

A DIAGNOSTIC GRAMMAR EXAM

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- ___ 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 axcepted 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

- ___ 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.
- ...are their's.
 - ...are theirs'.
 - ...are there's.
 - No change
- ___21. When they play often they end up fighting.
- ...play, often they...
 - ...play, often, they...
 - No change
- ___22. After class I met Judy, David, who is also a student at Western and Mr. Johnson my advisor.
- ...Judy, David, who is also a student at Western, and Mr. Johnson, my advisor.
 - ...Judy; David, who is also a student at Western; and Mr. Johnson, my advisor.
 - ...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.
- ...was truly uninterested in...
 - No change
- ___24. The number of children signed up for the Arts Festival workshops have increased.
- ...has increased.
 - No change
- ___25. Although it was bitterly cold and it had snowed six inches. The university still had classes.
- ...inches; the university...
 - ...inches, the university...
 - No change
- ___26. Neither Hannah nor her sisters was able to finish her supper.
- ...were...their supper.
 - ...were...her supper.
 - No change
- ___27. Me and my dad went fishing Saturday.
- My dad and me...
 - My dad and I...
 - No change
- ___28. The girls screams brought them a lot of attention.
- The girl's screams...
 - The girls's screams...
 - The girls' screams....
- ___29. Jim told Mr. Brown that he was out of shape.
- Jim knew he was out of shape and told Mr. Brown.
 - He was out of shape, Jim told Mr. Brown.
 - No change
- ___30. We used fifteen ft. of rope to hang the new swing.
- ...15 feet...
 - ... 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. Theres no reason for his behavior.
a) Theres' no...
b) There'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