

Part I. Identify whether each of the following types of sentences is a: (1 Point Each)

A. Simple Sentence

C. Complex Sentence

B. Compound Sentence

D. Compound-Complex Sentence

1. She embarked on a writing career as she graduated from high school. (C)
2. You and your sister can visit the monasteries on your next trip. (A)
3. Homeless teens face intense obstacles, but when it comes to schooling, they have the chance to receive education. (D)
4. The campus is huge, so it provides transportation services. (B)

Part II. Choose a transitional word/phrase that best suits each blank space in the paragraph; an alternative can be used more than once. (0.5 Point Each)

A. Second

C. Another reason is that

E. For example

B. However

D. First

F. On the other hand

G. One reason is that

H. The best choice

There are three major airports near Washington, D.C., but the traveler to Washington should be careful about which one he or she chooses. 5. However, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, which is located near the city of Baltimore, is a good international airport. 6. However, it is not the best choice for a traveler who wants to visit Washington. 7. One reason it is relatively far from the city of Washington itself. 8. Another a passenger bus trip between Baltimore and Washington is somewhat expensive. Dulles International Airport is a slightly better choice since it is located closer to the city. 9. First, if a traveler arrives in the early evening, he or she will encounter rush-hour traffic, which is not a good way to begin a trip to the city. 10. Second may be Washington-Reagan National Airport. There are two reasons for this. 11. For example, this

airport is the closest to the city. 12. _____, it is located on the Metro train system, which is a convenient method of transportation, allowing a traveler to travel almost anywhere he or she likes in the city of Washington.

Part III. Choose the correct conjunction that gives a complete sense for the following incomplete sentences. (1 Point Each)

13. He was in dilemma _____ to continue graduate study in Civil Engineering _____ to redirect his energies toward business or medicine.

A. whether.....or

C. both.....and

B. not only.....but also

D. either.....or

14. If she has enough time, she will visit _____ the Simien Mountains in Gondar _____ the Rock-Hewn Churches in Lalibela.

A. either.....or

C. both.....and

B. whether.....or

D. neither.....nor

15. He was angry and upset; _____, he was also terribly disappointed.

A. in addition

C. therefore

B. however

D. otherwise

16. They were denied admission to the medical school; _____, they applied to the graduate program in Anatomy and Physiology.

A. moreover

C. therefore

B. nevertheless

D. otherwise

17. The man had wealth, status, power and good looks; _____, he went home one night and put a bullet through his head.

A. nevertheless

C. on the other hand

B. otherwise

D. therefore

18. You should continue practice to write paragraphs on your own; _____, it is unlikely to improve your writing skill.

A. however

C. moreover

B. otherwise

D. therefore

19. _____ the people can learn to live together peacefully, they are in for a stormy future.

A. because

C. though

B. unless

D. whenever

20. The letter quality of the paper was poor _____ the printer's cartridge ran out of ink.

A. when

C. because

B. even though

D. unless

21. I would have brought the book _____ I knew you were in need of it.

A. if

C. as

B. when

D. though

22. _____ the day is sunny, her spirits are bright. She totally dislikes foggy days.

A. Though

C. Unless

B. Where

D. Since

Part IV. Write the correct coordinating conjunction for each blank space to form a meaningful sentence. (1 Point Each)

23. They went out to lunch, _____ they went to a movie.

24. The soldiers were only a few miles from their destination, _____ they kept walking.
25. I finally found the book, _____ it was not what I expected.
26. She could go to the concert, _____ she could stay home and listen to it on the radio.
27. The students were undecided whether to continue, _____ they had lost their sense of direction.
28. I didn't answer the door, _____ did I peek out of the window.

Part V.

29. Rearrange the following sentences to form a logical paragraph. (1 Point Each)

- A. In these rural areas 70 percent of the available agricultural land suffers from dryness and lack of irrigation.
- B. As a result, the crops are usually marginal with hardly enough production to feed the farmer's family.
- C. The first fact to consider is that over 60 percent of the population lives in rural communities.
- D. In my country, one of the most urgent problems facing the government today relates to agriculture.
- E. And without irrigation, agricultural production is wholly dependent on the uncertain rainfall.
- F. To understand the nature of this problem, one has to look at some of the facts.

Part VI. Identify the irrelevant sentence in the given paragraph to form a unified paragraph. (1 Point)

30. (A) There is an old saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away and helps losing weight."
(B) In fact, studies have shown that a number of components in apples help the body to fight many diseases. (C) Apples are also a source of dietary fiber which helps digestion and promotes weight loss. (D) Blackberries are a traditional ingredient for pies. (E) Unlike other snacks such as biscuits, raw apples contain almost zero fat and cholesterol.

Part VII. Choose the correct paragraph developing method that describes each of the given paragraphs (1 Point Each)

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| A. Exemplification | D. Compare-Contrast |
| B. Contrast | E. Cause-Effect |
| C. Cause | F. Process |

31. The development of an assignment essay follows a number of sequenced steps. Firstly, you must analyse the question very carefully so that your essay answers the set question. Next, you should brainstorm the topic of the essay and seek out some relevant sources of information. Once you have a good grasp of the scope of the question, you should construct an essay plan that details your approach to answering the question. This plan is then followed by the development of a draft answer. Lastly, and most importantly, your written work must be refined by careful editing and proofreading.

32. Academic reports and essays are similar in some ways and are different in others. They are similar because both use a formal academic style incorporating references and are written in paragraphs. Also, the writing of each type requires a high level of analytical thought with a

correct and neat final presentation. The report is different from the essay because it usually presents information whereas the essay focuses more on argument. They are stylistically different in that the report uses numbered headings and dot points. These features are not usually encouraged in essays. Reports usually conclude with set of recommendations which is different from an essay conclusion.

Part VIII. Read the paragraph "Time-Management Skills" and answer the questions that follow accordingly. (1 Point Each)

33. (A) No matter how you slice it, there are only 24 hours in a day. (B) To be successful at university, students need to learn good time-management skills. (C) The first skill is not taking on more than you can handle. (D) If you are working part-time, have a family and are involved in a community organisation, then taking a full course-load at university will be too much. (E) Another time management skill is reasonably estimating the time required to perform each of the tasks at hand. (F) Finally, actually doing what needs to be done is obvious, but is a very difficult skill. (G) Postponement is a time manager's enemy. (H) By learning time management skills, your university study will be successful and most importantly enjoyable.

(i) Identify the topic sentence: _____

(ii) Identify the concluding sentence: _____

Part IX. The following sentences have problems. Identify the error types and revise them as necessary. (1 Point Each)

34. All people have faults, no matter who you are.

35. The course has enabled us to write papers which we took in the first semester.

36. Caffeine is a stimulant it gives some people the courage.
37. A quick cold breakfast can be easy, tasty, and it can provide good nutrition.
38. They continued to dance. While the ship was sinking.
39. Anger is dangerous emotion, it has many bad effects.
40. Running up the stairs, the train had already left for Dire Dawa.
41. The man's salary is more than his wife.

Part X. Write a topic sentence for each of the following paragraphs. (1 Point Each)

42. _____ Morality
 should provide the theoretical basis for our concepts of right and wrong, and the legal system should codify, police, and enforce our moral conclusions. When laws are based on fundamental and universal moral principles, they must be inflexible. However, when a law is based on sectarian opinions, it should accommodate differences of opinion.

43. _____ Mental
 pleasures include the satisfaction that one gets from understanding something, or from contemplating truth. They also include the memory of a well-spent life, and the confident expectation of good things to come. Physical pleasures, on the other hand, include those which fill the whole organism with a conscious sense of enjoyment. This may be the natural heat of the body or the discharge of some excess.

Part XI.

44. Write a cause and effect paragraph on "Peer Pressure" [The influence of friends, group or individual] using not more than 200 words. Consider the qualities of a good paragraph (Unity, Coherence, Variety, and Completeness). (5 Points)