A DIAGNOSTIC GRAMMAR EXAM

Name: ________________________    Date: _______________

____1. After having a miserable time at the game, I decided, that it was time to be more pleasant.
   a) ...I decided that it was...
   b) ...I decided, that, it was...
   c) ...I, decided that it was...
   d) No change

____2. That is just a part of a day’s work.
   a) ...of a days work.
   b) ...of a days’ work.
   c) No change

____3. Donna asked Jim. If he could help her with her homework.
   a) ...asked Jim if he could...
   b) ... asked Jim, if he could...
   c) ... asked Jim; if he could...
   d) No change

____4. He accepted his mother’s advice reluctantly.
   a) He accepted his...
   b) He excepted his...
   c) No change

____5. The teacher told Charles that he would not pass the class, still he tried.
   a) ...the class; still, he tried.
   b) ...the class: still he tried.
   c) No change

____6. Them going to the store so often upsets mother.
   a) They going to...
   b) Their going to...
   c) They’re going to...
   d) No change

____7. We told the children to go out and play in the yard for the rain had finally stopped.
   a) ...the yard; for the rain...
   b) ...the yard: for the rain...
   c) No change

____8. That whole stack of papers are to be discarded.
   a) ...papers were to be...
   b) ...papers is to be ...
   c) No change

____9. The men’s coats were all wet after the storms passed.
   a) The mens’ coats...
   b) The mens coats...
   c) The mens’s coats...
   d) No change

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10. The stranger who came to the door may have been she.
   a) ...may have been her.
   b) ...may have been herself.
   c) No change

11. He came home mad. Kicking the door, throwing his books, and scaring his sister.
   a) ...mad, kicking the door, throwing his books, ...
   b) ...mad; kicking the door...
   c) No change

12. I like to study, jogging, and shop for clothes.
   a) ...studying, the jog, and to shop for clothes.
   b) ...to study, jog, and shop for clothes.
   c) ...studying, jogging and shop for clothes.
   d) No change

13. The tie Jill bought John complemented his suit.
   a) ...complimented his suit.
   b) No change

14. Jack’s father died when he was six years old.
   a) When Jack’s father died, he was six years old.
   b) When Jack was six years old, his father died.
   c) No change

15. Finally the engine is running really smoothly.
   a) ...running real smoothly.
   b) ...running really smooth.
   c) ...running real smooth.
   d) No change

16. Jim’s only brother, Steve, is a star on the basketball team.
   a) Jim’s only brother Steve is...
   b) Jim’s only brother, Steve is...
   c) Jim’s only brother Steve, is...
   d) No change

17. My main interest is botany. The fascinating study of plants.
   a) ...botany, the fascinating...
   b) ...botany the fascinating...
   c) No change

18. Blue jeans are comfortable. They stay cooler than polyester.
   a) ...comfortable, they stay...
   b) ...comfortable they stay...
   c) No change

19. Walking through the cafeteria, my nose began to bleed.
   a) While walking through the cafeteria, my nose began to bleed.
   b) My nose began to bleed while walking through the cafeteria.
   c) My nose began to bleed while I was walking through the cafeteria.
   d) No change
20. The donuts on the table are theirs.
   a) ...are their’s.
   b) ...are theirs’.
   c) ...are there’s.
   d) No change

21. When they play often they end up fighting.
   a) ...play, often they...
   b) ...play, often, they...
   c) No change

22. After class I met Judy, David, who is also a student at Western and Mr. Johnson my advisor.
   a) ...Judy, David, who is also a student at Western, and Mr. Johnson, my advisor.
   b) ...Judy; David, who is also a student at Western; and Mr. Johnson, my advisor.
   c) ...Judy, David; who is also a student at Western; and Mr. Johnson; my advisor.

23. The decision was fair because the judge was truly disinterested in the matter.
   a) ...was truly uninterested in...
   b) No change

24. The number of children signed up for the Arts Festival workshops have increased.
   a) ...has increased.
   b) No change

25. Although it was bitterly cold and it had snowed six inches. The university still had classes.
   a) ...inches; the university...
   b) ...inches, the university...
   c) No change

26. Neither Hannah nor her sisters was able to finish her supper.
   a) ...were...their supper.
   b) ...were...her supper.
   c) No change

27. Me and my dad went fishing Saturday.
   a) My dad and me...
   b) My dad and I...
   c) No change

28. The girls screams brought them a lot of attention.
   a) The girl’s screams...
   b) The girls’s screams...
   c) The girls’ screams...

29. Jim told Mr. Brown that he was out of shape.
   a) Jim knew he was out of shape and told Mr. Brown.
   b) He was out of shape, Jim told Mr. Brown.
   c) No change

30. We used fifteen ft. of rope to hang the new swing.
   a) ...15 feet...
   b) ...fifteen feet...
31. I was biking home when the rain started I stopped at my friend’s house.
   a) ...home, and when the rain started I stopped...
   b) ...home when the rain started; I stopped...
   c) ...home, when the rain started, I stopped...
   d) No change

32. I am studying English literature, American history, and physical geography.
   a) ...English Literature, American History, and Physical Geography.
   b) ...English literature, American history, and physical geography.
   c) No change

33. After being delivered, Mr. Jones was glad for his firewood.
   a) Mr. Jones was glad his firewood was delivered.
   b) No change

34. There’s no reason for his behavior.
   a) Theres’ no...
   b) Theres’s no...
   c) There no...
   d) No change

35. The snow began as the sun set; therefore, we stayed home.
   a) ...set, therefore, we...
   b) ...set, therefore we...
   c) ...set; therefore we...
   d) No change

36. After they finish their homework, they’re going to watch the game.
   a) ...finish their homework, their going...
   b) ...finish they’re homework, they’re going...
   c) ...finish their homework, they’re going...
   d) No change

37. Either John or Ted forgot his coat in the classroom.
   a) ...forgot their coat...
   b) No change

38. I have seen Dr. Zacharias several times this week.
   a) I seen...
   b) I have saw...
   c) No change

39. Neither Jane nor Sarah was in the office at noon.
   a) Neither Jane nor Sarah were...
   b) Jane and Sarah was not...
   c) No change

40. I’d like to know the class’ opinion about nuclear war.
   a) ...the class’s opinion...
   b) ...the class opinion...
   c) No change
41. To avoid doing her share of the work, Shirley frequently talks to customers.
   a) ...work Shirley...
   b) ...work; Shirley...
   c) No change

42. Peter makes good grades every semester. Studies hard every night.
   a) ...semester. He studies...
   b) ...semester; studies...
   c) ...semester, studies...
   d) No change

43. When we boys were in grade school, we hated girls.
   a) When us boys...
   b) No change

44. I hate being late, my sister is never on time.
   a) ...late; my sister...
   b) ...late; my, sister...
   c) No change

45. His mother-in-law’s visit was trying on him.
   a) His mother’s-in-law visit...
   b) No change

46. There is a history book and a notebook on the table.
   a) There are a ...
   b) No change

47. Located in that area are some beautiful homes.
   a) ...area, are some...
   b) No change

48. Each girl must complete their own dress for the show.
   a) ...her...
   b) No change

49. Someone sneaked into the house last night. Whoever stole the new cassette player.
   a) Whoever sneaked into the house last night; stole the new cassette player.
   b) Whoever sneaked into the house last night stole the new cassette player.
   c) No change

50. The dog was in the car that bit the man.
   a) The dog that was in the car bit the man.
   b) No change