

## Grammar Exam

1. What kind of sentence is this?  
Casey, please put your soccer uniform in the washing machine.
  - a. declarative
  - b. interrogatory
  - c. imperative
  - d. exclamatory
2. Which of the following is NOT a coordinating conjunction?
  - a. both
  - b. so
  - c. yet
  - d. for
3. Which sentence is a compound sentence?
  - a. Jake and his friends are writing poems for English class.
  - b. When Jake writes haiku, he pictures a scene in his mind.
  - c. He might think of the lake, the woods, or a flash of lightning.
  - d. Haiku are usually about nature, and they often tell about a season.
4. Which sentence includes a collective noun?
  - a. Tia is collecting rocks and minerals.
  - b. She has a group of quartz crystals and a small geode.
  - c. She can tell the difference between real gold and pyrite, or fool's gold.
  - d. Tia can explain the basics of geology to us.
5. In which sentence is a possessive noun used incorrectly?
  - a. Our national parks preserve nature's treasures.
  - b. Park rangers' duties vary from place to place.
  - c. Parks feature our countries' mountains, lakes, and even hot springs.
  - d. The parks' purposes include recreation for people throughout the United States.
6. Which sentence includes an incorrect plural noun?
  - a. Don got some scratches when he slid into first base.
  - b. Because he slides a lot, his uniform may need some patches.
  - c. He made some good catches earlier in the game.
  - d. Both teams' coachs are trying to emphasize teamwork.
7. Which of the following is NOT a compound noun?
  - a. needlework
  - b. near me
  - c. ladybug
  - d. police officer
8. Which noun is a concrete proper noun?
  - a. basketball
  - b. Vietnam War Memorial
  - c. blue
  - d. Thanksgiving Day
9. Which sentence includes a linking verb?
  - a. Mr. Diaz took his family to the top of the Empire State Building.
  - b. They looked at New York City at 9:00 P.M.

- c. The bright city lights looked beautiful.
  - d. Dots of light stretched to the horizon.
10. What is the indirect object in this sentence?  
My cousin Marcus brought Deb a cold drink.
- a. Deb
  - b. Marcus
  - c. drink
  - d. cousin
11. Which word in this sentence is a proper adjective?  
Jean and Joan will take a Canadian vacation in Quebec.
- a. Jean
  - b. Joan
  - c. Canadian
  - d. Quebec
12. Which word correctly completes this sentence?  
Of the three clowns, Mister Laughter sang \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. worse
  - b. worst
  - c. worser
  - d. worstest
13. Which sentence shows correct use of negatives?
- a. Nobody can't play the kazoo like Martha.
  - b. She says there isn't nothing like a well-made kazoo.
  - c. Through careful breath control, she hardly misses a note.
  - d. Serious musicians don't hardly value this instrument.
14. Which of the following sentences is an interrogative sentence?
- a. Steer this bumper car more carefully.
  - b. Laura, why do you keep ramming into other cars?
  - c. We are getting a bumpy ride!
  - d. Laura wants to make sure we stay awake.
15. Which pair of correlative conjunctions correctly completes this sentence?  
Because they sing well, \_\_\_\_\_ Rick \_\_\_\_\_ Molly are in the chorus.
- a. both ... and
  - b. neither ... nor
  - c. either ... or
  - d. whether ... or
16. Which of the following is a concrete noun?
- a. excellence
  - b. salad
  - c. childishness
  - d. pride
17. Which sentence has NO collective noun?
- a. In my yoga class, we work on breathing evenly.
  - b. The first set of exercises involves stretching.
  - c. Each group of muscles gets a stretch!
  - d. Then we do some balance postures.

18. How many compound nouns are in the following sentence?  
A sports car, a station wagon, and a fire engine were stuck at a traffic light on Leigh Road.
- three
  - four
  - five
  - six
19. Which sentence has an incorrect plural noun?
- Please send faxes to the offices of Rick and Maria.
  - I've planned menus for their upcoming brunches.
  - I'll make two different fruit punches, with garnishes of lemon slices.
  - I'll serve herbal teas and tiny sandwiches.
20. Which sentence has an error in possessive or plural forms of nouns?
- Liz's friends planned a fashion show for the sewing class's work.
  - They modeled dresses with matching kerchiefs and jeans with turned-up cuffes.
  - The girls also modeled coats and colorful galoshes.
  - Can you guess the judges' decision on the best outfit?