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Comp I Midterm
*Fall 2020*

**APOSTROPHES**

*Correct the following sentences with regard to apostrophes. Some sentences will require you to add one or more apostrophes. Others may require you to remove them. You may need to do both for a single sentence.*

1. We had two weeks worth of laundry to do when we got back.

2. If you find a lost drivers license, you can drop it in any mailbox and the Postal Service will deliver it to its owner.

3. Supposedly, if a groundhog sees its shadow on February 2nd, Groundhog Day, there will be six weeks more winter.

4. We are celebrating Jack and Dianes wedding anniversary next week.

5. Is it possible that Amber actually passed her drivers test?

6. The fans excitement increased as they sensed an upset victory.

7. Experts have warned that getting sufficient sleep is critical to childrens health.

8. George Washingtons creation, the Purple Heart, was established in 1792, making it the oldest military decoration.

**COMMAS**

*Add or delete commas in the following sentences as needed. Some sentences may be correct as they are.*

9. Whales are mammals not fish.

10. They live at 2804 Washington Street San Jose California 97433.

11. As a precaution in the event of a crash Prince Charles and Prince William never travel on the same plane.

12. A mythical creature the griffin had the body of a lion the wings of a bird and the head of an eagle.

13. In most parts of the world, brides wear vibrant colorful wedding dresses.

**QUOTATION MARKS VERSUS ITALICS**

*The following sentences assess your knowledge of when to use quotation marks versus when to use italics. Add quotation marks where they are needed. Underline to indicate italics they are needed.*

14. Othello, by William Shakespeare, is a tragedy partly based on a story in a collection of tales by the Italian author Cinthio.

15. The Queen Mary, a former luxurious British passenger ship, is now a popular tourist attraction docked in Long Beach, California.

16. The Mona Lisa, by Leonardo di Vinci, is probably the most famous portrait ever painted.

17. Lindsay thinks Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is the best book of the series.

18. My favorite of Edgar Allan Poe's short stories is Cask of Amontillado.

19. Francis Scott Key was a young lawyer when he wrote The Star Spangled Banner.

20. November Rain is my favorite song on Guns 'n' Roses' Use Your Illusion Album.

**PUNCTUATION**

*Add commas, quotation marks, capital letters, colons, dashes, or hyphens where they are needed. Consider every statement a direct quotation unless there is clear evidence THAT it is not. It is important to note that you may need to add various types of punctuation in a single sentence.*

21. The World Bank reported that Cairo Egypt with a population of 11 million people has the worst air pollution in the world.

22. Mr. Madison said the earth is turning to desert at a rate of 40 square miles per day.

23. England and America said George Bernard Shaw are two countries separated by the same language.

24. Researchers at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock said that inmates released from prison lack financial literacy from how to balance a checkbook to the importance of a good credit report to such a degree that it raises the risk for them returning to jail.

25. His desk was cluttered with all kinds of books and papers two dictionaries three telephone books various notepads job applications and a stack of unopened letters.

26. Sending a man to the moon and finding Osama Bin Laden cost the U.S. Government about the same amount of time and money ten years and $100 billion.

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27. Man is a complex being, said Gil Stern, he makes deserts bloom and lakes die.

28. Success in online classes requires three things: good time management, self-discipline, and self-motivation.

**SIMPLY SEMICOLONS**

*Each of the following sentences requires a semicolon. For questions 29-31, read each sentence and then select the word(s) that the semicolon would follow. For question 32, add the semicolons and commas where they belong.*

29. Hopefully, the weather will change soon, otherwise, the whole summer will go by without the sun shining.
    a. Change
    b. Soon
    c. Summer

30. Some colleges offer full time scholarships, others do not.
    a. Colleges
    b. Scholarships
    c. Others

31. You should always choose a college according to whether you believe you'll be happy, you're the one who will be attending for four years.
    a. College
    b. Believe
    c. Happy

32. Each of the students shared their hobbies with the teacher: John bowling, Jane cooking, Tim jogging, Kim hiking, Chris gardening, and Tris wakeboarding.

**COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS**

*Correct any of the following sentences that contain incorrect words. Cross out the incorrect words and write the correction above it/them. There may be more than one error per sentence.*

33. ~~Desserts~~ Deserts cover about one fifth of the earth's surface and occur where rainfall is less than 20 inches a year.

34. In York, England, ~~its~~ it's perfectly legal to shoot a Scotsman with a bow and arrow, ~~accept~~ except on Sundays.

35. ~~Whose~~ who's aware of what the recent record corporate profits ~~infer~~ imply about future stock market prices?

36. People text faster when ~~their~~ they're texting someone they really like.

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37. If ~~your~~ you're listening to the news while trying ~~too~~ to answer your email, ~~your~~ you're probably not doing either very good.

**PRONOUNS**

*Circle the correct pronoun for each sentence.*

38. When Scott and **he/him** were in Thailand, they learned the hard way that it was considered rude to sit in a way that showed the soles of their shoes.

39. Although he didn't notice us, Jayson sat near Adam and **I/me**.

40. Bobbie doesn't know any more about Dutch history than **I/me/myself**.

41. French teenagers are expected to learn more languages than **we/us**.

42. In Indonesia, a person points with **his or her/their** thumb since it's considered rude to point with a forefinger.

43. Some students in China tie their hair to the ceiling to prevent **them/themselves** from falling asleep while studying.

**SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT**

*Correct each of the following sentences in terms of subject-verb agreement.*

44. Someone, either a utility worker or a local resident, ~~have~~ has turned in an alarm about the natural gas leak.

45. ~~Neither~~ None of the theories about cosmic rays make sense to me.

46. ~~Everyone~~ All of the Russians interviewed believe "it is a great misfortune that the Soviet Union no longer exists."

47. A ~~Mass~~ mass of lava and ~~ashes~~ ash ~~were~~ is responsible for burying Pompeii in A.D. 79.

48. The simplest of all the possible writing systems ~~use~~ uses pictures or pictograms.

**TYPES OF SENTENCES**

*Read each of the sentences below. Then, choose the answer that correctly identifies the type of sentence written.*

49. Jody plays tennis twice a week, she runs two or three miles on the other days.
   a. Complete
   b. Fragment
   c. Run-on

50. Although George Washington oversaw the construction of the White House, he never lived in it.

a. Complete
b. Fragment
c. Run-on

51. Margaret Thatcher the first female Prime Minister of Great Britain.

a. Complete
b. Fragment
c. Run-on

52. Make yourself at home.

a. Complete and simple
b. Complex
c. Fragment
d. Run-on

53. Al Capone was a famous gangster in Chicago in the 1920s and 30s, and he often said, "Public service is my motto."

a. Complete and compound
b. Complex
c. Fragment
d. Run-on

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54. Pilots advise that if you dislike turbulence when you fly, book a morning flight, because the heating of the ground causes bumpier air, and it's more likely to storm in the afternoon.

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a. Complex
b. Compound
c. Compound-complex
d. Simple

**REWRITING SENTENCES FOR ACTIVE VOICE AND PARALLELISM**

*Rewrite each of the following sentences. Pay attention to the content of the sentence. Some sentences will need to be revised because they are in passive voice. Others will need to be revised for parallelism. Remember, there is more than one way to revise a sentence for parallelism.*

55. *The Kite Runner* was written by Khaled Hosseini.

Khaled Hosseini wrote The Kite Runner.

56. Noah is an avid skateboarder, jogger, and loves to wrestle.

Noah is an avid skateboarder, jogger, and wrestler.

57. Half of the world's pepper is produced in Vietnam.

Vietnam produces half of the world's pepper.

58. Lincoln Logs were invented by Frank Lloyd Wright's son.

Frank Loyd Wright's son invented Lincoln Logs.

59. Ella said there was a danger of getting malaria in the jungle or we might be bitten by snakes.

Ella said there was a danger of getting malaria or a snake bite in the jungle.

**LOCATING ERRORS IN AUTHENTIC TEXTS**

*For your final question, review the mailer I received this week. Locate and circle the error. Then, write the correction below.*

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