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Grammar Test

Directions: Answer each question to the best of your ability. Print the questions or read them from the screen and record your answers on a sheet of paper.

1. Choose the sentence in which all the **apostrophes** are used correctly.
 - a. I'm spending this week's paycheck on rent.
 - b. Im spending this weeks' paycheck on rent.
 - c. I'm spending this weeks paycheck on rent.
2. Which group of words is **spelled** correctly?
 - a. amateur, villain, seiz
 - b. argument, paradize, committee
 - c. writing, aggravate, pursue
3. "One of the cookies in this bag_____a bite taken out of it," Jose complained.
 - a. have
 - b. has
4. Choose the sentence in which all the **apostrophes** are used correctly.
 - a. Todd's and Diane's house has two bedrooms.
 - b. Todd and Diane's house has two bedroom's.
 - c. Todd and Diane's house has two bedrooms.
5. Tim laughed when he saw the way that_____ had dressed for the Halloween party.
 - a. Serena and I
 - b. Serena and me

6. When Jamal came looking for _____, we had already left.

- a. Karen and me
- b. Karen and I

7. Choose the sentence that **includes an error**.

- a. My sisters and brothers-in-law met me at the airport.
- b. She is rich, beautiful and has talent.
- c. Neither the cats nor the dog has eaten breakfast.

8. Which group of words is **spelled correctly**?

- a. similar, interest, leisure
- b. separate, lonliness, transferred
- c. grammer, coming, embarrass

9. John smokes cigars even though he knows _____.

- a. they are bad for you.
- b. smoking is bad for him.
- c. it is bad for him.

10. Choose the sentence in which all the **apostrophes** are used correctly.

- a. Everyones' going to Sashas' for dinner at eight.
- b. Everyones going to Sasha's for dinner at eight.
- c. Everyone's going to Sasha's for dinner at eight.

11. Which group of words is **spelled correctly**?

- a. adolesense, jealousy, suceed
- b. annualy, studing, athlete
- c. business, cigarette, deceive

12. Aunt Peggy served homemade cookies, but_____ .
- a. one had eaten so much turkey that one didn't want one.
 - b. I had eaten so much turkey that I didn't want it.
 - c. I had eaten so much turkey that I didn't want them.
13. When we asked Haley to go to lunch with us, she said she _____ an hour ago.
- a. had eaten
 - b. had ate
 - c. eaten
14. Choose the sentence that **includes an error**.
- a. You look like you seen a ghost.
 - b. The heels of some ladies' shoes are dangerously high.
 - c. One of her students needs constant attention.
15. Choose the sentence that **includes an error**.
- a. We players want to buy a gift for our coach.
 - b. She has forgotten to turn off the lights again.
 - c. Your not going to believe this story.
16. When it comes to highway tolls, I differ _____ Senator Freiling.
- a. on
 - b. with
 - c. from

17. Neither Jack nor Bill remembered to bring _____ membership card.

- a. they're
- b. his
- c. their

18. My roommate and I faced several _____ during our freshman year.

- a. crises
- b. crisis
- c. crises

19. My son _____ by your dog.

- a. was bit
- b. was bitten
- c. were bitten

20. For the first time in years, the river teemed with _____.

- a. fishes
- b. fishery
- c. fish

21. The candidate's record on health-care reform is what _____ Margaret.

- a. impress
- b. impresses

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