

GMR 1: Grammar Diagnostic

Choose the best sentence from the choices below. This test focuses only on grammatical issues—do not look for errors in punctuation or language.

1.
 - (A) Each of the attendees receive a complementary gift bag and, after the workshop, are awarded a certificate of completion.
 - (B) Each of the attendees receives a complementary gift bag and, after the workshop, are awarded a certificate of completion.
 - (C) Each of the attendees receives a complementary gift bag and, after the workshop, is awarded a certificate of completion.
 - (D) Each of the attendees receive a complementary gift bag and, after the workshop, is awarded a certificate of completion.

2.
 - (A) The grade in Biology disappointed me because I hoped that the exam would of raised my average.
 - (B) The grade in Biology disappoints me because I had hoped that the exam raises my average.
 - (C) The grade in Biology disappointed me because I had hoped that the exam would raise my average.
 - (D) The grade in Biology disappointed me because I hoped that the exam will raise my average.

3.
 - (A) Sean Penn, who you saw in *I Am Sam*, is the same actor whom the Academy honored with an award.
 - (B) Sean Penn, whom you saw in *I Am Sam*, is the same actor who the Academy honored with an award.
 - (C) Sean Penn, whom you saw in *I Am Sam*, is the same actor whom the Academy honored with an award.
 - (D) Sean Penn, who you saw in *I Am Sam*, is the same actor who the Academy honored with an award.

4.
 - (A) By breaking the back door, the house was burglarized after killing the watchdog.
 - (B) After killing the watchdog and breaking in the back door, the men burglarized the house.
 - (C) After breaking in the back door and killing the watchdog, the house was burglarized.
 - (D) After killing the watchdog, the house was burglarized by breaking in the back door.

5.
 - (A) The absence of the unruly troublemakers were obvious to the teacher as he approached the auditorium.
 - (B) As the teacher approached the auditorium, the absence of the unruly troublemakers was obvious.
 - (C) As the teacher approached the auditorium, the unruly troublemakers was obviously absent.

(D) The absence of the troublemakers along with their unruly behavior were obvious to the teacher as he approached the auditorium.

6.

- (A) Greta glared angrily at the man when he booed the little ballerinas on the stage and remarked they didn't do good.
- (B) Greta glared angry at the man when he booed the little ballerinas on the stage and remarked they didn't do well.
- (C) Greta glared angrily at the man when he booed the little ballerinas on the stage and remarked they didn't do well.
- (D) Greta glared angry at the man when he booed the little ballerinas on the stage and remarked they didn't do good.

7.

- (A) After Cameron laid the book down on the ottoman, he decided to lie down on the couch and take an afternoon nap.
- (B) After Cameron lay the book down on the ottoman, he decided to lay down on the couch and take an afternoon nap.
- (C) After Cameron laid the book down on the ottoman, he decided to lay down on the couch and take an afternoon nap.
- (D) After Cameron lay the book down on the ottoman, he decided to lie down on the couch and take an afternoon nap.

8.

- (A) Helga and Shelly sprinted down to the store by theirselves to get some snacks before the movie because they didn't want to pay the movie theater prices for a coke and popcorn.
- (B) Helga and me sprinted down to the store by ourself to get some snacks before the movie started because we didn't want to pay the movie theater prices for a coke and popcorn.
- (C) Helga and I sprinted down to the store by ourselves to get some snacks before the movie started because we didn't want to pay the movie theater prices for a coke and popcorn.
- (D) Helga and Shelly sprinted down to the store by themselves to get some snacks before the movie because them didn't want to pay the movie theater prices for a coke and popcorn.

9.

- (A) Ruby Turpin, prejudice against people who are poorer than she, is one of the most biased characters in literature.
- (B) Prejudice against people who are poorer than she, Ruby Turpin is one of the most bias characters in literature.
- (C) One of the most biased characters in literature, Ruby Turpin is prejudice against people who are poorer than herself.
- (D) Ruby Turpin, prejudiced against people who are poorer than she, is one of the most biased characters in literature.

10.

- (A) I forgot to lock the door which foolish mistake that allowed the burglar to enter.
- (B) My forgetting to lock the door was a foolish mistake that allowed the burglar to enter.
- (C) My foolish mistake was the door I forgot to lock that allowed the burglar to enter.

(D) Because I foolishly forgot to lock the door, the burglar was able to enter, which was a mistake.

11.

- (A) While studying for the geology test, my pet dog lay at my feet.
- (B) My pet dog laid at my feet while studying for a geology test.
- (C) While I was studying for a geology test, my pet dog lay at my feet.
- (D) While I was studying, my pet dog lay at my feet for a geology test.

12.

- (A) Jane is the smartest twin, but Jill is the more talented.
- (B) Of the twins, Jane is the smarter, and Jill is the more talented.
- (C) Jane is the smartest twin, but Jill is the most talented.
- (D) Of the twins, Jane is the smartest, and Jill is the more talented.

13.

- (A) Whom do you suppose told Rex who we were talking about?
- (B) Who do you suppose told Rex whom we were talking about?
- (C) Who do you supposed told Rex who we were talking about?
- (D) Whom do you suppose told Rex whom we were talking about?

14.

- (A) My sister, in addition to all my cousins, are spending the summer at the beach.
- (B) My cousins, as well as my sister, is spending the summer at the beach.
- (C) Neither my sister nor my cousins is spending the summer at the beach.
- (D) Neither my sister nor my cousins are spending the summer at the beach.

15.

- (A) Each girl is having their dresses altered substantially.
- (B) Each of the girls is having her dress altered substantially.
- (C) Each of the girls are having their dresses altered substantially.
- (D) Each one of the girls is having their dresses altered substantially.

16.

- (A) How much money did Jeremiah save to purchase a new bass boat?
- (B) How much money does Jeremiah save to purchase a new bass boat?
- (C) How much money do Jeremiah have to purchase a new bass boat?
- (D) How much money did Jeremiah saved to purchase a new bass boat?

17.

- (A) Did Joyce tell you that Susan has her ring?
- (B) Did Joyce tell you about Susan getting her ring?
- (C) Did Joyce tell you about Susan's ring which she got?
- (D) Did Joyce tell you about Susan's getting a ring?

18.

- (A) The sheriff, as well as his deputy, has already been investigated, and the list of suspected commissioners, lawmen, and other county officials keep growing.

- (B) The sheriff, as well as his deputies, have already been investigated, and the list of suspected commissioners, lawmen, and other county officials keep growing.
- (C) The sheriff, as well as his deputy, has already been investigated, and the list of suspected commissioners, lawmen, and other county officials keeps growing.
- (D) The sheriff, as well as his deputy, have already been implicated, and the list of suspected commissioners, lawmen, and other county officials keep growing.

19.

- (A) Air pollution is a current world issue, but it does not affect the fifteenth century.
- (B) Air pollution is a current world issue, but it did not affect the fifteenth century.
- (C) Air pollution was a current world issue, but it does not affect the fifteenth century.
- (D) Air pollution was a current world issue, but it did not affect the fifteenth century.

20.

- (A) Almost all the advice she gave me will affect my decision.
- (B) Most all the advice she gave me will affect my decision.
- (C) Most all the advice she gave me will effect my decision.
- (D) My decision will be effected by almost all her advice.

21.

- (A) Reading letters is a pleasure, but to write them is something few people enjoy.
- (B) Reading letters is a pleasure, but not very many people like to write them.
- (C) To read a good letter is a pleasure, but writing them is difficult for many people.
- (D) Reading letters is a pleasure, but writing them is something few people enjoy.

22.

- (A) A gerbera daisy is the more beautiful of daisies, but lilies are even the most beautiful than daisies.
- (B) A gerbera daisy is the most beautiful of all daisies, but lilies are even most beautiful than daisies.
- (C) A gerbera daisy is the more beautiful of daisies, but lilies are even more beautiful than daisies.
- (D) A gerbera daisy is the most beautiful of all daisies, but lilies are even more beautiful than daisies.

23.

- (A) Between you and I, Gene Rodenberry is a writer of who we can all be proud.
- (B) Between you and me, Gene Rodenberry is a writer of whom we can all be proud.
- (C) Between you and I, Gene Rodenberry is a writer of whom we can all be proud.
- (D) Just between we two, Gene Rodenberry is a writer of whom we can all be proud.

24.

- (A) As she passed by my window, she also went past the front door.
- (B) As she past by my window, she also went passed the front door.
- (C) When she passed by my window, she forgot that she had already past the front door.
- (D) In the past, she often went passed my window, forgetting that she had passed by the door.

25.

- (A) Mr. Spock notified Dr. McCoy that he had been summoned to the bridge.
- (B) Mr. Spock notified Dr. McCoy that Captain Kirk had summoned him to the bridge.
- (C) When Captain Kirk summoned Dr. McCoy to the bridge, he notified Mr. Spock.
- (D) Captain Kirk summoned Dr. McCoy to the bridge and then notified Mr. Spock.