Pronoun Agreement – Exercise 2

Directions: Choose the pronoun that establishes agreement. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. All intelligent people know that ____ will suffer indigestion after eating a chocolate-broccoli muffin.
   
   A. he or she
   B. they

2. After impaling Jarod’s foot, the knife jugglers jumped into ____ van and sped away.
   
   A. its
   B. their

3. Neither Mrs. Wallace, the owner, nor Serena, your server, will open ____ register to refund your money for that half-eaten double cheeseburger.
   
   A. her
   B. their

4. Fingerprints and dog snot dull both the television screen and refrigerator door, so we need to clean ____ before our judgmental Aunt Ruth arrives for dinner.
   
   A. it
   B. them
5. The 4x400 metre relay team has been unbeatable because ____ like a machine, all parts working together for maximum performance.

   A. it operates
   B. they operate

6. The catering committee did not care that ____ squid eyeball stew made everyone at the Halloween dance violently ill.

   A. its
   B. their

7. The new and improved laundry detergent uses ____ special powers to clean the mud from Hector’s pants.

   A. its
   B. their

8. People who eat too much peanut brittle risk chipping ____ teeth.

   A. his or her
   B. their

9. Our boss Mrs. Wallace, like Beverly and Jeremiah, will spend ____ lunch break eating pepperoni pizza at the restaurant across the street.

   A. her
   B. their

10. With the right training, every puppy and kitten eventually learns not to urinate on ____ owner’s floor.

    A. its
    B. their
11. My fiesty grandmother, as well as many other older women, will call an eligible bachelor first rather than waiting for him to call _____.
   A. her
   B. them

12. Tito’s Taco Palace gave Samantha a refund after ____ charged her account for twenty burritos instead of two.
   A. it
   B. they

13. Mrs. Wallace rambled for forty-five long minutes before she finally asked for imput from the staff. All the servers, especially Monique and Ralph, wished that ____ had bought a cup of coffee before coming to the meeting.
   A. he or she
   B. they

14. So boring was the lecture that Cindy focused solely on her professor’s moving hands; ____ jumped and twitched like electrified spiders on the surface of the podium.
   A. it
   B. they

15. Every piece of Debra’s jewelry glittered in the light; ____ gave the impression that Debra had been dipped in gold.
   A. it
   B. they
16. Each of Mike’s ties has such a colorful psychedelic pattern that ____ the people who see it.
   A. it hypnotizes
   B. they hypnotize

17. The committee made a unanimous decision to use ____ bake sale funds to buy plane tickets to Hawaii instead of new uniforms for the band members.
   A. its
   B. their

18. Eli needed scissors to cut through the thick mailing tape that wrapped the box of chocolate-covered ants, but he could not find ____ anywhere.
   A. it
   B. them

19. Neither Oreo, my dog, nor Blaze and Chance, my cousins, will give up ____ even if I ask politely.
   A. his cookie
   B. their cookies

20. The faculty believes that ____ mission is to prepare students to be good citizens as well as good employees.
   A. its
   B. their