FRAGMENTS – EXERCISE 7

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. After Deidre saw the tiny balance on her ATM receipt, she realized, that her meals for the next week would consist of cheap food, such as peanut butter sandwiches and instant soup.

   A. ... receipt. She ...  
   B. ... realized that ...  
   C. ... food. Such ...  
   D. No change is necessary.

2. Smiling with satisfaction, Michelle typed the last sentence of her research paper. Then a bolt of lightning crashed nearby, extinguishing the electricity and making poor Michelle wish that she had invested in a surge protector.

   A. ... satisfaction, Michelle ...  
   B. ... nearby. Extinguishing ...  
   C. ... electricity. And ...  
   D. No change is necessary.

3. When the cell phone began to chime in her book bag, Jasmine froze in her seat as all eyes in the room darted from her to Mr. Williams, a professor who tolerated no interruptions during a lecture.

   A. ... bag. Jasmine ...  
   B. ... seat. As ...  
   C. ... Mr. Williams, a ...  
   D. No change is necessary.
4. As Alex squeezed down the narrow row of chairs, his heavy book bag bumped the large soda perched on a desk, sending a shower of diet cola into Teresa's lap, soaking her jeans.

A. ... chairs, his ...
B. ... desk. Sending ...
C. ... lap soaking ...
D. No change is necessary.

5. You might think that a floor-length dress is conservative until you see the one that Christina wears. A psychedelic swirl of pinks and purples that attracts everyone's attention.

A. ... think, that ...
B. ... conservative. Until ...
C. ... wears. It is a ...
D. No change is necessary.

6. As all of her classmates were sharing results, Melody quietly left the room and found a quiet corner in the hallway so that she could see her grade without embarrassing herself in front of her friends.

A. ... results, Melody ...
B. ... room, and ...
C. ... hallway. So that ...
D. No change is necessary.
7. Gloria and Scooby stood in front of the bathroom mirror,\(^{(A)}\) bitterly complaining about the difficult midterm and stern teaching in their biology course,\(^{(B)}\) As Mrs. Perry, their professor,\(^{(C)}\) eavesdropped from inside a far stall.

A. ... mirror bitterly ...
B. ... course as ...
C. ... professor eavesdropped ...
D. No change is necessary.

8. One day in class, Shantrell rested her head against the wall\(^{(A)}\) and discovered\(^{(B)}\) that she could hear the classical music that Mr. Nguyen played in his office on the other side.\(^{(C)}\) The music promptly put her to sleep.

A. ... wall. And ...
B. ... discovered, that ...
C. ... side. Which promptly ...
D. No change is necessary.

9. While Professor Koopman explained the consequences of the French Revolution,\(^{(A)}\) Tiffany and Faith sniffled uncomfortably in their seats,\(^{(B)}\) suffocated by the cheap shaving lotion\(^{(C)}\) that Henry always wore.

A. ... Revolution. Tiffany ...
B. ... seats. Suffocated ...
C. ... lotion, that ...
D. No change is necessary.
10. Once classes were over, Maria used to meet her lab partner Chris at the diner near campus until she discovered that Chris preferred to flirt with the waitresses instead of discussing their chemistry homework.

A. ... over Maria ...
B. ... campus, until ...
C. ... preferred to ...
D. No change is necessary.

11. Coated with dust, the blinds filtered shadowy light into Adrian's cluttered apartment where clothing and empty take-out boxes littered the floor. As flies buzzed around rotting bananas on the kitchen counter.

A. ... dust the ...
B. ... apartment. Where ...
C. ... floor as ...
D. No change is necessary.

12. Hands covered in cookie dough, Madeline ran to the phone hoping that the call was from Eric, her boyfriend who had broken his promise to call the day before.

A. ... dough Madeline ...
B. ... phone hoping ...
C. ... Eric, her ...
D. No change is necessary.
13. Wendy pushed her glasses up her nose\(^{(A)}\) and blew loose strands of hair from her eyes\(^{(B)}\), hoping that clearer vision would help her make sense of the difficult algebra problem\(^{(C)}\) that she was trying to solve.

A. ... nose and ...
B. ... eyes. Hoping ...
C. ... problem, that ...
D. No change is necessary.

14. To get on his mother's good side\(^{(A)}\), Rufus offered to unpack the groceries\(^{(B)}\), but dropped the carton of eggs that Mom would later need\(^{(C)}\) to make chocolate-broccoli muffins for the church bake sale.

A. ... side Rufus ...
B. ... groceries. But he dropped ...
C. ... need, to ...
D. No change is necessary.

15. Circling the parking lot\(^{(A)}\), Dominique searched for an empty space close to the mall entrance\(^{(B)}\), so that an afternoon thunderstorm wouldn't drench her\(^{(C)}\) while she was loaded down with good buys.

A. ... lot Dominique ...
B. ... entrance. So ...
C. ... her, while ...
D. No change is necessary.
16. If his friends walked into the bookstore (A) Boris had a stack of car magazines as camouflage, (B) but he was really reading Better Homes and Gardens, studying decorating ideas (C) to spruce up his first apartment.

A. ... bookstore, Boris ...
B. ... camouflage but ...
C. ... ideas, to ...
D. No change is necessary.

17. To make his long shift at Bernie’s Burger Emporium tolerable (A) Kelvin used ketchup (B) to make smiley faces on the burgers (C) that he assembled at the grill.

A. ... tolerable. Kelvin ...
B. ... ketchup to ...
C. ... burgers, that ...
D. No change is necessary.

18. Darryl has the messiest book bag (A) of anyone Rachel knows; (B) he essentially has a compost pile rotting in the main compartment (C). For instance, pistachio shells, pencil shavings, and a brown banana.

A. ... bag, of ...
B. ... knows, he ...
C. ... compartment. For instance, there are pistachio ...
D. No change is necessary.

19. Mrs. Neal loves chocolate cake (A) but couldn’t accept the slice that her student Michael offered (B) because she knew that it was a bribe (C) for a better grade on his midterm essay.

A. ... cake but ...
B. ... offered. Because ...
C. ... bribe, for ...
D. No change is necessary.
20. Dressing for her interview with the recruiters, Leisha debated wearing four hoops in each ear and a nose ring, or removing the jewelry and tolerating convention during the college job fair.

A. ... recruiters Leisha ...
B. ... ring. Or ...
C. ... jewelry, and ...
D. No change is necessary.