

## PRACTICE GRAMMAR TEST

For each of the following sentences, examine the sentence and determine if it is correctly punctuated. If it is correct, choose "E" as your response. If it is not correct, indicate which of the four choices - A, B, C or D - is correct.

1. Even though Jill knew the odds of becoming a famous author, she continued to provide less books to the distributor.
  - a. Replace "knew" with "know."
  - b. Replace "less" with "fewer."
  - c. Replace "odds" with "evens."
  - d. Replace "books" with "book."
  - e. The sentence is correct.
  
2. The college students on a quest to achieve excellence learns persistence.
  - a. Replace "quest" with "guest."
  - b. Replace "learns" with "learn."
  - c. Replace "excellence" with "excellent."
  - d. Insert a hyphen between "college" and "students."
  - e. The sentence is correct.
  
3. Whatever the problems that might arise because of the son's going to graduate school, his dad said he could understand him wanting a better education.
  - a. Replace "son's" with "sons."
  - b. Replace "whatever the problems" with "the problems."
  - c. Replace "him" with "his."
  - d. Replace "said" with "would say."
  - e. The sentence is correct.
  
4. Who are they nominating for office?
  - a. Replace "Who" with "How."
  - b. Replace "Who" with "Whom."
  - c. Replace "are they" with "is they."
  - d. Replace "are they nominating" with "will they nominate."
  - e. The sentence is correct.
  
5. The boy loves yard work and mowing, and he dislikes house chores.
  - a. Replace "boy" with "boys."
  - b. Replace the comma after "mowing" with a semicolon.
  - c. Replace "and" with "but."
  - d. Replace "dislikes" with "hates."
  - e. The sentence is correct.

6. Its going to be a long semester, but the journalism major said he graduates in May, and its about time.

- a. Replace "Its" with "It's."
- b. Replace "it's" with "its."
- c. Replace "Its" with "It's" and "its" with "it's."
- d. Replace "going to be" with "will be."
- e. The sentence is correct.

7. If none of the children are going to the movies, we will stay at home.

- a. Replace "none" with "each."
- b. Replace "will" with "should."
- c. Replace "are" with "is."
- d. Replace "at home" with "home."
- e. The sentence is correct.

8. His wanting to become a minister was a lifelong goal.

- a. Replace "his" with "him."
- b. Replace "become" with "became."
- c. Replace "lifelong" with "longtime."
- d. Replace "goal" with "goals."
- e. The sentence is correct.

9. Neither Glen nor Albert have a new edition of the textbook.

- a. Replace "Neither" with "Either."
- b. Replace "nor" with "or."
- c. Replace "have" with "has."
- d. Replace "edition" with "addition."
- e. The sentence is correct.

10. Texas Tech, along with other state institutions, have worked toward becoming a Tier One university.

- a. Replace "along" with "and."
- b. Replace "toward" with "towards."
- c. Replace "have" with "has."
- d. Replace "Tier One" with "Tier Ten."
- e. The sentence is correct.

11. Each of us is going to the alumni fundraiser.

- a. Replace "is going" with "went."
- b. Replace "is" with "are."
- c. Replace "each" with "none."
- d. Replace "fundraiser" with "fundsraisers."
- e. The sentence is correct.

12. Tuition nearly costs the equivalent of two years' pay.

- a. Place "nearly" before "pay."
- b. Move "nearly" before "two."
- c. Replace "equivalent" with "the same as."
- d. Replace "years'" with "year's."
- e. The sentence is correct.

13. Although only a young boy, my father expected me to do a man's work.

- a. Replace "only" with "merely."
- b. Replace "my father" with "he."
- c. Replace "a man's work" with "work."
- d. Replace "Although only a young boy" with "When I was a young boy."
- e. The sentence is correct.

14. The company is made up of one-third sales, one-third production, and one-third working on development.

- a. Replace the commas with semicolons.
- b. Omit the "working on" before "development."
- c. Replace "company" with "companies."
- d. Replace "is" with "are."
- e. The sentence is correct.

15. If I was tall, I would play basketball.

- a. Replace "I was tall" with "I were tall."
- b. Replace "I was tall" with "I was short."
- c. Replace "I would play" with "I will play."
- d. Replace "would" with "will."
- e. The sentence is correct.

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