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Grammar Summer Diagnostic

Directions: This grammar packet is an opportunity for each student to show her skills in agreement, parts of speech, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure. ALL ANSWERS must be recorded on the answer sheet (last page of this packet). Your English teacher will collect this summer diagnostic the first day of school. **Questions #1-50 are two points each.**

Part A: Select the correct word choice in parenthesis that best completes each sentence. Please write the letter of your choice on the provided answer sheet.

1. A necklace made from the claws of a grizzly bear and a Colt .45 six-shooter once owned by Buffalo Bill Cody (was / were) sold at an auction in Dallas for more than \$40,000 each.
A. was
B. were
2. A high-fat diet, obesity, and a lack of exercise (increases / increase) the risk of developing heart disease and Type 2 diabetes, even in young people.
A. increase
B. increases
3. (Here's / Here are) news articles about computers being given to a Brazilian jungle tribe.
A. Here's
B. Here are
4. The profit margins at a typical warehouse club (is / are) between 11% & 14%, compared with 25% to 30% at a typical grocery store.
A. is
B. are
5. A wound infested with maggots (heals / heal) quickly without any threat of infection.
A. heals
B. heal
6. American consumers have learned that the days of unlimited low-cost energy (is / are) over.
A. is
B. are
7. (There's / There are) 251 school days in China a year, which is 71 more days than in American schools.
A. There's
B. There are

8. *Battlefield 3* or *Crysis 2* (has / have) the most realistic game graphics.
A. has
B. have
9. The pattern of stars that looks like twin boys (is / are) called Gemini, or the Twins.
A. is
B. are
10. Did you know that (its / it's) the moon that causes the tide to rise and fall?
A. its
B. it's
11. In Texas, (its / it's) illegal to shoot a buffalo from the second story of a hotel.
A. its
B. it's
12. For nearly 100 years the Coca Cola company has been using legal means to protect (its / it's) trademark name.
A. its
B. it's
13. On the island of Santorini, Greece, donkeys are often used in place of taxis for transporting tourists and (their / there) luggage.
A. their
B. there
14. Teddy Roosevelt, (who's / whose) life was dramatically altered by the tragic deaths of his mother and wife on the same day, went on to become the 26th president of the United States.
A. who's
B. whose
15. When (your / you're) in Florida, remember the special law that prohibits unmarried women from parachuting on Sunday.
A. your
B. you're
16. The U.S. is one of the windiest (country's / countries) on the planet.
A. country's
B. countries

17. The question on (everyone's / everyone's / everyone's) mind was, "How could a jetliner just disappear?"
A. everyone B. everyone's C. everyone's
18. Michelle and (them / they) discovered a year is actually 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, & 46 seconds.
A. they
B. them
19. According to psychologists, people make a subconscious judgement about someone that (he or she / they) [has / have] just met within 90 seconds.
A. he or she [has]
B. they [have]
20. Neither Mark nor Christopher liked (his / their) seat assignments.
A. his
B. their
21. Brittany whispered, "This is strictly between you and (I / me).
A. I
B. me
22. Researchers have demonstrated that people want more choices and information than (they / you) can actually process.
A. they
B. you
23. By the time a child is six, (he or she / they) can recognize almost 200 company logos.
A. he or she
B. they
24. Since the Bennets buy gourmet cereals, are always in Starbucks, and constantly wear designer clothes, they spend a lot more money than (we / us).
A. we
B. us
25. From the Internet's humble beginnings in the 1980s, usage has (rose / risen) dramatically.
A. rose
B. risen

Part B: In the following “sentences” write **F** beside each fragment, write **R** beside each run-on sentence, and write **C** beside each of the sentences that is already correct. Please write your choices on the provided answer sheet.

- ___ 26. First we laughed, then we cried.
- ___ 27. Please speak softly.
- ___ 28. As long as you remember how to get there.
- ___ 29. A study at the University of Toronto found that individuals who identified themselves as conservatives were higher in the personality trait of orderliness, while those who self-identified as liberals were higher in empathy.
- ___ 30. If you really want to be a better employee.
- ___ 31. The left side of your brain controls the right side of your body, the right side of your brain controls the left side of your body.
- ___ 32. The first son of a U.S. president to also become a president was John Quincy Adams, whose father was John Adams.
- ___ 33. Hurry!
- ___ 34. Since members of Congress must run for re-election every two years and successful candidates, on average, spend over a million dollars on the campaign.
- ___ 35. Seen Carson lately?

Part C: Identify the sentence type.

A. Declarative B. Interrogative C. Imperative D. Exclamatory

- ___ 36. I cannot believe how much paint I used!
- ___ 37. Take these to the Main Office.
- ___ 38. Afterwards, we can get ice cream for dessert.
- ___ 39. Which of these directions should I follow?
- ___ 40. Please do not rush through the exam.

Part D: Select the correct the part of speech for each **boldfaced** word. Please write the letter of your choice on the provided answer sheet.

41. The six **official** languages of United Nations are English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, & Spanish.
A. Noun B. Verb C. Pronoun D. Adjective
42. Carrie and **he** named their goldfish Jaws.
A. Verb B. Pronoun C. Noun D. Adverb
43. I did **not** know whether to write the check out to Roger or him.
A. Preposition B. Verb C. Noun D. Adverb
44. Humpback whales' low frequency **calls** are the loudest noise made by living creatures.
A. Adjective B. Pronoun C. Noun D. Preposition
45. This thermos has sprung a **leak**.
A. Noun B. Interjection C. Adverb D. Conjunction
46. Lucy came in third in the last race **of** the track season.
A. Preposition B. Verb C. Pronoun D. Noun
47. Recent research on vitamin D has shown that taking this vitamin **has** great health benefits.
A. Noun B. Verb C. Preposition D. Conjunction
48. The ozone layer is a layer of the **upper** atmosphere that lies about 12-15 miles above the earth's surface.
A. Pronoun B. Interjection C. Adverb D. Adjective
49. Convincing the students that **we** need more testing is a difficult task.
A. Verb B. Preposition C. Pronoun D. Interjection
50. Down by the **weeping willow** is the brook.
A. Verb B. Noun C. Preposition D. Pronoun

ANSWER SHEET

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