MISPLACED AND DANGLEING MODIFIERS – EXERCISE 5

Directions: Choose the most logical way to complete each sentence. Make sure that you do not dangle or misplace a modifier. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. Sucking with its powerful mouth, ...
   A. the vacuum cleaned dog hair and crumbs off the carpet.
   B. dog hair and crumbs disappeared from the carpet.

2. Working a minimum-wage job on the weekends, ...
   A. the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required couldn't be purchased with Caesar's limited funds.
   B. Caesar discovered that he couldn't afford the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required.

3. We enjoyed ...
   A. the crisp and spicy fried shrimp served on paper plates.
   B. the fried shrimp served on paper plates which were spicy and crisp.

4. Grooving to the music pumping through his earbuds, ...
   A. Colby danced on the sidewalk, which amused the passengers waiting for the bus.
   B. Colby’s dance moves amused the passengers waiting for the bus.
5. Squeezing from the bottom of the tube, ...
   A. toothpaste splattered the mirror.
   B. Kendra splattered the mirror with toothpaste.

6. Cursing her heavy book bag, ...
   A. Jillian's professors seldom made assignments in the thick textbooks.
   B. Jillian lugged around thick textbooks that her professors seldom asked her to use.
   C. the textbooks that Jillian seldom needed made her shoulders sore.

7. Gobbling the slice of pizza, ...
   A. the complaints of Phillip's growling stomach finally stopped.
   B. Phillip's growling stomach ceased its complaints.
   C. Phillip quieted his growling stomach.

8. Inching toward the 12, ...
   A. Christopher watched the minute hand crawl through the last half hour of his work week.
   B. Christopher's work week would end once the minute hand reached the top of the clock.
   C. the minute hand crawled through the last half hour of Christopher's work week.

9. Snapping open, ...
   A. Angelina was so happy that she brought an umbrella.
   B. protection from the rain made Angelina so happy that she had brought an umbrella.
   C. the umbrella saved Angelina from a soaking in the rain.
10. To keep her hair straight, ...
   A. Diane applied abundant goopy product before she ventured out into the summer humidity.
   B. abundant goopy product was applied before venturing out into the summer humidity.
   C. the summer humidity was thwarted with abundant goopy product.

11. Gulping from his sports drink, ...
   A. Rob’s thirst was quenched enough to give Coach Jones another hour in the hot Florida sun.
   B. Rob quenched his thirst enough to give Coach Jones another hour in the hot Florida sun.
   C. rehydration meant that Coach Jones could expect another hour of practice from Rob even with the hot Florida sun.

12. To get to class on time, ...
   A. campus traffic was dodged as bicycle pedals spun like tornadoes.
   B. Sam zipped through the campus traffic, his bicycle pedals spinning like tornadoes.
   C. Sam’s bicycle pedals spun like tornadoes as he zipped through the campus traffic.

13. Typing furiously, ...
   A. the keyboard sang as Brandon hurried to finish his draft.
   B. the draft was completed in time since Brandon has such good keyboarding skills.
   C. Brandon made the keyboard sing as he hurried to finish his draft.

14. Unwrapping the stick of spearmint gum, ...
   A. saliva filled Lorna’s mouth as she anticipated the fresh flavor.
   B. Lorna salivated in anticipation of the fresh flavor.
   C. Lorna’s mouth watered in anticipation of the fresh flavor.
15. Watering the lawn, ...
   A. Leroy gave the grass a refreshing break from the dry weather.
   B. the grass enjoyed a refreshing break from the dry weather.
   C. a refreshing break from the dry weather was given to the grass.

16. Blistering her feet in the hot sand, ...
   A. a pair of flip-flops would have saved Madison's soles.
   B. Madison's soles could have used the flip-flops left in the car.
   C. Madison wished she hadn't left her pair of flip-flops in the car.
   D. the car was where Madison left the flip-flops that she desperately needed.

17. Engrossed in the video game, ...
   A. Andrew ignored his mother, even though she had a plate of macaroni and cheese in hand.
   B. Andrew's mother could not get her son's attention even though she had a plate of macaroni and cheese in hand.
   C. Andrew's attention was on blasting space aliens, not eating the macaroni and cheese that Mom offered.
   D. the macaroni and cheese that Andrew's mother offered could not get Andrew's attention.

18. Wiggling out of the clingy fabric, ...
   A. the tight dress got rejected.
   B. Anthony was disappointed that Raquel rejected the tight dress.
   C. the sales clerk brought Raquel a different size to try.
   D. Raquel rejected the tight dress.
19. Sprinting up the steep hill, ...

A. the wet leaves made traction difficult for Shantel.
B. traction was difficult, as the wet leaves slid under Shantel’s feet.
C. Shantel slid in the wet leaves that made traction difficult.
D. Shantel’s feet had difficulty finding traction in the wet leaves.

20. Working up a sudsy lather, ...

A. Joey found the hot shower especiallyrefreshing after a long day of yard work in the hot sun.
B. the hot shower was especially refreshing after a long day of yard work in the hot sun.
C. the long day of yard work in the hot sun was washed away by the hot shower.
D. sweat and dirt washed away while Joey took a hot shower after the long day of yard work.