

Punctuation: Commas, Semicolons, Colons, Quotation Marks, Apostrophes.

Directions: Choose the correct option.

1. Everyone in the history class thought he or she knew the answer to the instructor's
A B
question yet no one was able to satisfy him.
C

A. Everyone, in
B. class, thought
C. question, yet
D. No change is necessary
2. Although, the unbaked bran muffins sat out on the counter for a long time before
A B
being placed in the hot oven, they still turned out delicious.
C

A. Although the
B. unbaked, bran
C. oven they
D. No change is necessary
3. The annual staff birthday party as enjoyable as it was, took much planning in
A B
the days preceding and following it.
C

A. annual, staff
B. party, as
C. preceding, and
D. No change is necessary
4. Nevertheless all the employees who came to the party ate lots of goodies and
A B C
had a good time.

A. Nevertheless, all
B. employees, who
C. goodies, and
D. No change is necessary

5. “The hairdresser put 64 bobbie pins and hair pins in my updo” wailed Annie,
A B
“and every one of them hurts!”
C

- A. pins, and
- B. updo,” wailed
- C. “and, every
- D. No change is necessary

6. African violets require that water be added to the roots never to the leaves, in
A B C
order to remain healthy.

- A. African, violets
- B. require, that
- C. roots, never
- D. No change is necessary

7. Rural animal shelters which are traditionally under-funded, must often care for
A B
animals abandoned by city-dwellers.
C

- A. Rural, animal
- B. shelters, which
- C. animals, abandoned
- D. No change is necessary

Directions: Choose the correct option.

8. Sunlight is a good source of Vitamin D too much sunlight between the hours
A B
of 11 AM and 3 PM, on the other hand, can cause skin cancer in fair-skinned
C
people.

- A. Vitamin D; too
- B. sunlight; between
- C. 3 PM; on
- D. No change is necessary

9. The county extension agent gave away beautiful flowering plants as door prizes after the workshop nevertheless, many in the audience stayed to shop for more baskets, pots, and lawn accents.

A

B

C

- A. agent; gave
- B. plants; as
- C. workshop; nevertheless,
- D. No change is necessary.

10. None of the students in the biology class wanted to be accused of plagiarism therefore, they documented every sentence, even those they paraphrased, according to the APA style sheet.

A

B

C

- A. students; in
- B. class; wanted
- C. plagiarism; therefore,
- D. No change is necessary.

11. Computers can be maddening and unreliable hardly anyone who owns one, however, can stand to be without his or her computer for even one day.

A

B

C

- A. maddening; and
- B. unreliable; hardly
- C. one; however,
- D. No change is necessary.

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12. The revered old senator who had held his seat for 45 years and had heard every game in the book had only one thing to say to the youthful news reporter's probing questions "No."

A

B

C

- A. senator: who
- B. say: to
- C. questions: "No."
- D. No change is necessary.

13. Every aspiring writer needs three books on his or her desk Strunk & White's
A B
The Elements of Style, Roget's International Thesaurus, and Bartlett's Familiar
C
Quotations.

- A. books: on
- B. desk: Strunk
- C. *Style*: Roget's
- D. No change is necessary

14. The title of the freshman composition student's interpretation of literature
 paper is "A Yellow Wood; Existentialism in Robert Frost's 'The Road Not
A B C
Taken."

- A. is: "A
- B. Wood: Existentialism
- C. Frost's: 'The
- D. No change is necessary.

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15. In 1841, one of America's most famous essayists, Ralph Waldo
A
 Emerson, wrote, A poem, a sentence, causes us to see ourselves."
B C

- A. essayists, "Ralph
- B. wrote, "A
- C. ourselves.
- D. No change is necessary

16. Shirley Jackson's short story "The Lottery, in which a society atones for its
A B
 sins by use of a scapegoat, is required reading for many classes of freshman
C
 composition.

- A. story The
- B. Lottery," in
- C. scapegoat," is
- D. No change is necessary

