Taking my seat, the movie

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1. Tom flew next to his father in a glider this made him decide to become a pilot.

  - (A) Tom flew next to his father in a glider this made him decide to become a pilot.
  - (B) Flying next to his father, becoming a pilot in a glider was decided by Tom.
  - (C) Tom's decision to become a pilot was made because of flying next to his father in a glider.
  - (D) After flying next to his father in a glider, Tom decided to become a pilot.
  - (E) Tom, after flying next to his father in a glider, the decision was made to become a pilot.
2. They had only a few of the ingredients, also they were able to make a delicious stew.

  - (A) ingredients, also
  - (B) ingredients, yet
  - (C) ingredients, they
  - (D) ingredients, which
  - (E) ingredients, and so
3. The Constitution states that the census must be taken every ten years, and it was first taken in 1790.

  - (A) that the census must be taken every ten years, and it was first taken in 1790
  - (B) that the census, which began in 1790, must be taken every ten years
  - (C) that the census, being that it started in 1790 must be taken every ten years
  - (D) that every ten years the census, which it was first taken in 1790, must be taken
  - (E) every ten years that the census must be taken which started in 1790
4. After the floods receded, volunteer workers rebuilt the town, and the residents returned to their homes.

  - (A) town, and the
  - (B) town, the
  - (C) town, being that the
  - (D) town; nevertheless, the
  - (E) town and, the

5. Every day freshmen practice after school. This because they want to be on the basketball team.

- (A) Every day freshmen practice after school. This because they want to be on the basketball team.
- (B) Wanting to be on the basketball team every day, freshmen practice after school.
- (C) Freshmen who practice every day after school do it because they want to be on the basketball team.
- (D) Because they want to be on the basketball team, freshmen practicing every day after school.
- (E) Freshmen who want to be on the basketball team practice every day after school.

6. Lightning struck his friend and Victor tried to be brave.

- (A) Lightning struck his friend and Victor tried to be brave.
- (B) Trying to be brave was Victor after lightning struck his friend.
- (C) After lightning struck, his friend Victor tried to be brave.
- (D) Victor was trying to be brave, his friend having been struck by lightning.
- (E) Victor tried to be brave after lightning struck his friend.

7. Dr. Jones, who is a psychoanalyst and is well known, will handle this case.

- (A) Dr. Jones, who is a psychoanalyst and is well known, will handle this case.
- (B) A well known psychoanalyst, who is Dr. Jones, will handle this case.
- (C) Dr. Jones, being well known as a psychoanalyst, he will handle this case.
- (D) Dr. Jones, a well known psychoanalyst, will handle this case.
- (E) Handling this case will be a well known psychoanalyst, this being Dr. Jones.

8. The report, which was long and tedious, was delivered to an audience that was altogether bored.

- (A) The report, which was long and tedious, was delivered to an audience that was altogether bored.
- (B) Delivered to the bored audience was the report being long and tedious.
- (C) The long, tedious report was delivered to the bored audience.
- (D) Being that the report was long and tedious, it was delivered to a bored audience.
- (E) The audience, being altogether bored, had delivered to it a long, tedious report.

9. You must be sure to speak very clear when you are before the audience.

- (A) You must be sure to speak very clear when you are before the audience.
- (B) When you are before an audience, you must be sure to speak very clearly.
- (C) Speaking very clearly is something you must be sure to do when you speak before an audience.
- (D) Clear speaking is what you must be sure to do when you speak before an audience.
- (E) You must be sure, when you are before an audience, to speak very clear.

10. Few students borrow books from the school library. Although it has a wide selection.

- (A) Few students borrow books from the school library. Although it has a wide selection.
- (B) Although having a wide selection, few students borrow books from the school library.
- (C) It has a wide selection, but the library is not used for borrowing books by the students.
- (D) Although it has a wide selection, few students use it to borrow books.
- (E) Few students borrow books from the school library, although it has a wide selection.

11. Every child needs good food, sufficient sleep and exercise, and to feel he or she is loved.

- (A) to feel he or she is loved
- (B) the security of being loved
- (C) to feel love
- (D) to be loved
- (E) abundant love

12. I walked quickly to the garage and there the damaged car was seen by me.

- (A) I walked quickly to the garage and there the damaged car was seen by me.
- (B) In the garage, I saw the damaged car walking quickly.
- (C) Seen by me walking quickly was the damaged car.
- (D) Walking quickly to the garage, I saw the damaged car.
- (E) The damaged car in the garage I saw walking quickly.

13. The speaker seemed ill at ease and he appeared to depend on his notes.

- (A) The speaker seemed ill at ease and he appeared to depend on his notes.
- (B) Seeming ill at ease, the speaker he appeared to depend on his notes.
- (C) Depending on his notes, the speaker seemed ill at ease.
- (D) The speaker seemed ill at ease, and was depending on his notes.
- (E) Ill at ease and depending on his notes, was the speaker.



## Test 6

### Improving Sentences



**Directions:** In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence is underlined. Below each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence, one that is clear and exact, without awkwardness or ambiguity. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English. Choose the answer that best expresses the meaning of the original sentence.

- The reason their relationship is not doing so well is that she nags Tom about his smoking, eating, and how much he drinks.
  - that she nags Tom about his smoking, eating, and how much he drinks
  - because Tom gets nagged about his smoking, eating, and how much he drinks
  - that she nags Tom about his smoking, eating, and drinking
  - that Tom's smoking, eating, and drinking are causes of her nagging
  - because she nags Tom about his smoking, eating, and how much he drinks
- On the yacht were young people dancing, older people playing cards, and others who were seated and talked.
  - who were seated and talked
  - who were seated and talking
  - sitting and talking
  - seated and talking
  - who were sitting and talking
- I bought a hat for my mother with a flower on top.
  - a hat for my mother with a flower on top
  - my mother a hat with a flower on top
  - a hat with a flower on top of it for my mother
  - for my mother a hat and a flower was on top of it
  - a hat for my mother and it had a flower on top
- Daniel was arrested for jaywalking by the policeman.
  - Daniel was arrested for jaywalking by the policeman.
  - Arrested for jaywalking was Daniel by the policeman.
  - The policeman arresting Daniel for jaywalking.
  - Daniel, for jaywalking, was arrested by the policeman.
  - The policeman arrested Daniel for jaywalking.

5. Vitamin A promotes good night vision, which is in whole milk.
- (A) Vitamin A promotes good night vision, which is in whole milk
  - (B) Vitamin A, which promotes good night vision and is in whole milk
  - (C) Vitamin A, being in whole milk which promotes good night vision
  - (D) Vitamin A, promoting good night vision in whole milk
  - (E) Vitamin A, which is in whole milk, promotes good night vision
6. Bobby is enthusiastic, intelligent, and has unlimited resources.
- (A) intelligent, and has unlimited resources
  - (B) with intelligence and unlimited resources
  - (C) intelligent, and he is resourceful
  - (D) intelligent, and resourceful
  - (E) has intelligence, and has unlimited resources
7. When only a young boy in elementary school, my father taught me to fish and to hunt in the wilderness.
- (A) When only a young boy in elementary school, my father taught me
  - (B) When only a young boy in elementary school, I was taught by my father
  - (C) When I was only a young boy in elementary school, my father taught me
  - (D) Being only a young boy in elementary school, my father taught me
  - (E) Being that I was only a young boy in elementary school, my father taught me
8. Jane's responsibilities were hiring personnel and sometimes to evaluate programs.
- (A) Jane's responsibilities were hiring personnel and sometimes to evaluate programs.
  - (B) Hiring personnel and to sometimes evaluate programs were Jane's responsibilities.
  - (C) Jane's responsibilities, hiring personnel and sometimes to evaluate programs.
  - (D) To evaluate programs and some times to hire personnel was Jane's responsibilities.
  - (E) Jane's responsibilities included hiring personnel and evaluating programs.
9. Anxious to repeat the story, the news was shared by Carol immediately.
- (A) the news was shared by Carol immediately
  - (B) immediately by Carol the news was shared
  - (C) Carol immediately shared the news
  - (D) Carol, sharing the story immediately
  - (E) sharing of the news took place immediately by Carol
10. We can hear the rain beating on the roof and it is tapping on the window panes.
- (A) beating on the roof and it is tapping
  - (B) beating on the roof being that it is tapping
  - (C) beating on the roof and tapping
  - (D) beating on the roof; and also tapping
  - (E) beating on the roof; tapping

11. The policemen could not identify the body, and neither could the witnesses.

- (A) The policemen could not identify the body, and neither could the witnesses.
- (B) Neither the policemen nor the witnesses could identify the body.
- (C) The body could not be identified by neither the policemen or the witnesses.
- (D) The body could not be identified by the policemen, and neither could the witnesses.
- (E) The policemen and the witnesses could not identify the body.

12. I am studying anatomy having decided to enter the field of medicine.

- (A) I am studying anatomy having decided to enter the field of medicine.
- (B) I am studying anatomy since that will be my occupation.
- (C) Studying anatomy, because of having decided to enter the field of medicine.
- (D) Having decided to enter the field of medicine, I am studying anatomy.
- (E) I have decided to enter the field of medicine studying anatomy.

13. You should exercise daily, and this will help you to stay in good mental and physical health.

- (A) You should exercise daily, and this
- (B) To exercise daily, this
- (C) If you exercise daily, and this
- (D) Exercising daily
- (E) Exercising daily, this

14. After listening to small children all day, little patience was left for her own family; consequently, she often was irritable and cross.

- (A) After listening to small children all day, little patience was left for her own family
- (B) After listening to small children all day, her own family received little patience from her
- (C) Little patience was left for her own family after listening to small children all day
- (D) Her family received little patience from her after listening to small children all day
- (E) After listening to small children all day, she had little patience left for her own family

15. After failing several subjects, the dean expelled Kyle from the university.

- (A) After failing several subjects, the dean expelled Kyle from the university.
- (B) Kyle was expelled from the university by the dean after failing several subjects.
- (C) Kyle was expelled from the university after failing several subjects by the dean.
- (D) After Kyle had failed several subjects, the dean expelled him from the university.
- (E) The dean expelled Kyle from the university after he had failed several subjects.

## Test 7

### Improving Sentences



**Directions:** In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence is underlined. Below each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence, one that is clear and exact, without awkwardness or ambiguity. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English. Choose the answer that best expresses the meaning of the original sentence.

1. The reunion, being particularly stressful because we found it so hard to part from our relatives after not having seen them for so long.
  - (A) The reunion, being particularly stressful because we found it so hard to part from our relatives after not having seen them
  - (B) The reunion, being particularly stressful, was found so because it was so hard to part with our relatives after not seeing them
  - (C) We found the reunion to be particularly stressful because we had to part with our relatives who we had not seen
  - (D) We found the reunion to be particularly stressful because we had to part from our relatives whom we had not seen
  - (E) The reunion was particularly stressful because of having to leave relatives which we had not seen
2. The note said that Mr. Kelly would return at 2:00 and it was taped to the door.
  - (A) said that Mr. Kelly would return at 2:00 and it
  - (B) said that Mr. Kelly would return at 2:00, but it
  - (C) said that Mr. Kelly would return at 2:00, and
  - (D) saying that Mr. Kelly would return at 2:00, and it
  - (E) saying that Mr. Kelly would return at 2:00
3. While working in Washington, his family was living in Florida where they could enjoy hot, sunny days.
  - (A) While working in Washington, his
  - (B) While he was working in Washington, his
  - (C) He was working in Washington, and his
  - (D) Working in Washington, his
  - (E) While he was working in Washington, and his

4. I found a purse on the sidewalk stuffed with money.
- (A) I found a purse on the sidewalk stuffed with money.  
 (B) Stuffed with money, I found a purse on the sidewalk.  
 (C) On the sidewalk a purse was found by me stuffed with money.  
 (D) A purse stuffed with money was found by me on the sidewalk.  
 (E) I found a purse stuffed with money on the sidewalk.
5. After attending the workshop over the weekend, a feeling of intellectual superiority possessed him, and he would hardly speak to any of us.
- (A) a feeling of intellectual superiority possessed him, and he would hardly speak to any of us  
 (B) he would hardly speak to any of us feeling intellectually superior  
 (C) hardly speaking to any of us, a feeling of intellectual superiority possessed him  
 (D) he felt intellectually superior and would hardly speak to any of us  
 (E) feeling intellectually superior, he would hardly speak to any of us
6. A conference on learning theories was held in August, and the conference was at Midland Creek.
- (A) August, and the conference was at Midland Creek  
 (B) August at Midland Creek  
 (C) August, and at Midland Creek  
 (D) August, Midland Creek being the place  
 (E) August; however, the conference was at Midland Creek
7. By reading a chapter each night, the book will be finished within the week.
- (A) the book will be finished within the week  
 (B) within the week, the book will be finished  
 (C) finishing the book within the week can be done  
 (D) he can finish the book within the week  
 (E) the book, by him, can be finished within the week
8. All pedestrians crossing at the intersection and who don't obey the traffic lights, will receive tickets.
- (A) crossing at the intersection and who don't obey the traffic lights  
 (B) for crossing at the intersection and not obeying the traffic lights  
 (C) crossing at the intersection not obeying traffic lights  
 (D) for crossing at the intersection and who don't obey the traffic lights  
 (E) who cross at the intersection and who don't obey the traffic lights
9. To prepare for the party, sets of dishes were borrowed by the hostess.
- (A) To prepare for the party, sets of dishes were borrowed by the hostess.  
 (B) By the hostess, sets of dishes were borrowed preparing for the party.  
 (C) Sets of dishes were borrowed by the hostess for the party preparations.  
 (D) To prepare for the party, the hostess borrowed sets of dishes.  
 (E) The hostess borrowed sets of dishes preparing for the party.

10. The creature was a large, black amphibian with a mouth as long as thirty feet and would hold twenty men in it.

- (A) mouth as long as thirty feet and would hold twenty men in it
- (B) mouth thirty feet long in which it would hold twenty men
- (C) mouth as long as thirty feet and holding twenty men in it
- (D) mouth as long as thirty feet in which twenty men would fit in it
- (E) thirty foot long mouth that would hold twenty men

11. My parents thought I would die of pneumonia several times when I was a child.

- (A) My parents thought I would die of pneumonia several times when I was a child.
- (B) Several times my parents thought I would die when I was a child of pneumonia.
- (C) My parents thought I would die when I was a child several times of pneumonia.
- (D) When I was a child several times, my parents thought I would die of pneumonia.
- (E) Several times when I was a child, my parents thought I would die of pneumonia.

12. We signaled the bus driver frantically, but it kept right on going.

- (A) frantically, but it
- (B) frantically, and it
- (C) frantically and, he
- (D) frantically, however, he
- (E) frantically; however, he

13. The art students lined the walls of the auditorium with paintings and they had done the paintings themselves.

- (A) and they had done the paintings themselves
- (B) and having done them themselves
- (C) that they had done themselves
- (D) but, they did them themselves
- (E) that had been done by them

14. The company, under pressure to pass the inspection, and changing its procedures in the handling of maintenance.

- (A) and changing its
- (B) by changing its
- (C) is changing their
- (D) but changing their
- (E) is changing its

15. Today's architects must consider both how much a material costs and its stability.

- (A) its stability
- (B) is it going to hold up
- (C) if it has stability
- (D) how well it holds up
- (E) the material's ability to hold up

## Test 8

### Improving Sentences



**Directions:** In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence is underlined. Below each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence, one that is clear and exact, without awkwardness or ambiguity. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English. Choose the answer that best expresses the meaning of the original sentence.

- Janice Miller, one of America's best-known philosophers, she has studied both in America and abroad.
  - philosophers, she has studied
  - philosophers, has studied
  - philosophers, and studying
  - philosophers since studying
  - philosophers when she studied
- These authors are noted for their writing because they are conscientious, pay attention to detail, and bad grammar is not used.
  - pay attention to detail, and bad grammar is not used
  - detail is attended to, and bad grammar is not used
  - attend to detail, and use no bad grammar
  - attending to detail and using no bad grammar
  - detail is attended to, and no bad grammar is used
- Public education, in an effort to give all students quality training , and revising its position on graduation requirements.
  - and revising its
  - by revising its
  - is revising their
  - but revising their
  - is revising its
- After Terry recovered from his operation, he competed with his sons in wrestling.
  - he competed with his sons in wrestling
  - him and his sons were competing in wrestling
  - he and his sons have competed in wrestling
  - he was in competition in wrestling with his sons
  - competition with his sons in wrestling took place

5. This year's beauty contestants being more beautiful than last year's.

- (A) being more beautiful than last year's
- (B) they were beautiful, more so than last year
- (C) which were more beautiful than the ones last year
- (D) were more beautiful than last year's
- (E) by far more impressive than the ones last year

6. In this age, actors are often more than entertainers they are the spokesmen for contemporary issues.

- (A) entertainers they are
- (B) entertainers and are
- (C) entertainers; they are
- (D) entertainers, although they are
- (E) entertainers, but are

7. Swarming over the grass and climbing up the plants, I saw some strange-looking insects.

- (A) Swarming over the grass and climbing up the plants, I saw some strange-looking insects.
- (B) I saw some strange-looking insects swarming over the grass and climbing up the plants.
- (C) Strange-looking insects were seen by me swarming over the grass and climbing up the plants.
- (D) I saw some strange-looking insects who were swarming over the grass and climbing up the plants.
- (E) Swarming over the grass and climbing up the plants were some strange-looking insects and I saw them.

8. We had finally been accepted as freshmen at a reputable college, which encouraged us a great deal.

- (A) We had finally been accepted as freshmen at a reputable college, which encouraged us a great deal.
- (B) Being accepted as freshmen at a reputable college, which encouraged us a great deal.
- (C) The fact that a reputable college accepted us as freshmen caused us to be encouraged a great deal.
- (D) Our acceptance as freshmen at a reputable college encouraged us a great deal.
- (E) We freshmen were a great deal encouraged by the fact that we were accepted by a reputable college.

9. I tried to reach the other side of the river, and the current was too swift for me, and I could not reach the shore.

- (A) river, and
- (B) river, however,
- (C) river, while
- (D) river, but
- (E) river but

10. Neither he nor the other politicians were certain about the time of the meeting, they all had planned to go early to avoid the possibility of being late.

- (A) meeting, they
- (B) meeting, being that they
- (C) meeting they
- (D) meeting, and they
- (E) meeting; they



11. In the introduction, it says that this is a true story.
- (A) In the introduction, it says that
  - (B) In the introduction, they say
  - (C) They say in the introduction that
  - (D) It says in the introduction that
  - (E) The introduction says
12. Darlene constantly complains to her brother about her job, how much she is paid, and the responsibilities she has.
- (A) how much she is paid, and the responsibilities she has
  - (B) how much she is paid, and her responsibilities
  - (C) her salary, and the responsibilities she has
  - (D) her salary, and her responsibilities
  - (E) the payment she receives, and her responsibilities
13. Douglas Richards was known as an outstanding courtroom lawyer, and he was one of the members of the state Senate.
- (A) Douglas Richards was known as an outstanding courtroom lawyer, and he
  - (B) Douglas Richards, known as an outstanding courtroom lawyer,
  - (C) Douglas Richards was known as an outstanding courtroom lawyer; and he
  - (D) Douglas Richards was known as an outstanding courtroom lawyer, being that he
  - (E) Douglas Richards was known as an outstanding courtroom lawyer, but he
14. The city council could not raise enough money, and the construction of the new park had to be delayed.
- (A) money, and
  - (B) money and
  - (C) money; therefore,
  - (D) money: but
  - (E) money, although
15. Having waited in line for two hours, the window closed just before we got there.
- (A) Having waited in line for two hours, the window closed just before we got there.
  - (B) Having waited in line for two hours, just before we got there, the window closed.
  - (C) The window closed, having waited in line for two hours, just before we got there.
  - (D) Just before we got there, the window closed having waited in line for two hours.
  - (E) We waited in line for two hours, but the window closed just before we got there.

## Test 9

### Improving Sentences



**Directions:** In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence is underlined. Below each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence, one that is clear and exact, without awkwardness or ambiguity. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English. Choose the answer that best expresses the meaning of the original sentence.

- The small child, in an effort to please his father, and keeping its room orderly and clean.
  - and keeping its
  - by keeping its
  - is keeping his
  - but keeping his
  - is keeping its
- Benjamin Lueke, one of America's best-known scientists, he has experimented in both France and England.
  - scientists, he has experimented
  - scientists, has experimented
  - scientists, and experimenting
  - scientists since experimenting
  - scientists when he experimented
- Long before the taxi arrived, he and his sons had begun to walk.
  - he and his sons had begun to walk
  - him and his sons were beginning to walk
  - he and his sons have begun to walk
  - he was beginning to walk with his sons
  - walking with his sons took place
- January's student of the month being more impressive than February's.
  - being more impressive than February's
  - it was impressive, more so than February
  - which was more impressive than the one in February
  - was more impressive than February's student
  - by far more impressive than February

5. Before the sixteenth century, chairs were more than common household items they were symbols of authority.
- (A) common household items they were
  - (B) common household items and were
  - (C) common household items; they were
  - (D) common household items, although they were
  - (E) common household items, but were
6. The newspaper editor is beginning to take notice of that new girl because she is responsible, studies for her tests, and a large vocabulary is used.
- (A) studies for her tests, and a large vocabulary is used
  - (B) her tests are studied for, and a large vocabulary is used
  - (C) studies for her tests, and uses a large vocabulary
  - (D) studying for her tests and using a large vocabulary
  - (E) her tests are studied for, and a large vocabulary is used
7. Today's scientists must consider both how much an experiment costs and its feasibility.
- (A) its feasibility
  - (B) is it going to be feasible
  - (C) if it has feasibility
  - (D) how feasible it is
  - (E) the experiment's feasibility
8. The dancer entered the circle, and she wore special decorative beads.
- (A) The dancer entered the circle, and she wore special decorative beads.
  - (B) The dancer entered the circle wearing special decorative beads.
  - (C) Wearing special decorative beads, the circle was entered by the dancer.
  - (D) The dancer, wearing special decorative beads, entered the circle.
  - (E) Special decorative beads were worn by the dancer entering the circle.
9. I knocked over the plant waltzing on the porch.
- (A) I knocked over the plant waltzing on the porch.
  - (B) The plant was knocked over by me waltzing on the porch.
  - (C) The plant, while I was waltzing on the porch, was knocked over.
  - (D) I knocked over the plant on the porch while waltzing.
  - (E) While waltzing on the porch, I knocked over the plant.
10. The deciding factor in the committee's choice was the research of Jan, who had presented it.
- (A) the research of Jan, who had presented it
  - (B) Jan, in that she had presented her research
  - (C) Jan's research
  - (D) when Jan presented her research
  - (E) that Jan had presented her research

11. In the field of art, one can identify many different styles, each with its own characteristics.

- (A) each with its own characteristics
- (B) each having their own characteristics
- (C) when they each have their own characteristics
- (D) which has its own characteristics
- (E) they each have characteristics of their own

12. A truck crashed through the fence and onto the practice field, and the coach canceled further outdoor practice.

- (A) field, and
- (B) field so
- (C) field, but
- (D) field although,
- (E) field; therefore,

13. After Kyle had finished his studies, he played tennis with his friend.

- (A) he played tennis with his friend
- (B) him and his friend were playing tennis
- (C) he and his friend have played tennis
- (D) he was engaging in playing tennis with his friend
- (E) playing tennis with his friend took place

14. That candidate was not acceptable because she was ruthless, irresponsible, and cares nothing about anyone except herself.

- (A) ruthless, irresponsible, and cares nothing about anyone except herself
- (B) being ruthless, irresponsible, and caring nothing about anyone except herself
- (C) ruthless, irresponsible, and self-centered
- (D) ruthless, irresponsible, and who cares about nothing or anyone except herself
- (E) being ruthless, irresponsible, and cares nothing about anyone except herself

15. We had studied for two hours every day, which encouraged us to believe that we would score high on the upcoming exam.

- (A) We had studied for two hours every day, which encouraged us to believe
- (B) We studied for two hours every day and this encouraged us to believe
- (C) Studying two hours every day encouraged us to believe
- (D) Encouraging us to believe, we studied two hours every day so
- (E) Studying two hours every day had been accomplished by us as encouragement to believe

# Test 10

## Improving Sentences



**Directions:** In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence is underlined. Below each sentence are five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence, one that is clear and exact, without awkwardness or ambiguity. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English. Choose the answer that best expresses the meaning of the original sentence.

- The voters favor this candidate because he is honest, fights against crime, and a balanced budget is advocated.
  - fights against crime, and a balanced budget is advocated
  - crime is fought against, and a balanced budget is advocated
  - fights against crime, and advocates a balanced budget
  - fighting against crime and advocating a balanced budget
  - crime is fought against, and a balanced budget is advocated
- The English classes were all full, and this fact made me change my entire schedule.
  - The English classes were all full, and this fact made me
  - Because the English classes were all full, it caused me to
  - The English classes being full which made me
  - The fact that the English classes were all full made me
  - That the English classes were all full making me
- Today's doctors must consider both how a disease is caused and its cure.
  - its cure
  - is it going to be easily cured
  - if it has a cure
  - how it is cured
  - the disease's ability to be cured
- In the world of politics, a candidate is more than a popular personage he is a representative of the people.
  - a popular personage he is
  - a popular personage and is
  - a popular personage; he is
  - a popular personage, although he is
  - a popular personage, but is
- This year's advanced placement students scoring higher than last year's.
  - scoring higher than last year's
  - it was higher, more so than last year
  - which was higher than the one last year
  - scored higher than last year's students
  - by far higher than the last

6. Casey Stone, one of America's best-known anthropologists, he has written both fiction and non-fiction.
- (A) anthropologists, he has written  
 (B) anthropologists, has written  
 (C) anthropologists, and writing  
 (D) anthropologists since writing  
 (E) anthropologists when he wrote
7. Having taken my seat, the movie finally began.
- (A) Having taken my seat, the movie finally began.  
 (B) Having taken my seat, I was able to see the movie finally began.  
 (C) The movie finally began having taken my seat.  
 (D) After I took my seat, the movie finally began.  
 (E) It was after I took my seat that the movie finally began.
8. The roof is leaking; it is ruining the plaster and causing the paint to peel.
- (A) The roof is leaking; it is ruining  
 (B) The roof is leaking, but it is ruining  
 (C) Because it is leaking, the roof is ruining  
 (D) The leaking roof is ruining  
 (E) The roof, leaking, is ruining
9. Jamie's new car being much faster than Harry's.
- (A) being much faster than Harry's  
 (B) it is faster, more so than Harry  
 (C) which is faster than Harry's  
 (D) is faster than Harry's.  
 (E) by far much faster than Harry's
10. Before John discovered the new particle, he had collaborated with his colleagues in experimenting.
- (A) he had collaborated with his colleagues in experimenting  
 (B) him and his colleagues were collaborating in experimenting  
 (C) he and his colleagues have collaborated in experimenting  
 (D) he was in collaboration in experimenting with his colleagues  
 (E) collaboration with his colleagues in experimenting took place
11. She doesn't understand the importance of subtle spices, and she will never be a good cook.
- (A) She doesn't understand the importance of subtle spices, and she  
 (B) Not understanding the importance of subtle spices, she  
 (C) She, not understanding the importance of good spices,  
 (D) Because of not understanding the importance of subtle spices and she  
 (E) The importance of subtle spices not being understood, she
12. The secondary proposal was acceptable to the club officers, and it was voted down by the members of the group.
- (A) officers, and  
 (B) officers: but,  
 (C) officers although,  
 (D) officers and  
 (E) officers, yet

13. The public is beginning to take notice of that politician because he is honest, has concern for all people, and the law is upheld.

- (A) has concern for all people, and the law is upheld
- (B) all people are concerned for, and the law is upheld
- (C) has concern for all people, and upholds the law
- (D) being concerned for all people and upholding the law
- (E) all people are concerned for, and the law is upheld

14. He hits longer drives than any golf player in his club.

- (A) He hits longer drives than any golf player in his club.
- (B) He hits the longer drives of all the golf players in the club.
- (C) He hits longer drives than any other golf player in his club.
- (D) He hits the longer drives of all the other golf players in the club.
- (E) He hits the longest drives of all the golf players in the club of which he is a member.

15. When Janet was studying ballet, she competed with her friends in dancing.

- (A) she competed with her friends in dancing
- (B) she and her friends were competing in dancing
- (C) she and her friends have competed in dancing
- (D) she was in competition in dancing with her friends
- (E) competition with her friends in dancing took place

# Answers

## Improving Sentences





# Answers

## Improving Sentences



### Test 1

1. e      2. e      3. d      4. c      5. d      6. c      7. b      8. d  
9. e      10. b      11. c      12. b      13. d      14. b      15. b

### Test 2

1. d      2. e      3. d      4. e      5. b      6. c      7. d      8. d  
9. a      10. c      11. d      12. c      13. b      14. d      15. e

### Test 3

1. d      2. a      3. c      4. a      5. d      6. e      7. e      8. e  
9. c      10. e      11. b      12. c      13. d      14. d

### Test 4

1. c      2. c      3. e      4. d      5. c      6. b      7. b      8. b  
9. d      10. d      11. d      12. c      13. e      14. e      15. d

### Test 5

1. d      2. b      3. b      4. a      5. e      6. e      7. d      8. c  
9. b      10. e      11. e      12. d      13. c

# Answers

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### Test 6

1. c    2. c    3. b    4. e    5. e    6. d    7. c    8. e  
9. c    10. c    11. b    12. d    13. d    14. e    15. d

### Test 7

1. d    2. e    3. b    4. e    5. d    6. b    7. d    8. e  
9. d    10. e    11. e    12. e    13. c    14. e    15. d

### Test 8

1. b    2. c    3. e    4. a    5. d    6. c    7. b    8. d  
9. d    10. e    11. e    12. d    13. b    14. c    15. e

### Test 9

1. c    2. b    3. a    4. d    5. c    6. c    7. d    8. d  
9. e    10. c    11. a    12. e    13. a    14. c    15. c

### Test 10

1. c    2. d    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. b    7. d    8. d  
9. d    10. a    11. b    12. e    13. c    14. c    15. a