APOSTROPHES — EXERCISE 3

Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.” Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. Outside, the sun (A) makes (B) Boris’s red hair glow with copper (C) tone’s.
   A. make’s
   B. Borises
   C. tones
   D. No change is necessary.

2. (A) Louies moustache has long waxed (B) whiskers that curl down like walrus (C) tusks.
   A. Louie’s
   B. whisker’s
   C. tusk’s
   D. No change is necessary.

3. Nick slammed the (A) oven door shut when he discovered (B) Mom’s burning (C) pie’s inside.
   A. oven’s
   B. Moms
   C. pies
   D. No change is necessary.
4. Rebecca borrowed (A) **Elijah's** baseball cap since she would have no chance of catching (B) **flyballs** with the sun right in her (C) **eyes**.

   A. Elijah’s
   B. fly ball’s
   C. eye’s
   D. No change is necessary.

5. We notice that Phyllis (A) **always** (B) **wash’s** her hands, so if we try an hors d'oeuvre, we want one of (C) **hers**.

   A. alway’s
   B. washes
   C. her’s
   D. No change is necessary.

6. Missing (A) **apostrophes**, overabundant commas, and abused (B) **semicolons** make (C) **Deon’s** essay a mess.

   A. apostrophe’s
   B. semicolon’s
   C. Deon’s
   D. No change is necessary.

7. Sam and Sara (A) **always** have extra (B) **supplies**, so if you forgot to bring a pencil, ask to borrow one of (C) **theirs**.

   A. alway’s
   B. supply’s
   C. theirs’
   D. No change is necessary.
8. (A) **Waves** crashed on the beach, and (B) **clouds** darkened the sky. The (C) **days** rough conditions convinced us to stay out of the water.

A. Wave’s  
B. cloud’s  
C. day’s  
D. No change is necessary.

9. No matter what tool Kyle tried, he (A) **couldn’t** remove the rusty (B) **screws** from the (C) **door** frame.

A. couldn’t  
B. screw’s  
C. door’s  
D. No change is necessary.

10. Elephants are (A) **Jeremy’s** favorite animal. He (B) **cringes** every time he hears that (C) **poachers** have slaughtered another herd.

A. Jeremys  
B. cringes  
C. poachers’  
D. No change is necessary.

11. Zebras grazed in the (A) **zoos** paddocks while (B) **tigers** paced in concrete and iron (C) **cages**.

A. zoo’s  
B. tiger’s  
C. cages’  
D. No change is necessary.
12. Pedro never puts much effort into his (A) **cookies**, but we slaved for (B) **hour’s** on (C) **ours**, so you should definitely try one!

A. cookie’s  
B. hours  
C. our’s  
D. No change is necessary.

13. I decided to borrow (A) **Elizabeth’s** scarf because the (B) **colors** matched my outfit, and she (C) **wouldn’t** notice it was missing until hours after I left.

A. Elizabeths  
B. color’s  
C. would’nt  
D. No change is necessary.

14. Melody’s rendition of “I Will Always Love You” hurt our (A) **ears**, but you have a nice singing voice, so (B) **were** hoping to enjoy (C) **yours**.

A. ear’s  
B. we’re  
C. your’s  
D. No change is necessary.

15. Ben stared at (A) **Jennifers** reflection in the plate glass library window. He admired the many (B) **curls** that cascaded down her back and the pink poodle (C) **earrings** dangling from her lobes.

A. Jennifer’s  
B. curl's  
C. earring’s  
D. No change is necessary.
16. After Alex skinned both of his (A) knees, he propped his unicycle against the (B) garage wall and no longer (C) ride's it.

A. knee’s  
B. garage’s  
C. rides  
D. No change is necessary.

17. Frances tried my chocolate-broccoli (A) muffins and made a face. Maybe (B) hell like (C) yours better since you use fresh broccoli.

A. muffin's  
B. he'll  
C. yours'  
D. No change is necessary.

18. In the hot classroom, (A) Warren’s (B) glass’s kept slipping down (C) his sweaty nose.

A. Warrens  
B. glasses  
C. he’s  
D. No change is necessary.

19. (A) Hannah’s hackles rose at (B) Jermaine’s criticism of her essay. Never mess with Hannah if she (C) hasn’t had her coffee yet.

A. Hannahs  
B. Jermaines  
C. has’nt  
D. No change is necessary.
20. We will try the cupcakes because they are (A) Tara’s, not (B) yours. Unlike you, Tara (C) doesn’t sneeze into the mixing bowl!

A. Taras
B. your’s
C. does’nt
D. No change is necessary.