

FINAL EXAM

In the following sentences, select the right word from the choices given.

1. The reason for (A. him, B. his) banging on the door is not clear.
2. There (A. is, B. are) a book and three pencils in the top drawer of her desk.
3. The team did (A. good, B. well) in the tournament today.
4. Where is the girl (A. who, B. whom) I spoke with yesterday?
5. Everyone should bring (A. his/her, B. their) money for the party by Thursday.
6. It was I, who (A. is, B. am) usually unflappable, who became hysterical during the accident.
7. Every one of those children (A. is, B. are) playing in the puddles made by the rain.
8. Julie must speak to (A. whoever, B. whomever) gave her the wrong information.
9. Someone left (A. his/her, B. their) wet raincoat on top of mine.
10. We should select (A. whomever, B. whoever) is the best candidate.
11. The jury has returned (A. its, B. their) verdict.
12. The cold rain fell (A. steady, B. steadily) on the stranded motorists.
13. Appearing (A. nervously, B. nervous), the ragged man said he had not seen anyone in the shop.
14. Mike said that he as well as his brother (A. is, B. are) attending the university.
15. The instructor gave Ginny and (A. she, B. her) copies of the assignment.
16. *Der Valkurie* is a (A. real, B. really) famous opera.
17. It seems that I, who (A. is, B. am) unable to dance at all, have been selected to perform in a dance festival.
18. Neither prayer nor pleading (A. is, B. are) going to help anyone pass this English test.
19. Each of the contestants must do (A. her, B. their) own make-up for the beauty pageant.
20. The secret must remain between you and (A. I, B. me).
21. We should always walk (A. careful, B. carefully) when the parking lot is icy.
22. Sitting on the fence and "singing" mournfully (A. was, B. were) a tomcat, a magpie, and my little brother.
23. Almost every one of the little children can tie (A. his/her, B. their) own shoelaces.
24. John Wayne was one of those actors who completely (A. captivate, B. captivates) the

audience.

25. (**A. His, B. Him**) singing the solo in the program is out of the question.
26. The news media can often create problems for (**A. itself, B. themselves**).
27. Most applicants performed (**A. good, B. well**) in their final interviews.
28. If the little boys had started early, they (**A. could dress, B. could have dressed**) themselves.
29. The big black gelding, as well as the three old mares, (**A. is, B. are**) grazing on my pansies.
30. Neither of the baby birds seems to want chocolate chips in (**A. its, B. their**) lunch.
31. The list of applicants included both Chris and (**A. I, B. me**).
32. Each of the salaries (**A. was, B. were**) cut almost in half.
33. That (**A. sure, B. surely**) seems like the best solution to the problem.
34. Each of the sisters handled (**A. her, B. their**) sorrow in a special way.
35. My mother always believes (**A. whoever, B. whomever**) tells the best story.
36. Mr. McGregor felt (**A. bad, B. badly**) when Peter Rabbit ate all the carrots in the garden.
37. Cinderella, as well as Sleeping Beauty, (**A. live, B. lives**) forever in story books.
38. The class submitted (**A. its, B. their**) suggestion for the school project.
39. Looking (**A. sleepy, B. sleepily**), little Sam crawled up on the sofa and began to read his book.
40. You may return the rake to either the gardener or (**A. he, B. him**).
41. Mrs. Pepper overheard a lively discussion going on (**A. among, B. between**) the five little Peppers.
42. Mr. Smith used his wife's fancy flowered (**A. stationary, B. stationery**) to write a business letter.
43. Jack and Jill went up the hill, and Jill (**A. accidentally, B. accidently**) tripped and fell.
44. You are (**A. suppose, B. supposed**) to keep those dogs leashed, according to the law.
45. There seem to be (**A. fewer, B. less**) students using the library today.
46. Mrs. Pumpkin eater could not (**A. accept, B. except**) having to live in a pumpkin shell even though Peter thought she would keep very well there.
47. Feeling sorry for himself, Tim (**A. lay, B. laid**) on his bed all afternoon.
48. Dave (**A. swim, B. swam, C. swum**) in Gooseneck Lake all summer.
49. This time he had (**A. ran, B. run**) only halfway down the baseline when the pitcher picked him off.
50. Mary has (**A. took, B. taken**) piano lessons since she was five years old.

51. Old Mr. Brown has (**A. sat**, **B. set**) in the rocking chair on his porch all summer.
52. Dad found Grandpa (**A. laying**, **B. lying**) on his bed.
53. The roofers have carefully (**A. laid**, **B. lain**) the shingles in place.
54. That essay (**A. lay**, **B. laid**) on my desk for a week before I noticed it.
55. Because it was too full, the paper sack (**A. bursted**, **B. burst**, **C. busted**) in my hands.
56. Because he can't carry a tune, Jason has never (**A. sang**, **B. sung**) in a choir.
57. I wish I knew who has (**A. took**, **B. taken**) the last dollar I had in the world.
58. While the dough was (**A. raising**, **B. rising**), the baker cleaned the oven.
59. We (**A. saw**, **B. seen**) the boys yesterday when we went to the movie.

In the following groups of sentences, one of each pair will contain a dangling modifier. Use the same markings as above to identify the correct sentence.

60. A. Hearing a number of entertaining stories, our visit was thoroughly delightful.
B. Hearing a number of entertaining stories, we enjoyed our visit thoroughly.
61. A. On entering the room, refreshments were being served.
B. On entering the room, we were served refreshments.
62. A. To play tennis well, a player must hold the racket properly.
B. To play tennis well, the tennis racket must be held properly.
63. **A. To build a log cabin these days, one needs a book on instructions.**
B. To build a log cabin these days, a book on instructions is needed.
64. **A. After she had talked with an advisor, Susan's problems seemed much less important.**
B. After talking with an advisor, Susan's problems seemed much less important.
65. A. When growing up, John's attitude about school was one of total indifference.
B. When he was growing up, John's attitude about school was one of total indifference.
66. A. Having washed dishes all morning, Kelly's feet ached terribly.

B. After Kelly had washed dishes all morning, her feet ached terribly.

67. A. Running next to Alan in the race, he suggested that we needed more practice.
B. Running next to Alan in the race, I suggested that we needed more practice.

One of the following pairs of sentences contains a misplaced modifier. Use the same marking as above to identify the correct sentence.

68. A. They argued the point while I tried to finish the job at fever pitch.
B. They argued the point at fever pitch while I tried to finish the job.
69. A. The band played the piece at the concert which was composed of dissonant chords.
B. At the concert the band played the piece which was composed of dissonant chords.
70. A. The child who had been crying angrily slammed his bedroom door.
B. The child who had been crying slammed his bedroom door angrily.
71. A. At the track meet Ralph almost jumped six feet.
B. At the track meet Ralph jumped almost six feet.
72. A. Johnny was sent for groceries, but he only bought cookies and candy bars.
B. Johnny was sent for groceries, but he bought only cookies and candy bars.
73. A. The baby only cried until he was six months old.
B. The baby cried only until he was six months old.
74. A. Mary always tries to efficiently clean the kitchen after she cooks a meal.
B. Mary always tries to clean the kitchen efficiently after she cooks a meal.
75. **A. Margaret often spent the afternoon reading Mother Goose rhymes with her three-year-old son.**
B. Margaret often spent the afternoon with her three-year-old son reading Mother Goose rhymes.

76. A. Claudia's fingers were covered with rings which were short, plump and chapped.
B. Claudia's fingers, which were short, plump, and chapped, were covered with rings.
77. A. The bakery sold Danish pastry which was located on the corner of Main Street.
B. The bakery that was located on the corner of Main Street sold Danish pastry.

One sentence in each of the following groups contains an error in punctuation or mechanics. Indicate the correct sentence.

78. **A. Katherine, I am surprised at your stubbornness.**
B. Katherine I am surprised at your stubbornness.
79. A. For Mary Margaret would be the almost perfect friend.
B. For Mary, Margaret would be the almost perfect friend.
80. A. Mr. Hanson our next door neighbor helps me with my homework.
B. Mr. Hanson, our next door neighbor, helps me with my homework.
81. **A. My work having been completed by mowing the lawn, I lay down for a nap.**
B. My work having been completed by mowing the lawn I lay down for a nap.
82. A. Don is just thoughtless not deliberately unkind.
B. Don is just thoughtless, not deliberately unkind.
83. **A. Jan's sporty, expensive car costs too much to maintain.**
B. Jan's sporty expensive car costs too much to maintain.
84. A. Because she was late for the meeting Susan did not receive the information she needed.
B. Because she was late for the meeting, Susan did not receive the information she

needed.

85. A. The three reindeer, Rudolph, Dancer, and Vixen, could not find the loaded sleigh.
B. The three reindeer Rudolph, Dancer, and Vixen could not find the loaded sleigh.
86. A. To be prepared for the big test Dixie studied all day and all the following night.
B. To be prepared for the big test, Dixie studied all day and all the following night.
87. **A. Though she is embarrassed to say so, Angie is a bit afraid of good looking men.**
B. Though she is embarrassed to say so Angie is a bit afraid of good looking me

In the following sentences, mark as follows:

- (A) if a comma has been omitted,
(B) if a semicolon has been omitted,
(C) if an apostrophe has been omitted,
(D) if quotation marks have been omitted,
(E) if the sentence is correct.
88. When you have finished your supper please give me some help with the letter I'm trying to write. B
89. Melinda shouted, Ken wants us to go with him to the lake tomorrow. E
90. I suppose its too late now to make the matinee performance of *Guys and Dolls*. D
91. Fran made a cake for the picnic, and Don made lemonade Lucy made just peanut butter sandwiches. C
92. When I was heading for the library I saw Melvin riding his bicycle toward my house. B
93. I warned Steve several times about his grades but could not make him listen. A
94. I wonder whether grade-school children still recite Joyce Kilmer's poem Trees. E
95. I was rushing to finish my letter Ned, nevertheless, kept calling to me to hurry. C
96. I don't think that we should go out on this rainy night without an umbrella do you? B
97. Grants new address is 217 Princeton Way, York, Maine. D
98. On July 24, 1976 my family moved from Massachusetts to Kansas. B
99. Riding horseback well requires courage and perseverance. A
100. Whenever I read Shirley Jackson's short story The Lottery, I am struck again by its explosive ending. E