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UNIT 9 LEARNING TO PUNCTUATE

TEST B

Answer each of the following questions by writing the letter of the correct answer in the space at the right. [4 points each]

1 Which sentence would ordinarily end with a question mark?
a. I have read this article b. Read this article
c. Have you read this article 1 _____

2 Which sentence would ordinarily end with an exclamation point?
a. What happened to that car b. Just look at that car
c. Something happened to that car 2 _____

3 Which sentence might end with a period?
a. Will you please pay the cashier b. What a ridiculous price
c. Where do I pay my check 3 _____

Write the letter of the abbreviation that is proper for formal writing and that is correctly punctuated. [4 points each]

4 a. Miss. Wiley b. Doc. Brown c. Dr. Corey 4 _____

5 a. 7:00 A.M. b. bldg. (for building) c. yrs. (for years) 5 _____

6 a. Ill. (for Illinois) b. 500 B.C. c. St. (for street) 6 _____

Write the letter of the sentence that is correctly punctuated. [4 points each]

7 a. Entering the woods I fought my way through the thick underbrush.
b. Entering the woods, I fought my way through the thick underbrush. 7 _____

8 a. The party of course, was a complete surprise to Sherry.
b. The party, of course, was a complete surprise to Sherry. 8 _____

9 a. We squeezed and pushed and fought our way through the crowd.
b. We squeezed, and pushed, and fought our way through the crowd. 9 _____

10 a. Write to Mrs. J. C. Beck, 427 Belmont Avenue, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, for reservations. 10 _____
b. Write to, Mrs. J. C. Beck, 427 Belmont Avenue, Frankfort Kentucky 40601, for reservations.

11 a. Tom entered the cave first and his friend followed him.
b. Tom entered the cave first, and his friend followed him. 11 _____

12 a. The vendors sell chocolates, pastries, and ices to the tourists.
b. The vendors sell chocolates, pastries, and ices, to the tourists. 12 _____

13 a. It was after dark when we finally found our way back to camp.
b. It was after dark, when we finally found our way back to camp. 13 _____

14 a. I found a letter dated, June 7, 1872 in an old book.
b. I found a letter dated June 7, 1872, in an old book. 14 _____

Write the letter to indicate the point or points at which commas should be omitted from each sentence. **[4 points each]**

15 At the end of August, we shall drive, or fly to Seattle, for a few days. **15** _____
A B C

16 María, Ralph, and Judy are in the same class as Ruth, and Feng Wo. **16** _____
A B C

17 You should, for example, always ask permission, before you use someone's
A B C
telephone. **17** _____

18 Thomas Edison was born in, Milan, Ohio, on February, 11, 1847. **18** _____
A B C D E

19 Well, I now have to study my math, and history lessons. **19** _____
A B

20 After the Gibbs bought the farm, they improved it, and sold it for a
A B
good profit. **20** _____

The following sentences are correctly punctuated. If you added the words in parentheses at the point marked by the caret (∧), would you need to add one or more commas? Write Yes or No in the space at the right. **[4 points each]**

21 My friend ∧ was unable to go. (*however*) **21** _____

22 ∧ I found an Indian arrowhead. (*Digging in the garden*) **22** _____

23 My dog sits in the window ∧ . (*and watches for me*) **23** _____

24 Jerry aimed at a tree but ∧ hit a neighbor's window. (*he*) **24** _____

25 The house ∧ needed a coat of paint. (*and the garage*) **25** _____

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