

PUN 1: Diagnostic Test

Choose the sentence which is accurately punctuated.

1. (A) Choosing a major is a painful decision; for example, people must plan what their future careers will be.
(B) Choosing a major is a painful decision; for example, planning what one's future career will be.
(C) Choosing a major is a painful decision, for example; planning one's future career.
(D) Choosing a major is a painful decision, people must, for example, plan what their future careers will be.

2. (A) According to her history papers which are not in by Friday, February 25, will not be accepted.
(B) According to her, history papers, which are not in by Friday, February 25, will not be accepted.
(C) According to her history papers, which are not in by Friday, February 25, will not be accepted.
(D) According to her, history papers which are not in by Friday, February 25, will not be accepted.

3. (A) The plane avoided any damage during the stormy flight. But slid off the runway when it landed.
(B) The plane avoiding any damage during the stormy flight but sliding off the runway when it landed.
(C) The plane avoided any damage while flying through the storm; sliding off the runway when it finally landed.
(D) The plane avoided any damage during the stormy flight but slid off the runway when it landed.

4. (A) Although she was determined not to make an issue of the controversial matter, Lavinia could not keep quiet, when some of the mob became irrational in their arguments.
(B) Although she was determined not to make an issue of the controversial matter Lavinia could not keep quiet when some of the mob became irrational in their arguments.
(C) Although she was determined not to make an issue of the controversial matter; Lavinia could not keep quiet when some of the mob became irrational in their arguments.

- (D) Although she was determined not to make an issue of the controversial matter, Lavinia could not keep quiet when some of the mob became irrational in their arguments.
5. (A) The Anthropology professor who wrote The Beliefs and Practices of The Ancient Greeks is the guest speaker at the Winter symposium.
(B) The anthropology professor who wrote The Beliefs and Practices of the Ancient Greeks is the guest speaker at the winter symposium.
(C) The Anthropology Professor who wrote The Beliefs and Practices of the Ancient Greeks is the guest speaker at the Winter Symposium.
(D) The anthropology professor who wrote The beliefs and practices of the ancient Greeks is the guest speaker at the Winter symposium.
6. (A) When the women's and children's lifeboats were filled, the ship's captain began to fill the men's too.
(B) The ships captain began to fill the men's lifeboats once the women's and children's were filled.
(C) Since the lifeboat's for women and children were filled by the ships captain, the men's boats were filled too.
(D) When the womens' and childrens' lifeboats were filled, the ship's captain began to fill the mens' too.
7. (A) Confused by the many pages of complex directions, and as a result being placed at a distinct disadvantage.
(B) I was confused by the complex directions; which put me at a distinct disadvantage.
(C) Because of the complexity of the directions, I was at a distinct disadvantage.
(D) I was confused by the many pages of complex directions, thus, I did not do well.
8. (A) All students who can't swim, must wear life jackets on the canoe outing.
(B) All students regardless of whether they can swim or not, must wear life jackets on the canoe outing.
(C) All students, even those who can swim, must wear life jackets on the canoe outing.
(D) On the canoe outing, all students, who can't swim must wear life jackets.
9. (A) The editor-in chief's reporter suggest's moving the children's section from Sunday's paper.
(B) The editor-in-chief's reporter suggests moving the childrens' section from Sunday's paper.
(C) The editor-in-chief's reporter suggests moving the children's section from Sunday's paper.

- (D) The editor's-in-chief reporter suggests moving the children's section from Sunday's paper.
10. (A) My Father has agreed to be a High School team sponsor in the fall.
(B) My Father has agreed to be a High School Team Sponsor in the Fall.
(C) My father has agreed to be a high school team sponsor in the fall.
(D) My father has agreed to be a high school team sponsor in the Fall.
11. (A) The woman was determined to succeed at engineering, at the same time she wanted her marriage to work.
(B) The woman wanted to succeed as an engineer and as a wife; therefore, working hard at both.
(C) Because the woman wanted to succeed as an engineer and as a wife; she was determined to work hard at both.
(D) Hoping to succeed at both engineering and marriage, the woman determined to work hard at both.
12. (A) If he is concerned with cultivating minds, and he does not merely weed out students. A good teacher becomes an academic gardener.
(B) A good teacher is an academic gardener, he is concerned with cultivating minds, not just weeding out students.
(C) A good teacher is an academic gardener. Concerned with cultivating minds, not just weeding out students.
(D) A good teacher is an academic gardener, concerned with cultivating minds and not just weeding out students.
13. (A) It was difficult to choose between the two sections of the course they met at the same time, but had teachers who differed greatly in their methods.
(B) It was difficult to choose between the two sections of the course; because they met at the same time even though the teachers differed greatly in their methods.
(C) It was difficult to choose between the two sections of the course because they met at the same time; although the teachers differed greatly in their methods.
(D) It was difficult to choose between the two sections of the course; they met at the same time but had teachers that differed greatly in their methods.
14. (A) Joanna was selected for promotion because she possessed several desirable characteristics: honesty, dependability, and ambition.
(B) Joanna was selected for promotion because of several characteristics, such as: honesty, dependability, and ambition.
(C) Joanna was selected for promotion because she was: honest, dependable, and ambitious.

- (D) Joanna was selected for promotion because of several characteristics, which included: honesty, dependability, and ambition.
15. (A) Is this child one of yours, or does he belong to one of your sisters-in law?
(B) Is this child one of your's, or does he belong to one of your sister-in-laws?
(C) Is this child your sister's-in-law, or is he one of yours?
(D) Is this child your sister-in-law's, or is he one of your's?
16. (A) Smart, funny, and attractive, Marcia embodied all of these.
(B) Smart, funny, and attractive – Marcia embodied all of these.
(C) Smart, funny, and attractive; Marcia embodied all of these.
(D) Smart, funny, and attractive. Marcia embodied all of these.
17. (A) Joan shrieked at her frightened companion: "Watch out!"
(B) Joan shrieked at her frightened companion, "watch out!"
(C) Joan shrieked at her frightened companion, "Watch out!"
(D) Joan shrieked at her frightened companion; "Watch out."
18. (A) On Tuesday, July 7, all forty-nine passengers arrived safely despite the electrical problem.
(B) On Tuesday July 7, all 49 passengers arrived safely despite the electrical problem.
(C) On Tuesday, July 7, all 49 passengers arrived safely despite the electrical problem.
(D) On Tuesday July 7 all 49 passengers arrived safely despite the electrical problem.
19. (A) "Jill," he said "if we don't leave now, we'll be late."
(B) "Jill" he said "if we don't leave now, we'll be late."
(C) "Jill," he said, "if we don't leave now, we'll be late."
(D) "Jill," he said, "if we don't leave now, we'll be late".
20. (A) Melissa went to the store to get milk, stopped at the video store, and got gas at the Exxon.
(B) Melissa went to the store to get milk and stopped at the video store and got gas at the Exxon.
(C) While doing errands, Melissa got milk, a video and gas.
(D) Melissa went to the store to get milk; stopped at the video store; and got gas at the Exxon.

21. (A) I recently read an insightful article in "Newsweek" entitled The Corruption of a Nation.
(B) I recently read an insightful article in Newsweek entitled The Corruption of a Nation.
(C) I recently read an insightful article in Newsweek entitled "The Corruption of a Nation."
(D) I recently read an insightful article in "Newsweek" entitled "The Corruption of a Nation."
22. (A) In the night time stands still, and you can hear the lonely cry of the coyote.
(B) In the night time, stands still and you can hear the lonely cry of the coyote.
(C) In the night, time stands still and you can hear the lonely cry of the coyote.
(D) In the night, time stands still, and you can hear the lonely cry of the coyote.
23. (A) Jessica dropped out of school because she had taken on too many responsibilities.
(B) Having taken on too many responsibilities Jessica dropped out of school.
(C) Jessica dropped out of school, because she had taken on too many responsibilities.
(D) Jessica, because of her many responsibilities had to drop out of school.
24. (A) Having finished mowing the yard, raking the leaves, and cleaning the garage made for a long day.
(B) I finished mowing the yard, raking the leaves, and cleaning the garage, I had a long day!
(C) My long day included several activities: such as, mowing the yard, raking the leaves, and cleaning the garage.
(D) My long day included mowing the yard, raking the leaves, and cleaning the garage.
25. (A) Mark; however, received an incomplete because he developed pneumonia in the last week of the semester.
(B) Mark, however, received an incomplete because he developed pneumonia in the last week of the semester.
(C) However Mark received an incomplete, because he developed pneumonia in the last week of the semester.
(D) Mark however, because he developed pneumonia in the last week of the semester, received an incomplete.