

UNIT 5-A ACHIEVING SENTENCE VARIETY

Rewrite each sentence b so that its construction is similar to that of sentence a. [5 points each]

- 1 a. The rain forest, dark and humid, teems with plant and animal life.
b. The faded and threadbare carpet had a depressing effect on me.

- 2 a. Mrs. Henry has countless tools, some of which she seldom uses.
b. I have many cousins, and I have never met some of them.

- 3 a. The fact that a restaurant is expensive doesn't make it good.
b. Many people are unemployed, and this makes it unwise to raise taxes.

- 4 a. These coins my aunt always kept in a teapot.
b. Chuck always reads the travel section first.

- 5 a. Their hopes rising, the lost hunters followed the deer tracks to a water hole.
b. The boxer's nose was bleeding profusely, and he longed for the end of the round.

- 6 a. I felt that if I apologized Mae Ling would accept my apology.
b. The ad stated that no salesperson would call if I took the offer.

- 7 a. It was incredible that anyone survived this crash.
b. Every car completed the race, and this was most unusual.

- 8 a. On the shelves of the average supermarket, one finds more than 8,000 different items.
b. Many different grades were taught in the some room in the schools of those days.

- 9 a. The more I listened to his explanation, the more confused I became.
b. As we broiled the steak longer, it seemed to get tougher.

- 10 a. Once she made the trip by plane, she would travel no other way.
b. The driving became easy after we crossed the mountains.
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- 11 a. Now that I have quit my job, I have more time for study.
b. New Year's has passed, and most stores are having clearance sales.
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- 12 a. Had I read the review, I would not have gone to this movie.
b. We would not have swum there if we had seen the warning.
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Answer each of the following questions by writing *a* or *b* in the space at the right. [5 points each]

- 13 Which sentence is more forceful?
a. Wealthy as they are, the Arnetts live very simply.
b. The Arnetts live very simply although they are wealthy. 13 _____
- 14 Which sentence begins with something other than the subject?
a. The smell of wet foliage was delightful after the sudden shower.
b. After the sudden shower, the smell of wet foliage was delightful. 14 _____
- 15 Which sentence gives the adverb *repeatedly* more emphasis?
a. His doctor had warned him repeatedly to give up smoking.
b. Repeatedly, his doctor had warned him to give up smoking. 15 _____
- 16 Which sentence contains a noun-participle (absolute) phrase?
a. Our feet aching badly, we could hike no farther.
b. Since our feet were aching badly, we could hike no farther. 16 _____
- 17 Which sentence begins with a direct object?
a. We did not see one deer on the entire hunting trip.
b. Not one deer did we see on the entire hunting trip. 17 _____
- 18 Which sentence gives more emphasis to the child's age?
a. For a five-year-old, Mark has an extraordinary vocabulary.
b. Mark has an extraordinary vocabulary for a five-year-old. 18 _____
- 19 Which sentence is more forceful?
a. No sooner did we start than a tire blew out.
b. A tire blew out soon after we started. 19 _____
- 20 Which sentence is correct?
a. I was sure that if I lent him the money that he would pay me back.
b. I was sure that if I lent him the money he would pay me back. 20 _____

UNIT **5-B** ACHIEVING SENTENCE VARIETY

Rewrite sentence *b* so that its construction is similar to that of sentence *a*. [5 points each]

- 1 a. From the beginning of recorded time, people have reported observing strange objects in the sky.
b. Only nine miles of water separate Europe from Africa at the Strait of Gibraltar.

- 2 a. The apartments, sunny and cheerful, overlook an attractive park.
b. The noisy and disorganized meeting accomplished nothing.

- 3 a. Now that Fred has his own car, his grades have slumped.
b. The house is too large for the couple since their children have married.

- 4 a. Greater confusion I have never seen.
b. The public will not tolerate such inefficiency.

- 5 a. The fact that Paul accepted pay for this one game disqualifies him as an amateur.
b. The fire extinguisher was empty, and this requires some explanation.

- 6 a. Their mission accomplished, the platoon returned to their base.
b. Our luggage was packed, and we started for the airport.

- 7 a. The police picked up several suspects, all of whom were soon cleared.
b. Christmas has many symbols, and each of them has a special meaning.

- 8 a. Were I in your place, I would accept the offer.
b. The child might have drowned if it were not for the lifeguard.

- 9 a. Once you have driven a small car, you find a big car clumsy.
b. A person who has a prison record can't find a job easily.
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- 10 a. Fran warned me that if I told anyone her secret, she would never tell me another.
b. The farmers claim that they are still losing money although prices are high.
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- 11 a. No sooner did the game start than it began to rain pitchforks.
b. Mr. Hardy falls asleep as soon as he sits down in a comfortable chair.
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- 12 a. The more the clerk pressured me, the more I wanted to escape from his clutches.
b. As he told me more about his sister, I became more eager to meet her.
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Answer each of the following questions by writing *a* or *b* in the space at the right. [5 points each]

- 13 Which sentence is constructed more informally?
a. That this question embarrassed the manager was obvious.
b. It was obvious that this question embarrassed the manager. 13 _____
- 14 Which sentence is more forceful?
a. Disappointed though he was, the coach concealed his feelings.
b. The coach concealed his feeling even though he was disappointed. 14 _____
- 15 Which sentence is correct?
a. We found that when we praised Dave that he would work harder.
b. We found that when we praised Dave he would work harder. 15 _____
- 16 Which sentence is smoother?
a. William Blake wrote much poetry whose meaning is obscure.
b. William Blake wrote much poetry the meaning of which is obscure. 16 _____
- 17 Which sentence contains an unusual adverb clause?
a. Had they used a map, they would not have lost their way.
b. Using a map would have prevented them from losing their way. 17 _____
- 18 Which sentence is more forceful?
a. No other camera will satisfy you after you have used this one.
b. Once you have used this camera, no other camera will satisfy you. 18 _____
- 19 Which sentence gives the adverb *unexpectedly* more emphasis?
a. Andy, our weakest batter, hit a home run unexpectedly.
b. Unexpectedly, Andy, our weakest batter, hit a home run. 19 _____
- 20 If you had written several "subject-first" sentences, which sentence would add variety?
a. From the frequent flashes in the sky, we could see that a storm was coming.
b. We could see that a storm was coming from the frequent flashes in the sky. 20 _____

UNIT 6-A RECOGNIZING THE SENTENCE UNIT

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [3 points for each numbered item]

F = Fragment S = Sentence

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|----|--|----|-------|
| 1 | Built over 1500 years ago. Some of the Roman roads are still in use. | 1 | _____ |
| 2 | The children seldom buy anything. They just like to wander about the store. | 2 | _____ |
| 3 | I read the directions many times. Until I practically memorized them. | 3 | _____ |
| 4 | Adams was friendly with her students. And adopted many of their suggestions. | 4 | _____ |
| 5 | Almost as soon as the bomber was produced. It became obsolete. | 5 | _____ |
| 6 | Cutting out the article. And intending to mail it to my friend. | 6 | _____ |
| 7 | Jane counted the people. To see if she had enough instruments. | 7 | _____ |
| 8 | Our problems are nothing. The Robinsons really have problems. | 8 | _____ |
| 9 | The ladder is made of aluminum. Which makes it easy to handle. | 9 | _____ |
| 10 | Besides being a great artist. Michelangelo was an engineer as well. | 10 | _____ |

Write the letter of the item that is correctly punctuated. [3 points each]

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| 11 | a. If you throw water on burning gasoline, it will only spread the flames. | |
| | b. If you throw water on burning gasoline. It will only spread the flames. | 11 |
| 12 | a. Scott had the evening free. He offered to baby-sit for his neighbors. | |
| | b. Scott had the evening free, he offered to baby-sit for his neighbors. | 12 |
| 13 | a. Mr. Ramirez has coarse, rough hands, nevertheless he makes that most delicate jewelry. | |
| | b. Mr. Ramirez has coarse, rough hands; nevertheless he makes the most delicate jewelry. | 13 |
| 14 | a. Because germs are invisible to the naked eye, people often ignore their existence. | |
| | b. Because germs are invisible to the naked eye. People often ignore their existence. | 14 |
| 15 | a. The totem pole has no religious significance, it is just a family or tribal record. | |
| | b. The totem pole has no religious significance. It is just a family or tribal record. | 15 |
| 16 | a. I got my haircut. Then I discovered that I had left my wallet at home. | |
| | b. I got my haircut, then I discovered that I had left my wallet at home. | 16 |
| 17 | a. If a person is innocent; then why should he refuse to answer questions? | |
| | b. If a person is innocent, then why should he refuse to answer questions? | 17 |

- 18 a. The quality of gems varies, one needs the advice of an expert. 18 _____
 b. The quality of gems varies. One needs the advice of an expert.
- 19 a. The president cast her vote, thus breaking the tie between the two fac- 19 _____
 tions.
 b. The president cast her vote. Thus breaking the tie between the two fac-
 tions.
- 20 a. Many people were inspecting the new models, however, few seemed to be 20 _____
 buying.
 b. Many people were inspecting the new models. However, few seemed to be
 buying.

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [2 points each]
 F = Fragment S = Sentence RS = Run-on Sentence

- 21 The kind of public statement that really says nothing. 21 _____
- 22 Arlene doesn't lie, she just tends to exaggerate everything. 22 _____
- 23 A machine that does the work of twenty people. 23 _____
- 24 Our oldest buildings are young, compared with the ancient buildings of 24 _____
 Europe.
- 25 By the tone of his voice and the expression on his face. 25 _____
- 26 A great artist who received no recognition during her lifetime. 26 _____
- 27 One should check his tires, therefore, before starting on a long trip. 27 _____
- 28 Roberto's mother was Mexican, consequently he had little difficulty in learn- 28 _____
 ing Spanish.
- 29 A refrigerator doesn't put cold into foods, it merely takes the heat out. 29 _____
- 30 In a secluded Spanish village which few tourists ever visit. 30 _____
- 31 When opportunity knocks, you still have to open the door. 31 _____
- 32 Which completely changed my thinking about unions. 32 _____
- 33 Our funds were running low, otherwise we would have stayed in Rome a few 33 _____
 more days.
- 34 Believing in the man's innocence, many people became interested in his 34 _____
 case.
- 35 The chair is of colonial design, therefore it harmonizes with our other fur- 35 _____
 nishings.
- 36 The candidate went from door to door, introducing himself to the people. 36 _____
- 37 Our town has no hospital, however, there are several good ones in the 37 _____
 county.
- 38 In these days of rapid travel and communication. 38 _____
- 39 Virginia Dare, the first English child born in America. 39 _____
- 40 Because the hotel has guests from many countries, all signs are printed in 40 _____
 several languages.

UNIT 6-B RECOGNIZING THE SENTENCE UNIT

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [3 points for each numbered item]
F = Fragment S = Sentence

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|----|--|----|-------|
| 1 | Of the many companies that go into business. Only a few survive. | 1 | _____ |
| 2 | Actors like to spend their vacations. Where they will not be recognized. | 2 | _____ |
| 3 | After the Congress had passed the bill. The President vetoed it. | 3 | _____ |
| 4 | Camping in a pine forest. Which was on the edge of a lake. | 4 | _____ |
| 5 | Violins tend to deteriorate. Unless they are in constant use. | 5 | _____ |
| 6 | The farmer had good equipment. But failed to maintain it properly. | 6 | _____ |
| 7 | Reminded of his English test. Walter went to his room to study. | 7 | _____ |
| 8 | A doctor can only advise you what to do. He can't make you do it. | 8 | _____ |
| 9 | To build the new expressway. Hundreds of buildings must be demolished. | 9 | _____ |
| 10 | Mr. Miller owns a bowling alley. The only one in our town. | 10 | _____ |

Write the letter of the item that is correctly punctuated. [3 points each]

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|----|--|----|-------|
| 11 | a. After the motor is assembled, it is put through rigorous tests.
b. After the motor is assembled. It is put through rigorous tests. | 11 | _____ |
| 12 | a. Athletes must observe the rules of the game, otherwise there could be no game.
b. Athletes must observe the rules of the game; otherwise there could be no game. | 12 | _____ |
| 13 | a. Silence is not always golden. Sometimes it is just plain yellow.
b. Silence is not always golden, sometimes it is just plain yellow. | 13 | _____ |
| 14 | a. I read the question too hastily, therefore I wrote down the wrong answer.
b. I read the question too hastily. Therefore I wrote down the wrong answer. | 14 | _____ |
| 15 | a. If you have only an oral guarantee. Then you cannot force a company to make good on it.
b. If you have only an oral guarantee, then you cannot force a company to make good on it. | 15 | _____ |
| 16 | a. Although the sun is 93 million miles away. It can burn a person's skin badly.
b. Although the sun is 93 million miles away, it can burn a person's skin badly. | 16 | _____ |

- 17 a. TV programs are expensive to produce, consequently, commercials are needed to pay the cost. 17 _____
 b. TV programs are expensive to produce; consequently, commercials are needed to pay the cost.
- 18 a. George mailed his application to the college. Then he waited for their reply. 18 _____
 b. George mailed his application to the college, then he waited for their reply.
- 19 a. Candidates make many promises to win votes. However, some of these promises cannot possibly be carried out. 19 _____
 b. Candidates make many promises to win votes, however, some of these promises cannot possibly be carried out.
- 20 a. Listening is not just remaining silent, it means showing a lively interest in the other person's remarks. 20 _____
 b. Listening is not just remaining silent. It means showing a lively interest in the other person's remarks.

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [2 points each]
 F = Fragment S = Sentence RS = Run-on Sentence

- 21 The speaker, constantly interrupted by applause. 21 _____
 22 Except for a slight dent in one of the fenders. 22 _____
 23 This is no ordinary museum, it is a museum of science and industry. 23 _____
 24 If you feel happy, why not tell your face about it? 24 _____
 25 Many people overeat, furthermore, they don't get enough exercise. 25 _____
 26 It was a funny story, one that I had never heard before. 26 _____
 27 As the result of a long dispute about overtime pay. 27 _____
 28 If no one helps, then I shall have to do it alone. 28 _____
 29 Several nations sent medical aid to the earthquake refugees, thus a great many lives were saved. 29 _____
 30 Based on my past experience with that make of tires. 30 _____
 31 It was an inexpensive camera, nevertheless it took excellent pictures. 31 _____
 32 It was the fault of the other driver, who should have slowed down at the intersection. 32 _____
 33 Because labor costs in Japan are much lower than they are here. 33 _____
 34 To make the play more realistic, a live horse was brought onto the stage. 34 _____
 35 Which I consider a dishonest way of doing business. 35 _____
 36 Owls have very large eyes, therefore they can see in dim light. 36 _____
 37 He is like the man who sat on the river bank, waiting for the river to pass. 37 _____
 38 Claiming that the television set was defective from the start. 38 _____
 39 The largest bell in use is in Moscow, it weighs thirty-eight tons. 39 _____
 40 The kind of argument that always creates bad feeling. 40 _____

HALFWAY TEST-A (Units 1 through 6)

Write the letter of the word or phrase that completes the meaning of each sentence. [1 point each]

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| 1 | Any complement that follows an action verb would be (a) an appositive, (b) a direct object, (c) a subject complement. | 1 _____ |
| 2 | To modify a verb it would be a mistake to use (a) a prepositional phrase, (b) an adverb, (c) an adjective. | 2 _____ |
| 3 | Compared with adjectives, adverbs are more (a) movable, (b) specific, (c) emphatic. | 3 _____ |
| 4 | A prepositional phrase always contains (a) an object, (b) a helping verb, (c) a modifier. | 4 _____ |
| 5 | A semicolon sometimes does the work of a (a) complement, (b) conjunction, (c) participle. | 5 _____ |
| 6 | A subordinate word group is (a) equal to a sentence, (b) less than a sentence, (c) more than a sentence. | 6 _____ |
| 7 | A sentence that contains an adverb clause, an adjective clause, or a noun clause is (a) complex, (b) simple, (c) compound. | 7 _____ |
| 8 | An adjective clause is a clause that (a) modifies an adjective, (b) contains an adjective, (c) is used as an adjective. | 8 _____ |
| 9 | A sentence that results from combining two sentences by means of the conjunction <i>and</i> , <i>but</i> , or <i>or</i> is (a) simple, (b) complex, (c) compound. | 9 _____ |
| 10 | In the phrase <i>a winning team</i> , the word <i>winning</i> is (a) a participle, (b) an infinitive, (c) an ordinary adjective. | 10 _____ |

Indicate the subject (or subjects) and the verb (or verbs) in each sentence by writing, under the proper headings, the letters of the words you select. [1 point for each sentence]

- | | | Subject(s) | Verb(s) |
|----|--|------------|---------|
| 11 | Your sudden arrival must certainly have surprised the family. | | |
| | A B C D E F G H | | |
| | I | | |
| 12 | How does the railroad know the location of its cars? | | |
| | A B C D E F G H I J | | |
| 13 | Climbing to the top of this mountain was a thrilling experience. | | |
| | A B C D E F G H I J | | |
| | K | | |
| 14 | The buyer and the seller have finally agreed upon the price. | | |
| | A B C D E F G H I J K | | |
| 15 | My cousin from Ohio had just purchased his ticket and was waiting for the plane. | | |
| | A B C D E F G H I J K | | |
| | L M N O | | |

Indicate the pattern of each sentence by writing one of the following letters: [1 point each]

A = Subject — Action Verb

B = Subject — Action Verb → Direct Object

C = Subject — Action Verb — Indirect Object → Direct Object

D = Subject — Linking Verb ← Subject Complement

- 16 Mount Vernon is an excellent example of colonial architecture. 16 _____
17 A crowd around the window attracted our attention. 17 _____
18 The disappointed youngsters returned without a single fish. 18 _____
19 Some newspapers are famous for their unbiased reporting. 19 _____
20 The band leader handed the governor a bouquet of roses. 20 _____
21 Only a few people remained until the end of the game. 21 _____

Identify each sentence, using one of the following letters: [2 points each]

A = Compound Sentence

B = Complex Sentence

C = Sentence with Compound Predicate

- 22 Did Glenn write this letter himself, or did someone else write it for him? 22 _____
23 After I became a better bowler than Ed, he lost interest in the game. 23 _____
24 The explosion shook the house and knocked dishes off the shelves. 24 _____
25 Boston is not far from Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrims landed. 25 _____
26 The people eat little besides rice but seem to thrive on their diet. 26 _____
27 Our home is always clean and orderly, and I am always proud to bring my
friends home with me. 27 _____

Identify each italicized clause by writing *Adjective*, *Adverb*, or *Noun* in the space at the right.

[2 points each]

- 28 *What produced the craters on the moon* still remains a
mystery. 28 _____
29 *Although Homer's Odyssey was written more than 2500*
years ago, it is still widely read. 29 _____
30 *Commercials that are too frequently repeated* can be-
come very irritating. 30 _____
31 Does a cold nose really mean *that a dog is healthy*? 31 _____
32 It was only a hawk *that we had frightened from its nest*. 32 _____
33 Mr. Chapman will never use a two-syllable word *if he*
can possibly think of a five-syllable one. 33 _____

Copy the correct relative pronoun in each sentence. [1 point each]

- 34 Greg argued with the umpire (*who, which*) had called him out. 34 _____
35 We never discovered for (*who, whom*) the gift was intended. 35 _____
36 It was Waldo (*whom, who*) I suppose forgot his ticket. 36 _____
37 The witness (*who, whom*) the lawyer cross-examined contra-
dicted himself. 37 _____

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HALFWAY TEST-A (Continued)

Change each italicized statement to the kind of word group indicated in the parentheses. Write the complete sentence. [3 points each]

38 *The steamboat was invented,* and the Mississippi became a busy waterway. (adverb clause)

39 Cathy is now a professional performer, and *she began singing at the age of six.* (adjective clause)

40 The train stops at Laredo for customs inspection, and *it is a town on the Mexican border.* (appositive)

41 *The steaks were broiled over a charcoal fire,* and they had a tangy flavor. (past participial phrase)

42 The bus collided with a truck, and *it was carrying a load of hay.* (present participial phrase)

43 They plant mulberry trees, and *these keep the birds away from the cherries.* (infinitive phrase)

44 *If you take a two-year subscription,* you can save two dollars. (prepositional phrase with gerund)

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Rewrite sentence b so that its construction is similar to that of sentence a. [3 points each]

- 45** a. His report, simple and straightforward, greatly impressed the committee.
b. The smooth and persuasive attorney was hard to refute.

- 46** a. He has a large collection of books, most of which are scientific.
b. There were three pens on the desk, and none of them would write.

- 47** a. The river rising rapidly, people were urged to move to higher ground.
b. As Hilda walked into the hotel lobby, her swimsuit was dripping.

- 48** a. Old as he is, Mr. Fowler still plays golf.
b. Although we were exhausted, we decided to complete the job.

- 49** a. The fact that no fingerprints could be found made the case more difficult.
b. The car had no license, and this attracted the officer's attention.

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [3 points each]

F = Fragment S = Sentence RS = Run-on Sentence

- 50** The first prize, an all-expense-paid trip to Alaska. **50** _____
- 51** The song is not original, it was adapted from a Schubert symphony. **51** _____
- 52** Feeling sorry for the dog, I took it home with me. **52** _____
- 53** The concert was not advertised sufficiently, therefore the attendance was poor. **53** _____
- 54** Unless you read the directions carefully and picture each step. **54** _____

HALFWAY TEST-B (Units 1 through 6)

Write the letter of the word or phrase that completes the meaning of each sentence. [1 point each]

- 1 The number of different classes of words an adverb can modify is (a) three, (b) one, (c) two. 1 _____
- 2 A noun can be modified by (a) an adverb clause, (a) a noun clause, (c) an adjective phrase. 2 _____
- 3 In a prepositional phrase, the preposition is always followed by (a) a verb, (b) an object, (c) a modifier. 3 _____
- 4 A word group that can be shifted in the sentence could be an (a) adjective phrase, (b) adjective clause, (c) adverb clause. 4 _____
- 5 A group of words that has a subject and a verb but does not make sense by itself is a (a) sentence, (b) clause, (c) prepositional phrase. 5 _____
- 6 To subordinate an idea means (a) to change it to a word, phrase, or clause, (b) to change its position, (c) to give it more emphasis. 6 _____
- 7 A clause that begins with *who*, *whose*, *whom*, *which*, or *that* would in most cases be (a) a noun clause, (b) an adverb clause, (c) an adjective clause. 7 _____
- 8 To combine two sentences, one of which tells *when*, *where*, *how*, or *why* about the other, use a sentence that is (a) simple, (b) compound, (c) complex. 8 _____
- 9 The conjunction in a compound sentence can usually be replaced by a (a) semicolon, (b) relative pronoun, (c) comma. 9 _____
- 10 A word that is formed from a verb and does the work of an adjective is (a) a gerund, (b) a participle, (c) an infinitive. 10 _____

Indicate the subject (or subjects) and the verb (or verbs) in each sentence by writing, under the proper headings, the letters of the words you select. [1 point for each sentence]

- | | Subject(s) | Verb(s) |
|---|------------|---------|
| 11 Where did Audrey ever find a costume like that?
A B C D E F G H | 11 _____ | _____ |
| 12 The trees and grass on the hillside have prevented erosion.
A B C D E F G H I J | 12 _____ | _____ |
| 13 Mr. Rivera's interesting hobby has now become a profitable business.
A B C D E F G H I | 13 _____ | _____ |
| 14 The slightest hesitation on my part would surely have been disastrous.
A B C D E F G H I J K | 14 _____ | _____ |
| 15 Our relatives from Scotland have enjoyed their trip and are staying another week.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M | 15 _____ | _____ |

Indicate the pattern of each sentence by writing one of the following letters: [1 point each]

A = Subject — Action Verb

B = Subject — Action Verb → Direct Object

C = Subject — Action Verb — Indirect Object → Direct Object

D = Subject — Linking Verb ← Subject Complement

- 16 Even steel would melt at this temperature. 16 _____
- 17 The Dayton's had moved and had left no forwarding address. 17 _____
- 18 Switzerland is a country of high mountains and pleasant valleys. 18 _____
- 19 Life in this Mexican village centers around the marketplace. 19 _____
- 20 The people of Cuba gave Columbus some grains of corn. 20 _____
- 21 The speaker's mistakes in English were very noticeable. 21 _____

Identify each sentence, using one of the following letters: [2 points each]

A = Compound Sentence

B = Complex Sentence

C = Sentence with Compound Predicate

- 22 A ground cover like clover or alfalfa holds back the water and gives the soil more time to absorb it. 22 _____
- 23 The comedy was produced by Steve Utley, who first studied drama at our college. 23 _____
- 24 The French constructed the Maginot Line to keep Hitler's troops from invading, but the Germans went around the barrier. 24 _____
- 25 As interest rates rise, fewer people are inclined to borrow money. 25 _____
- 26 The king disguised himself as a peasant and mixed with the common folk to get their opinions. 26 _____
- 27 We had a big lead over the Hawks but they still managed to win the game. 27 _____

Identify each italicized clause by writing *Adjective*, *Adverb*, or *Noun* in the space at the right.

[2 points each]

- 28 *After Bruce had worked at the gas station for two weeks,* he decided to look for a better job. 28 _____
- 29 I often wonder *how such a person really feels on the inside.* 29 _____
- 30 We visited a farm *where alligators are raised for their hides.* 30 _____
- 31 *That handling toads causes warts* is only a superstition. 31 _____
- 32 Small children don't usually complain about the weather *unless they hear grownups complain.* 32 _____
- 33 The fog *that blanketed the airport* did not prevent the planes from taking off. 33 _____

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HALFWAY TEST-B (Continued)

Copy the correct relative pronoun in each sentence. [1 point each]

- 34 This chemical kills the beetles (*who, which*) spread the blight. 34 _____
- 35 The Marine (*whom, who*) the President decorated had saved several lives. 35 _____
- 36 Poe was the author (*whom, who*) invented the detective story. 36 _____
- 37 The doctor (*that, which*) we called does not make house calls. 37 _____

Change each italicized statement to the kind of word group indicated in the parentheses. Write the complete sentence. [3 points each]

- 38 An ice pack should be applied, and *this will reduce the swelling*. (infinitive phrase) _____

- 39 *Hines is the new director of athletics*, and she will make several changes. (appositive) _____

- 40 The ship carries a device *and it measures the depth of the water*. (prepositional phrase with gerund) _____

- 41 Len is afraid of dogs, and *he has never been bitten by one*. (adverb clause) _____

- 42 *Elsie was dressed in her grandmother's wedding gown*, and she looked beautiful. (post participial phrase) _____

- 43 This music is among his best, and *Mozart wrote it in his youth*. (adjective clause) _____

- 44 *Aunt Jo knew the disposition of this horse*, and she would not let me ride it. (present participial phrase) _____

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Rewrite sentence b so that its construction is similar to that of sentence a. [3 points each]

- 45** a. Their nets mended, the crew put out to sea for another day of fishing.
b. Patients are wheeled to the recovery room after their operations are completed.

- 46** a. The more I looked at this painting, the better I liked it.
b. If we have more rehearsals, our concert will be better.

- 47** a. The fact that a product is attractively packaged doesn't make it good.
b. I had a feeling of security because I had a substantial bank balance.

- 48** a. Dr. Buck's manner, gruff and abrupt, belied his natural kindness.
b. His incoherent and contradictory testimony made a poor impression on the jury.

- 49** a. Helen sent her story to several magazines, one of which accepted it.
b. She teaches a class of twenty children, and all of them are handicapped in some way.

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [3 points each]

F = Fragment S = Sentence RS = Run-on Sentence

- 50** Larson allowed only three hits in six innings, then he lost his control. **50** _____
- 51** Because there were many people who neglected to vote. **51** _____
- 52** Pushing the cat outside, Mrs. Springer closed the screen door. **52** _____
- 53** A famous battle which changed the course of history. **53** _____
- 54** There is a blanket of air around the earth, it extends upward for several hundred miles. **54** _____

UNIT 7-A THE SMOOTH-RUNNING SENTENCE

Identify the type of error in each sentence by writing one of the following letters: [4 points each]

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| A = Misplaced Modifier | E = Faulty Pronoun Reference |
| B = Dangling Word Group | F = Incorrect Omission |
| C = Nonparallel Construction | G = Faulty Comparison |
| D = <i>Is When or Is Where</i> Construction | H = Deadwood |

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| 1 We improved our house by finishing the basement and we added more cupboards. | 1 _____ |
| 2 Injured in the first quarter, Coach Upton rushed the fullback to the hospital. | 2 _____ |
| 3 My mom's work is as good as any carpenter. | 3 _____ |
| 4 As soon as the boys were paid, they spent it all. | 4 _____ |
| 5 The building was old and the grounds neglected. | 5 _____ |
| 6 A "Hobson's choice" is when a person has the choice of taking the one thing offered or nothing. | 6 _____ |
| 7 Ralph's trouble is not that he eats too much but eating the wrong things. | 7 _____ |
| 8 When the car hit the truck, it turned completely over. | 8 _____ |
| 9 The woman is a well-known actress who is sitting next to Allen. | 9 _____ |
| 10 The job that I had was the kind of employment that didn't offer me much in the way of advancement in the future. | 10 _____ |

Write the letter of the one correct sentence in each group. [4 points each]

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| 11 a. I always have and always will drive carefully.
b. I always have driven carefully and always will.
c. I have always and will always drive carefully. | 11 _____ |
| 12 a. Hearing Val's report on the book was almost as good as reading it yourself.
b. Hearing Val's report on the book was almost as good as if you read it yourself.
c. Hearing Val's report on the book was almost as good as to read it yourself. | 12 _____ |
| 13 a. Roy couldn't notify Mike because he has no phone.
b. Roy couldn't notify Mike because of his having no phone.
c. Because Mike has no phone, Roy couldn't notify him. | 13 _____ |
| 14 a. If a subway were built, people would often use it instead of their cars.
b. If a subway were built, people with cars would often leave their own cars at home and use the subway instead for their various transportation needs.
c. If a subway were built, people who now use cars for transportation would use the subway for this purpose, leaving their private cars at home. | 14 _____ |

- 15 a. Rex poked the snake with a small twig that he had just killed.
 b. Rex poked the snake he had just killed with a small twig.
 c. With a small twig, Rex poked the snake he had just killed. **15** _____
- 16 a. This is one of the best, if not the best, picture I have ever taken.
 b. This is one of the best pictures I have ever taken, if not the best.
 c. This is one of the best pictures, if not the best, I have ever taken. **16** _____
- 17 a. By keeping a fruit cake for some time, you improve its flavor.
 b. By keeping a fruit cake for some time, its flavor improves.
 c. By keeping it for some time, a fruit cake improves in flavor. **17** _____
- 18 a. Brazil produces more coffee than any country in the world.
 b. Brazil produces more coffee than any other country in the world.
 c. Brazil produces the most coffee of all the other countries in the world. **18** _____
- 19 a. Synonyms are where words have the same or similar meaning.
 b. Synonyms are when words have the same or similar meaning.
 c. Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meaning. **19** _____
- 20 a. Jim has the habit of asking questions and then not listening to the answers.
 b. Jim has the habit of asking questions and then not listen to the answers.
 c. Jim has the habit of asking questions, and then he doesn't listen to the answers. **20** _____
- 21 a. Chet took his suit to the cleaners spattered with grease.
 b. Spattered with grease, Chet took his suit to the cleaners.
 c. Chet took his suit spattered with grease to the cleaners. **21** _____
- 22 a. Our new apartment is just as roomy as, if not more roomy than, our old one.
 b. Our new apartment is just as roomy as our old one, if not more roomy.
 c. Our new apartment is just as roomy, if not more roomy, than our old one. **22** _____
- 23 a. Mr. Fritz was wealthy, but no one knew how he made it.
 b. Mr. Fritz was wealthy, but no one knew how it was made by him.
 c. Mr. Fritz was wealthy, but no one knew how he made his money. **23** _____
- 24 a. If neatly written, your letter will get more attention.
 b. If neatly written, more attention will be given your letter.
 c. If neatly written, the reader will give your letter more attention. **24** _____
- 25 a. As a sport, skiing is one that should be engaged in only by people who are in good physical condition.
 b. Skiing is a sport for people in good physical condition.
 c. The sport of skiing is one in which only those people whose physical condition is good should participate. **25** _____

UNIT 7-B THE SMOOTH-RUNNING SENTENCE

Identify the type of error in each sentence by writing one of the following letters: [4 points each]

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| A = Misplaced Modifier | E = Faulty Pronoun Reference |
| B = Dangling Word Group | F = Incorrect Omission |
| C = Nonparallel Construction | G = Faulty Comparison |
| D = <i>Is When or Is Where</i> Construction | H = Deadwood |

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| 1 | How long must you study engineering before you can become one? | 1 _____ |
| 2 | The snapshot was of his wife and children that he carried in his wallet. | 2 _____ |
| 3 | The branch of chemistry she specializes is food preservatives. | 3 _____ |
| 4 | Looking at the price tag, the original price had been changed. | 4 _____ |
| 5 | After I put the ticket in my wallet, I never saw it again. | 5 _____ |
| 6 | A loan company's interest charge is higher than a bank. | 6 _____ |
| 7 | We must also give some consideration to the convenience that is enjoyed by people who own cars for transportation needed in their daily lives. | 7 _____ |
| 8 | The surprise is when Jane Eyre discovers at the altar that Rochester is already married. | 8 _____ |
| 9 | If a student is absent, can he make it up? | 9 _____ |
| 10 | The coach shifted players about to try them out in new positions and so that they would learn all phases of the game. | 10 _____ |

Write the letter of the one correct sentence in each group. [4 points each]

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| 11 | a. A flashback is when a story is interrupted to give an earlier episode.
b. A flashback is where a story is interrupted to give an earlier episode.
c. A flashback is the interruption of a story to give an earlier episode. | 11 _____ |
| 12 | a. Whenever Martha meets Mrs. Fox, she gets good advice.
b. Martha gets good advice whenever she meets Mrs. Fox.
c. Whenever Martha and Mrs. Fox meet, she gets good advice. | 12 _____ |
| 13 | a. The steak was tough and the vegetables were overcooked.
b. The steak was tough and the vegetables overcooked.
c. The steak was tough besides the vegetables being overcooked. | 13 _____ |
| 14 | a. Originally written for children, readers of many generations have been amused by <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> .
b. Originally written for children, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> has amused many generations of readers.
c. Originally written for children, many generations of readers have been amused by <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> . | 14 _____ |
| 15 | a. Synthetic fibers are as durable, if not more durable, than wool.
b. Synthetic fibers are as durable as, if not more durable than, wool.
c. Synthetic fibers are as durable as wool, if not more durable. | 15 _____ |

- 16 a. I shall call this person John, although this is not his real name.
 b. Referring to this person, I shall give him another name of John, which is not the real name by which he is known.
 c. This person's name is not really John, but I shall refer to him in this way instead of using this real name, which I prefer not to reveal. 16 _____
- 17 a. "To shed crocodile tears" means just pretending to be sad.
 b. "Shedding crocodile tears" means if you just pretend to be sad.
 c. "Shedding crocodile tears" means just pretending to be sad. 17 _____
- 18 a. Paul rushed to look up the facts after the examination that he had forgotten.
 b. After the examination, Paul rushed to look up the facts that he had forgotten.
 c. Paul rushed to look up the facts that he had forgotten after the examination. 18 _____
- 19 a. Grounded in the Sahara, he faced the problem of finding water.
 b. Grounded in the Sahara, the problem of finding water arose.
 c. Grounded in the Sahara, finding water became a serious problem. 19 _____
- 20 a. That was one of the luckiest, if not the luckiest, day in my life.
 b. That was one of the luckiest days in my life, if not the luckiest.
 c. That was one of the luckiest days, if not the luckiest, in my life. 20 _____
- 21 a. Typewriting would make your theme look much neater if you can borrow one.
 b. By typewriting your theme, it will look much neater if you can borrow one.
 c. Typewriting would make your theme look much neater if you can borrow a typewriter. 21 _____
- 22 a. That loud noises damage hearing is a medical fact.
 b. It has been proved as a medical fact that loud noises have a damaging effect on a person's ability to hear.
 c. It is a fact established by medical science that loud noises have the effect of finally doing damage to one's normal hearing. 22 _____
- 23 a. Art walked into the office where the major was sitting with trembling knees.
 b. With trembling knees, Art walked into the office where the major was sitting.
 c. Art walked into the office with trembling knees where the major was sitting. 23 _____
- 24 a. Sailing requires much practical experience and quick reactions.
 b. Sailing requires much practical experience and your reactions must be quick.
 c. Sailing requires much practical experience and that you react quickly. 24 _____
- 25 a. Mr. Crampton never has and never will admit that he was wrong.
 b. Mr. Crampton has never and will never admit that he was wrong.
 c. Mr. Crampton never has admitted that he was wrong and never will. 25 _____

UNIT 8-A MAKING SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE

Copy the verb that agrees with its subject. [2 points each]

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| 1 Mrs. Greenfelder's lost eyeglasses (<i>were, was</i>) the object of everyone's search at the church picnic. | 1 _____ |
| 2 Not one of these rooms (<i>have, has</i>) sufficient light for reading. | 2 _____ |
| 3 There (<i>was, were</i>) several science exhibits that especially interested us. | 3 _____ |
| 4 Neither the dealers nor the manufacturer (<i>guarantees, guarantee</i>) this new product. | 4 _____ |
| 5 It was one of those jobs that (<i>takes, take</i>) much more time than you expect. | 5 _____ |
| 6 Each one of the women (<i>was, were</i>) splashed by the passing car. | 6 _____ |
| 7 Many collectors are looking for (<i>that, those</i>) kind of stamps. | 7 _____ |
| 8 The correction of these mistakes (<i>take, takes</i>) much time and thought. | 8 _____ |
| 9 Whitlock is one of those employees who (<i>are, is</i>) always watching the clock. | 9 _____ |
| 10 Harvey is the only one of their boys who (<i>look, looks</i>) like Mr. Chapman. | 10 _____ |
| 11 A popular winter sport in Alaska (<i>is, are</i>) dog-sled races. | 11 _____ |
| 12 The natives believe that noise, smoke, and dancing (<i>drive, drives</i>) away evil spirits. | 12 _____ |
| 13 More than five million dollars (<i>have, has</i>) already been spent in this political campaign. | 13 _____ |
| 14 Wealth or fame (<i>don't, doesn't</i>) always bring the happiness that you might expect. | 14 _____ |
| 15 Mr. Chavez, as well as his oldest son, (<i>is, are</i>) in the trucking business. | 15 _____ |
| 16 It was one of those thoughtless remarks that (<i>hurts, hurt</i>) people's feelings. | 16 _____ |
| 17 The neighbors' main objection to Mrs. Perkins (<i>is, are</i>) her seventeen cats. | 17 _____ |
| 18 A sandwich or a few cookies usually (<i>satisfy, satisfies</i>) my hunger after school. | 18 _____ |
| 19 The first reports of the earthquake (<i>was, were</i>) greatly exaggerated in the news media. | 19 _____ |
| 20 After the game, the coaching staff (<i>was, were</i>) discussing various mistakes with the players. | 20 _____ |

The italicized verb in each of the following sentences agrees with its subject. Now suppose that you were to insert the words in parentheses at the point indicated by the caret (^). If a change in the verb would be necessary, write the correct form in the space at the right. If the verb would remain the same, write the word *Correct*. [2 points each]

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| 21 | ^ Yearly model changes <i>raise</i> the prise of cars. (The high cost of) | 21 _____ |
| 22 | There <i>was</i> ^ a surgeon in the operating room. (several nurses and) | 22 _____ |
| 23 | That kind ^ <i>makes</i> a good hedge. (of shrubs) | 23 _____ |
| 24 | Unseasonable weather ^ <i>forces</i> us to cut our prices. (and a large stock) | 24 _____ |
| 25 | ^ These children <i>are</i> talented in art. (Every one of) | 25 _____ |
| 26 | The loss of the ship ^ <i>was</i> covered by insurance. (and its cargo) | 26 _____ |
| 27 | ^ Science <i>has</i> changed the life of every individual. (The discoveries of) | 27 _____ |
| 28 | <i>Are</i> there ^ two <i>r</i> 's in your last name? (one or) | 28 _____ |
| 29 | Resentment ^ <i>has</i> been growing lately. (against higher taxes) | 29 _____ |
| 30 | This is ^ one of the apple trees that <i>were</i> planted by my grandfather. (the only) | 30 _____ |
| 31 | A kind word ^ <i>encourages</i> a person to do his best. (or a pat on the back) | 31 _____ |
| 32 | The house ^ <i>was</i> damaged by the fire. (as well as the garage) | 32 _____ |
| 33 | ^ You <i>are</i> always late for rehearsal. (One of) | 33 _____ |
| 34 | Neither ^ <i>takes</i> very long to read. (of these novels) | 34 _____ |
| 35 | ^ Children's photographs <i>require</i> patience. (Taking) | 35 _____ |

Write the letter of the one incorrect sentence in each group. [6 points each]

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| 36 | a. There were many sharp curves in the road.
b. Neither the actors nor the director was satisfied with the play.
c. The waste from these factories pollute the river. | 36 _____ |
| 37 | a. Do one of these keys fit the lock?
b. The State Fair doesn't open until next Saturday.
c. How much are the batteries for this flashlight? | 37 _____ |
| 38 | a. Five dollars seems too much for dues.
b. The class were writing their book reports.
c. Each of these letters need to be answered. | 38 _____ |
| 39 | a. This kind of shears is for trimming shrubbery.
b. A king, queen, or jack count as ten points.
c. My impressions of the meeting were the same as yours. | 39 _____ |
| 40 | a. Picking the berries and then sorting them over is tiresome work.
b. Walter's chief handicap is his crude manners.
c. This is one of those articles that are filled with misstatements. | 40 _____ |

UNIT 8-B MAKING SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE

Copy the verb that agrees with its subject. [2 points each]

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| 1 | The Ohio River is one of many rivers that (<i>flow, flows</i>) into the Mississippi. | 1 _____ |
| 2 | Children's squabbles (<i>is, are</i>) a daily occurrence in any large family. | 2 _____ |
| 3 | The expansion of highways and business areas (<i>eliminates, eliminate</i>) thousands of homes. | 3 _____ |
| 4 | There (<i>is, are</i>) many long, hard miles between an ambition and its realization. | 4 _____ |
| 5 | (<i>These, This</i>) kind of dresses will be shown in the spring fashion shows. | 5 _____ |
| 6 | This is the only one of the new houses that (<i>is, are</i>) ready for immediate occupancy. | 6 _____ |
| 7 | Each of these shirts (<i>look, looks</i>) good with your blue suit. | 7 _____ |
| 8 | The results of the election (<i>were, was</i>) a shock even to the political experts. | 8 _____ |
| 9 | Neither the words nor the music of our school song (<i>has, have</i>) any special appeal. | 9 _____ |
| 10 | (<i>Was, Were</i>) there enough hotels and other accommodations for such a large convention? | 10 _____ |
| 11 | A prize or a certificate of merit (<i>are, is</i>) given to each winner. | 11 _____ |
| 12 | "Jamie" is one of those names that (<i>are, is</i>) used for both boys and girls. | 12 _____ |
| 13 | Too much food and rest (<i>makes, make</i>) circus animals lazy. | 13 _____ |
| 14 | The most exciting act on the program (<i>was, were</i>) the Japanese acrobats. | 14 _____ |
| 15 | My Aunt Harriet is one of those people that (<i>swim, swims</i>) just like a trained athlete. | 15 _____ |
| 16 | An identification card, together with a handbook, (<i>are, is</i>) issued to each new student. | 16 _____ |
| 17 | Neither Don's suit nor his shoes (<i>seems, seem</i>) appropriate for the occasion. | 17 _____ |
| 18 | The cast of the play (<i>were, was</i>) practicing their parts in several small groups on the stage. | 18 _____ |
| 19 | My parents decided that \$15,000 (<i>were, was</i>) too much to pay for such a small summer cottage. | 19 _____ |
| 20 | It was one of those rare opportunities that (<i>come, comes</i>) once in a lifetime. | 20 _____ |

The italicized verb in each of the following sentences agrees with its subject. Now suppose that you were to insert the words in parentheses at the point indicated by the caret (^). If a change in the verb would be necessary, write the correct form in the space at the right. If the verb would remain the same, write the word *Correct*. [2 points each]

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| 21 | The new design of the grill ^ <i>gives</i> the car a sporty look. (and bumpers) | 21 | _____ |
| 22 | This is ^ one of the unions that <i>have</i> not yet agreed to the new contract. (the only) | 22 | _____ |
| 23 | ^ Ice and snow <i>cover</i> the Antarctic regions. (A thick layer of) | 23 | _____ |
| 24 | The camera ^ <i>sells</i> for \$25. (together with the case) | 24 | _____ |
| 25 | That kind ^ <i>is</i> very popular today. (of games) | 25 | _____ |
| 26 | <i>Don't</i> ^ the neighbors object to the noise? (a single one of) | 26 | _____ |
| 27 | Absenteeism ^ <i>presents</i> a serious problem to business and industry. (and tardiness) | 27 | _____ |
| 28 | Neither ^ <i>lists</i> this new word. (of these dictionaries) | 28 | _____ |
| 29 | ^ Tuberculosis <i>is</i> easy to detect. (The symptoms of) | 29 | _____ |
| 30 | The pay of police ^ <i>has</i> recently been increased. (and firemen) | 30 | _____ |
| 31 | ^ These buses <i>run</i> to the stadium. (Either one of) | 31 | _____ |
| 32 | There <i>was</i> ^ an ambulance at the scene of the crash. (two police cars and) | 32 | _____ |
| 33 | Mrs. Flanagan ^ usually <i>answers</i> the telephone. (or her secretary) | 33 | _____ |
| 34 | ^ These used cars <i>carry</i> a three-day guarantee. (Every one of) | 34 | _____ |
| 35 | The size of this table ^ <i>makes</i> it perfect for our room. (and its shape) | 35 | _____ |

Write the letter of the one incorrect sentence in each group. [6 points each]

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| 36 | a. The removal of the roots takes considerable time.
b. This is the only one of the clocks that are correct.
c. Neither the spark plugs nor the distributor was adjusted. | 36 | _____ |
| 37 | a. Each of my sisters plays a different instrument.
b. The losing team, too, was cheered by the fans.
c. Our principal agricultural import from Mexico are tomatoes. | 37 | _____ |
| 38 | a. How much more do whitewall tires cost?
b. Our family prefers those kind of rolls.
c. About seventy-five feet of sidewalk needs to be replaced. | 38 | _____ |
| 39 | a. The age of the contestants don't make any difference.
b. A man's fingerprints were the only clue they found.
c. There were no zeros in the Roman numbering system. | 39 | _____ |
| 40 | a. Either a door or one of the windows was left open.
b. Her purse, along with her credit cards, has disappeared.
c. The effects of a railroad strike touches nearly everyone. | 40 | _____ |