

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. "The Titanic, a British passenger liner, began its maiden voyage from England to New York on April 10, 1912." This is a sentence.
a. **Simple** b. complex c. Compound-complex
2. "It was the largest and most luxurious ship ever built, and it carried 2,227 passengers and crew members." This is a sentence.
a. Simple b. complex c. **Compound**
3. "The ship was described as a floating palace, and because its hull included a complicated system of watertight compartments, it was also declared to be "practically unsinkable." This is a sentence.
a. complex b. compound c. **compound-complex**
4. " After three days of calm, clear weather at sea, the captain received seven warnings of ice in the area." This is a sentence.
a. **Simple** b. compound c. compound-complex
5. "At 11:40 p.m. on April 14, lookouts in the ship's crow's nest saw an iceberg directly in the vessel's path, but it was too late to change course. " This is a sentence.
a. complex b. **compound** c. compound-complex
6. "The Titanic struck the iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean." This is a sentence.
a. **Simple** b. compound c. compound-complex
7. "Because the ship was supposedly unsinkable, it carried only twenty lifeboats." This is a sentence.
a. **complex** b. compound c. compound-complex
8. "Women and children were first to board the lifeboats, which offered room for only about half of the people aboard." This is a sentence.

- a. **complex** b. compound c. compound-complex
9. "Water poured into the ship, and by 1:15 a.m., its bow sank." This is a sentence.
- a. complex b. **compound** c. compound-complex
10. "At 2:17 a.m., as the stern rose almost vertically into the air, the lights finally flickered and went out." This is a sentence.
- a. Simple b. **complex** c. compound-complex
11. "At 2:18 a.m. on April 15, the sinking ship broke in two, and at 2:20 a.m., it disappeared beneath the waves." This is a sentence.
- a. complex b. **compound** c. compound-complex
12. "Those who did not drown froze to death in the icy water." This is a sentence.
- a. **Simple** b. complex c. compound
13. "The disaster claimed 1,522 lives; 705 people were rescued." This is a sentence.
- a. Simple b. complex c. **compound**
14. After this tragedy occurred, new agreements revised lifeboat standards and created the International Ice Patrol in North Atlantic sea lanes. This is a sentence.
- a. Simple b. **complex** c. compound
15. "Immediately, people began talking about ways to find the Titanic and raise it to the surface." This is a sentence.
- a. **Simple** b. complex c. compound
16. "Not until 1985, though, did a team of U.S. and French researchers locate the wreck off the coast of Newfoundland at a depth of two and a half miles." This is a sentence.
- a. **Simple** b. complex c. compound
17. "Several subsequent expeditions sent cameras, lights, and manned submarines down to the eerie scene, where they explored and photographed the rusted wreckage and collected artifacts from it." This is a sentence.
- a. Simple b. **complex** c. compound
18. "The photos revealed that the iceberg ripped a hole in six of the watertight compartments; the ship might have survived if only

- four of its compartments had been ruptured." This is a sentence.
- a. Simple b. complex c. **compound**
19. "In 1996, when researchers tried to salvage a section of the ship's hull by raising it to the surface with balloons, a storm caused the lines to break, and the piece fell back to the bottom of the sea." This is a sentence.
- a. complex b. compound c. **compound-complex**
20. "The ship is deteriorating rapidly in its saltwater grave, and it will eventually melt into the floor of the sea." This is a sentence.
- a. complex b. **compound** c. compound-complex
21. As the summer sun sent scattered rays through the maple and oak leaves overhead, the young deer stood frozen, making it almost impossible for the hikers to see her. In the above passage, the word "frozen" means.....
- a. very cold b. visible c. **not moving**
22. Christmas is a time when Dad reverts to his childhood. I really think he looks forward to Santa's visit more than any other member of the family. Mom says that he'll always be a child during this season. What does "reverts" mean in the above passage?
- a. peeks at presents b. stands up straight c. **goes back to being what he was**
23. Fortunately, the explosion diverted the asteroid from a course that would have sent it hurtling into our planet. To divert is to
- a. **change the direction of** b. jump into a dry river c. look through a telescope
24. A wonderful 98 year old woman is working day and night to knit scarves to send as gifts for the troops. What a selfless person she is! A selfless woman _____.
- a. has no name b. is selfish c. **cares more about others than herself**
25. In the early 1600s, a dangerous trip across the Atlantic Ocean was a daunting idea. The Europeans, who would someday be known as the Pilgrims, must have been a very determined and brave group of settlers. A daunting task is one that would _____ someone.

- a. Tickle b. frighten or intimidate c. amuse
26. The original Pilgrims called themselves the “Saints” and referred to others who joined with them for the voyage as the “Strangers.” In this context, “original” means _____.
- a. one of a kind b. first c. humorous
27. The Saints and Strangers argued about how they would live in the New World. After much discussion, they came together and signed the Mayflower Compact. The Compact was.....
- a. a small item b. machine used for mashing corn c. an agreement
28. When the Pilgrims landed in what is now Massachusetts, they were fearful that the Native Americans would attack them. However, the people that they encountered, the Wampanoag Indians, were a peaceful and generous tribe. To encounter, is to.....
- a. Fight b. meet c. exchange text messages
29. I believe that if you lower taxes so that people can keep more of the money they earn, it will be an incentive for them to work harder. What is the meaning of “incentive”?
- a. a tax b. a good job c. a reason to do something
30. Most of America's Founding Fathers did not believe in women's suffrage. Only men could vote in the United States until 1920. What is “suffrage” ?
- a. the right to vote b. an early flag c. skirts that did not cover ankles
31. Some people are sure that the new health care law will mean better care for everyone. Others argue that the law will mean less care and longer waiting lines for those who need to see doctors. It's a controversy that will not go away soon. A controversy is something that people _____.
- a. have strong disagreements over b. blow their noses into c. eat with sweet candy
32. Removing seeds from cotton plants was a slow job until Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. What is a cotton gin?
- a. a book b. a machine c. a cloth

- 33.No matter where you go, the Internet is following you. Almost every portable device is being made with an Internet connection. Most new TVs and many other appliances come with Internet connections as well. The Internet is truly ubiquitous. If something is ubiquitous, _____.
- a. it costs too much money b. it causes rashes c. **it is everywhere**
- 34.Speaking rudely to the judges was rash behavior. You really hurt your chances of winning! In the above context, what does “rash” mean?
- a. **with little thought or consideration** b. funny c. an itchy skin condition
- 35.Some people are always bashing the president just like others bashed the one before him. Wouldn't you think that everyone could find something to praise him for, at least once in a while? What does “bashing” mean in the above selection?
- a. hitting hard with a heavy tool b. **speaking or writing harshly about** c. voting for a different candidate
- 36.Wherever he goes, the esteemed Dr. Sanchez is applauded for his life saving research. What does “esteemed” mean?
- a. held over boiling water b. very old c. **greatly admired**
- 37.Poor Farmer Chevez labors sixteen hours a day and never has time for a vacation. He deserves better! Everyone should have at least one day a week for rest and relaxation.
- a. Plays b. unions c. **works**
- 38.It's not that I'm unfriendly, but sometimes I want to leave society behind and be alone for awhile.
- a. **people living as members of a group** b. homes with messy floors c. the fastest runners
- 39.Our new alarm system will wake up the entire neighborhood if an intruder gets in the house. An intruder is someone who intrudes. To intrude is to _____.
- a. wear ones shoes on the wrong feet b. **go where one is not wanted or doesn't belong** c. paint or repair old buildings
- 40.Those scientists want to hear what our professor thinks about their theory because he is the foremost expert in their field.

- a. The first or main one b. craziest c. least informed

41. Fortunately, the dizzy spell was transient. He was able to continue playing within seconds and had no trouble winning the match. When you describe an event as “transient,” you are saying that _____.

- a. it sounds like a train b. it is quite harmful c. it doesn't last long

42. Brea and Elizabeth are having a dispute over which radio station to play at work. It would be so much simpler if they both liked the same kind of music. A dispute is a _____.

- a. musical instrument b. disagreement c. choice of music

43. When they heard the good news about the court's decision, the angry crowd cheered and then began to disperse. “It looks like everyone is going home,” one reporter stated. Which would be the opposite of “disperse”?

- a. come together b. smile c. fly like a bird

44. It's a wonder to me how anyone can still be undecided about this election. These two candidates are certainly distinct. Each would lead our nation in opposite directions. What does “distinct” mean?

- a. dishonest b. clearly different c. needing a bath

45. Your plan looks good. I hope it will really work. It's time to implement it and see if it's as brilliant as you claim.

- a. take apart b. instrument c. carry out

46. If your plan fails, we'll have to find someone who can devise a better one.

- a. Design b. dislike c. appliance

47. Of course, I'm not saying that your plan is no good. I tend to be optimistic, so I won't be surprised when you succeed.

- a. needing glasses to see b. full of gas c. expecting the best to happen

48. When your plan brings us great wealth, you will be rewarded for your sagacity.

- a. mistakes b. intelligence c. good looks

49. No matter what happens, I assure you that I will not forget how hard you have worked on this project.

- a. promise b. forget c. dare

50. Ryan is a great inventor. However, I don't think that his latest invention, edible socks, is likely to be too successful. "Edible" means.....

- a. **fit to be eaten** b. not fit to be eaten c. made of cloth eaten

51.31-Marsha is really an introvert. When I took her to Jason's party, she sat in a corner without speaking to anyone. All she did was eat most of the snacks. The only reason she hangs out with me is because I never try to force her to be sociable. She would never forgive me if I introduced her to anyone. An introvert is usually _____.

- a. friendly b. **shy** c. hungry

52.32-Sunshine said, "Amber, why are you making such a big deal about Robert's hair? Yes, he did dye it purple. It is rather unusual for a guy to have purple hair. On the other hand, it's not exactly going to change the course of world history. It's really quite a trivial matter." What does "trivial" mean?

- a. Strange b. **unimportant** c. disgusting

53. In a paragraph, the supporting sentences.....

- a. **support the main idea** b. include the main idea c. conclude the paragraph

54..... is a series of sentences that are organized and coherent, and are all related to a single topic.

- a. A sentence b. **A paragraph** c. A clause

55. Each paragraph contains only one.....

- a. supporting sentence b. sentence c. **topic sentence**

56. The..... includes the topic and the controlling idea of the paragraph.

- a. **topic sentence** b. supporting sentence c. concluding sentence

57. The..... support the topic sentence in a paragraph.

- a. topic sentences b. **supporting sentences** c. concluding sentences

58. The term spices is a pleasant one, whether it connotes fine French cuisine or a down-home, cinnamon-flavored apple pie. _____. In the past, individuals traveled the world seeking exotic spices for profit and, in searching, have changed

the course of history. Indeed, to gain control of lands harboring new spices, nations have actually gone to war. The correct topic sentence for this paragraph is.....

- a. The taste and aroma of spices are the main elements that make food such a source of fascination and pleasure.
- b. The term might equally bring to mind Indian curry made thousands of miles away and those delicious barbecued ribs sold on the corner.
- c. The history of spices, however, is another matter altogether, and at times, it can be filled with danger and intrigue.

59.. _____. It rained in April; it rained in May. It rained in the mornings; it rained in the afternoons. It poured, it drizzled, it showered, it misted—but always it rained. But the good news is we won't have a drought this summer. The correct topic sentence for this paragraph is.....

- a. Rain is nice, but I prefer sunshine.
- b. This spring was the rainiest on record.
- c. The rain makes me gloomy.

60. It weighs less than three pounds and is hardly more interesting to look at than an overly ripe cauliflower. _____. It has created poetry and music, planned and executed horrific wars, and devised intricate scientific theories. It thinks and dreams, plots and schemes, and easily holds more information than all the libraries on Earth. The correct topic sentence for this paragraph is.....

- a. The human brain is made of gelatinous matter and contains no nerve endings.
- b. The science of neurology has found a way to map the most important areas of the human brain.
- c. Nevertheless, the human brain is the most mysterious and complex object on Earth.

61. "A fireplace should be lined with special fire bricks to prevent heat transfer." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. Fire codes also require a smoke alarm in every room.
- a. Normal bricks are not dense enough
- b. Good up-drafts can make a pleasant fire, however.

to
withstand
excessive
heat.

62. Cosmetic plastic surgery is one of the fastest-growing segments of U.S. medicine. Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. Cosmetic plastic surgery can have dangerous side effects, some of which can be fatal.
- b. Americans are eager to make their bodies as perfect as possible and to minimize the visible signs of aging.
- c. The price of cosmetic plastic surgery is also on the rise.

63. If a car suddenly begins to skid on ice, a driver's instinctive reaction might be the wrong one. Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. Skids can be a terrifying experience.
- b. Cars can be very unpredictable on ice.
- c. Many people instinctively turn the wheel in the wrong direction, making the skid worse.

64. "The 'lead' inside the common pencil is actually not lead at all." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. The substance used in pencils today is graphite.
- b. Pencils were invented in 1603 by William Ledbelly.
- c. Lead is commonly mined in Africa.

65. "The Greek ideal of the hero most closely resembles today's free agent superstar." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. The Greek hero was impressive in his performance on
- b. The Greek hero valued self-interest above loyalty to a
- c. A superstar is an athlete who commands a great salary

the battlefield
as well as in the
sports arena.

cause, his king,
or to his army,
just as the free-
agent superstar
values his
contract salary
above any
special team,
coach, or the
game.

based on his
individual
skills.

66." There is no instruction by the old bird in the movements of flight; no conscious imitation by the young." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. The most obvious way in which birds differ from humans in behavior is that they can do all that they have to do, without ever being taught.
- b. Young birds frequently make their first flights with their parents out of sight.
- c. More extraordinary than the fact that a bird is able to fly untaught, is that it is able to build a nest untaught.

67." Parents play an important role in their children's academic success." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. Video games have a negative impact on children's academic success.
- b. Children who are avid readers get much better grades than their peers.
- c. Studies show that children of parents who regularly assist with homework and show an active interest in their child's studies bring home better grades.

68."In special cases, needy people who have nowhere else to go are permitted to enter the United States as refugees." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. Other people, however, enter the United States illegally.
- b. The total number of newcomers was over one million.
- c. United States immigration laws put limits on the number of people permitted to enter the United States.

69." More and more people are eating organically grown fruits and vegetables." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. Fresh organic produce contains more vitamins, minerals, and enzymes than non-organic produce.
- b. Organic food is usually more expensive than non-organic food.
- c. A wide variety of organic chocolate products are now available in stores.

70." In Oklahoma, a girl is forbidden to take a bite from her date's hamburger." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. It is illegal to parade an elephant down Main Street in Austin, Texas.
- b. It may be hard to believe, but these types of strange laws are still on the books!
- c. Youngsters may not spin Yo-Yos on Sunday in Memphis, Tennessee.

71."A cat's whiskers are among the most perfect organs of touch." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. The hairs themselves are very sensitive.
- b. Whiskers are generally white in color.
- c. Touch is very important to a cat.

72."People are now living longer than ever before for many different reasons." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.

- a. Some people in the Soviet Union's Caucasus Mountains live
- b. No one seems to understand this phenomenon.
- c. Advances in medical science have done wonders for longevity

- to be over 100 years of age.
73. "For 16 years, he spread violence and death throughout the west." Choose the sentence that best develops or supports this given topic sentence.
- a. His crimes were committed during the late 1860s. b. Jesse was gunned down on April 3, 1882. c. He left a trail of train and bank robberies.
74. "In ancient Greece, honor was not just the domain of the warrior." Choose the sentence that does not support the given topic sentence.
- a. A great orator [speaker], who could sway the public with his logic and wit, was greatly respected. b. A revered poet's name lived on long after he died. c. Great wealth was characteristic of the truly great kings.
75. There very little remote wilderness left in the world.
- a. Is b. are c. am
76. Neither the jungles, nor the oceans, nor the desert.....gone unexplored.
- a. Are b. has c. have
77. Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, no exception.
- a. Am b. is c. are
78. Before 1953, though, many a thrill-seeker hoping to be the first to stand on its summit.
- a. was b. were c. are
79. Everyonethat George Mallory died trying in 1924.
- a. knowing b. know c. knows
80. Although we can never be sure, some of us Mallory was the first to make it to the top.
- a. Believe b. believes c. believing
81. According to the record books, Sir Edmund Hillary, along with his partner Tenzing Norgay,the first to reach the highest place on Earth on May 29, 1953.
- a. Are b. was c. were
82. There many reasons why someone would want to climb Mount Everest.

- a. Is b. **are** c. was
- 83.....personal satisfaction or prestige more important to today's climbers?
- a. **Is** b. Are c. Were
- 84.....mountaineers driven by passion or by sport?
- a. Is b. **Are** c. Was
- 85.Now, \$65,000 the price anyone can pay for a guided hike to the summit.
- a. Am b. are c. **is**
- 86.Trips to the top of Mount Everestnow routine.
- a. Am b. is c. **are**
- 87.A 64-year-old man, a legally blind person, and an amputeesuccessfully climbed the mountain.
- a. Has b. **have** c. is
- 88.A solo climber or a groupabout eleven hours to ascend.
- a. Taking b. take c. **takes**
- 89.When someone does a favor for you,must be thanked.
- a. **he or she** b. they c. I
- 90.The audience clapped and cheered to communicate.....approval.
- a. Its b. **their** c. his
- 91.No one in the maze could findway out.
- a. **his or her** b. their c. my
- 92.The corporation has decided to moveheadquarters to Hawaii.
- a. His b. their c. **its**
- 93.Everyone wearing high heels knew that.....had made a bad shoe choice.
- a. **She** b. they c. our
- 94.Ricardo is one of those people who like to do everything.....
- a. himself b. **themselves** c.
- 95.Lynn's name was on the list of people.....still owed money.
- a. That b. **who** c. which
- 96.The drill sergeant required perfection from everyone and everything.....was part of his platoon.
- a. Who b. **that** c. which
- 97.Ellen is the only one in the whole class who can laugh at..... after making a mistake.
- a. himself or herself b. themselves c. **herself**
- 98.Both of my parents are conscientious about taking care of..... health.
- a. his or her b. **their** c. him

