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English: Composition Skills

CHAPTER 2 TEST

Congratulations on completing this chapter! ***Answer the following questions to test your understanding of the material. When you finish, hand in your test to your teacher for a final grade. Each answer is worth .79 points.***

FROM THE VIGNETTES

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answers.

1. In the story of the Jewish and Arab widows, which of the following occurred?

   _____

   _____

   (a) The Arab widow discovered that her son had been killed during the invasion.
   (b) The Arab widow became jealous that another woman had raised the boy.
   (c) The widows became friends and moved in together.

2. The United States senators who feuded over careless words: _____

   _____.

   (a) "duked" out their disagreement
   (b) shook hands and forgave each other
   (c) avoided each other
   (d) none of these

3. A champion exhibits which traits? _____

   (a) cowardice
   (b) confidence
   (c) self-centeredness
   (d) game plan
   (e) focus
   (f) only a and b
   (g) only a and c
   (h) only a, b and e
   (i) only b, d and e
   (j) only c, d and e

4. Jan Scruggs raised funds to build the _____ Memorial.

   (a) Lincoln
   (b) World War II
   (c) September 11, 2001 New York Terrorist Attack Tragedy
   (d) Vietnam Veterans

5. Character: _____.

   (a) provides a person with dignity
   (b) seeks approval by society
   (c) results in humility and dullness
   (d) accepts hand outs from the government

WORD POWER!

Matching: Choose the answers for the vocabulary words.

6. _____ ***Jerusalem***
7. _____ ***amends***
8. _____ ***forged***

(a) compensation (verbal or material) for insult or injury
(b) an ancient holy city located between Israel and Jordan
(c) worked consistently, enduring obstacles

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ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Write the correct words on the lines.

9. The soldier is the son of both widows.
   subject: _____ linking verb: _____ word linked to subject: _____

10. The mother was not fond of the television.
    subject: _____ linking verb: _____ word linked to subject: _____

Matching: Choose the correct answers for verbs.

11. _____ helping verb
12. _____ linking verb
13. _____ participles

(a) helps the main verb
(b) verb forms that act as adjectives
(c) connects a noun or pronoun with a word in the predicate

Matching: Choose the correct formula for each verb tense.

14. _____ present perfect
15. _____ past perfect
16. _____ future perfect
17. _____ present progressive
18. _____ past progressive
19. _____ future progressive
20. _____ present perfect progressive
21. _____ past perfect progressive
22. _____ future perfect progressive

(a) *am, is* or *are* + present participle
(b) *was* or *were* + present participle
(c) *will have* or *shall have* + past participle
(d) *have* or *has* + past participle
(e) *will have* or *shall have* + *been* + present participle
(f) *had* + *been* + present participle
(g) *had* + past participle
(h) *have* or *has* + *been* + present participle
(i) *will be* or *shall be* + present participle

Rewrite each sentence changing the verb in parentheses to the verb tense indicated in parentheses at the end of the sentence. Underline the words you change.

23. If the husband (honor) his wife, she would have stayed. (past perfect)
    _____
    _____

24. The pilgrims (reach) their destination. (present perfect)
    _____

25. By the time he reaches the Olympics, an athlete (practice) his techniques thousands of times. (future perfect)
    _____
    _____
    _____

26. The widows (discuss) their separate lives up to the time they met. (simple past)
    _____
    _____

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***Rewrite each sentence, changing the verb tense** continued*

27. A stranger (be) in the house. (simple present)

_____

28. The senators (duel). (present progressive)

_____

29. The wife (weave) the cloth for two days. (past perfect progressive)

_____

30. The pilgrims (celebrate) the end of the journey. (past progressive)

_____

_____

31. When the season for the Olympics arrives, the athletes (practice) for four years! (future perfect progressive)

_____

_____

_____

32. I (speak) with a psychologist today. (future progressive)

_____

33. She (toil) night and day. (present perfect progressive)

_____

34. I (try) to perform at my highest capability. (simple future)

_____

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answers.

35. Singular nouns require: _____.
    (a) singular verbs (c) phrases between the nouns and verbs
    (b) plural verbs (d) two singular pronouns

36. Plural nouns require: _____.
    (a) singular verbs (c) phrases between the nouns and verbs
    (b) plural verbs (d) two plural pronouns

37. _____ must agree in number with the noun or pronoun.
    (a) Phrases (b) Helping verbs (c) Traits (d) Conjunctions

38. The _____ of a noun is not affected by a phrase following the noun.
    (a) plurality (b) number (c) position (d) subject

39. A compound subject joined by the conjunction _____ requires a plural verb.
    (a) *and* (b) *or* (c) *but* (d) *nor* (e) *yet*

40. Use a _____ when both nouns of a compound subject are singular when *either-or*, *neither-nor* or *or* joins the nouns.
    (a) singular subject (c) plural noun
    (b) singular verb (d) plural verb

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Write the correct verb for each subject.

41. Labor (spring, springs, springed) _____ out of bed.

42. Top prizes (is, are, was) _____ won by diligent practice.

43. Lewis and his opponent in the mayoral election (was, were, am) _____ patient.

44. Neither the Lincoln Memorial nor the Vietnam Memorial (was, were, am) _____ erected without the support of the American people.

45. Hua Mulan's story (has, have, had) _____ been an inspiration to many patriots throughout the centuries.

On the blank, indicate if the sentence is simple, compound, complex, or compound-complex (46-49).

46. A man is successful when he refuses to slander his enemies. _____

47. Some priests were horrified at the site of the clown. _____

48. She knocked on the door to the apartment, and a Jewish woman answered. _____

49. Before I was born, my dad met a stranger; we called him . . . TV. _____

50. Fill in the blank: List the three types of verbals: _____, _____, _____.

On the line, write each gerund; then indicate if the gerund is the subject, direct object, object of the preposition or predicate nominative. (Each gerund and each identification is worth .79 points.)

51. Trying is perfected by practice. _____

52. The children reached their destination by walking. _____

On the line, write each infinitive; then indicate if the infinitive is a noun, adjective or adverb. (Each infinitive and each identification is worth .79 points.)

53. The senator began to speak of his ideas to Congress. _____

54. A winner mentally accepts risks and prepares to win. _____

On the line, write each participle or participial phrase; then write the word the participle or participial phrase modifies. (Each participle or participial phrase and each modified word is worth .79 points.)

55. The laborer, contented, whistles while he works! _____

56. Weaving her cloth, the young wife brought fortune to her husband. _____

57. Lewis, waiting patiently, was overjoyed at the victory. _____

Rewrite the sentence, correcting the split infinitive. Underline your correction.

58. Scruggs began to steadily raise the funds for his project.

_____

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Diagram each sentence. (Each word is worth .79 points.)

59. The senators feuded over careless words.

60. Waiting may leech enthusiasm from a victory, but if the cause is good, waiting never destroys the joy of an eventual triumph.

61. The human race everywhere could improve, but more individuals must become uncommon.

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***Diagramming Sentences** continued*

62. The warring Chinese woman set an example of heroism when she risked her life for her father's life.

LIFE PRINCIPLES

Multiple Choice: Choose the best meaning for each Life Principle.

63. *"Gentlemen, try not to become men of success. Rather, become men of virtue."* _____
    (a) Success should be our goal rather than strong, noble character.
    (b) Success may be gained by obtaining strong, noble character.
    (c) Strong, noble character should be our goal, rather than success.

64. *"Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits."* _____
    (a) Good things come to those who are busy doing something wholesome and constructive, rather than just sitting around.
    (b) If you sit back and wait for a lucky break, good things will come to you.
    (c) Good things come to those who wait idly.

65. *"If you fear failure you will never be able to make a difficult decision that may require a calculated risk.."* _____
    (a) When a decision is difficult for someone, they should be afraid.
    (b) You should not allow your fear of failure to guide your decisions.
    (c) If a decision is risky, you should not be afraid.

66. *"I do not have silver or gold, but what I do have, I will give to you."* _____
    (a) Silver and gold are the most valuable possessions on earth.
    (b) Although you are not rich, you may be able to help people with what you have.
    (c) Even though you are rich, you may not have silver or gold.

EXTRA CREDIT MEMORY WORK

Write one of the following poems. Point credit is provided in the Answer Key.

"Since Time Began," "The Laggard's Excuse" or "The Uncommon Man"

Teacher's signature: _____

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