

## Final Exercise on the Dirty Dozen

The following sentences contain an error. Mark the letter that corresponds to the error in the sentence.

1. It said on the morning news program that a bad storm is coming.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence
- B\_\_\_\_\_ vague pronoun reference
- C\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication
- D\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb

2. To decide on a career, students should think about their interests, hobbies, and what their skills are.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier
- B\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the pronoun and the antecedent
- C\_\_\_\_\_ lack of parallel structure
- D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in person

3. The large dog was growling at me there was foam around its mouth.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ misuse of apostrophe
- B\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- C\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier
- D\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence

4. While taking a shower, the doorbell rang.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ comma splice
- B\_\_\_\_\_ dangling modifier
- C\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- D\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication

5. If we are not careful, we will leave the next generation polluted air, contaminated water, and forests that are dying.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- B\_\_\_\_\_ unclear pronoun reference
- C\_\_\_\_\_ dangling modifier
- D\_\_\_\_\_ lack of parallel structure

6. Each of the girls brought their books to class.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb
- B\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the pronoun and the antecedent
- C\_\_\_\_\_ vague pronoun reference
- D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in mood

7. I really enjoyed my vacation to Hawaii last summer; you got a lot of exercise walking on the beach.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence
- B\_\_\_\_\_ vague pronoun reference
- C\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in person

8. At Methodist University, they have very strict attendance policies.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ fragment
- B\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier
- C\_\_\_\_\_ vague pronoun reference
- D\_\_\_\_\_ comma splice

9. A cure for cancer being researched.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier
- B\_\_\_\_\_ fragment
- C\_\_\_\_\_ shift in voice
- D\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication

10. If anyone wants to succeed in business, they have to know company policy.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the pronoun and the antecedent
- B\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb
- C\_\_\_\_\_ comma splice
- D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense

11. It's not that I dislike the poem; I just don't understand it's meaning.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence
- B\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- C\_\_\_\_\_ misuse of apostrophe
- D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in mood

12. One of my friends are a brain surgeon.

A\_\_\_\_\_ fragment

B\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb

C\_\_\_\_\_ dangling modifier

D\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence

13. After biting three children, the police took away our dog.

A\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense

B\_\_\_\_\_ shift in person

C\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier

D\_\_\_\_\_ comma splice

14. All the student's were ready for the break.

A\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb

B\_\_\_\_\_ misuse of apostrophe

C\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense

D\_\_\_\_\_ fragment

15. No one attending the concert seem to understand the delay.

A\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence

B\_\_\_\_\_ fragment

C\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb

D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense

16. The latest Nicole Kidman movie has almost opened in 2,500 theaters across the country.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the pronoun and the antecedent
- B\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- C\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence
- D\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier

17. Everybody has their opinion about the new restaurant.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier
- B\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the pronoun and the antecedent
- C\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication
- D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in mood

18. I went to the store to buy groceries, but I return home empty handed.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ shift in person
- B\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- C\_\_\_\_\_ comma splice
- D\_\_\_\_\_ subject-verb agreement error

19. The reason the voters defeated the referendum is because voters are tired of paying so much in taxes.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ shift in voice
- B\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication
- C\_\_\_\_\_ fragment
- D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense

20. Because I couldn't find my keys.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ fragment
- B\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence
- C\_\_\_\_\_ misuse of apostrophe
- D\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication

21. The mechanic gave me an estimate of \$40 I decided to change the oil myself.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ shift in person
- B\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense
- C\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence
- D\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication

22. Alice put the chicken on the counter that she was cooking for dinner.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier
- B\_\_\_\_\_ vague pronoun reference
- C\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication
- D\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb

23. Since Bob has started using the Internet, he has sent hundreds of e-mails, he never writes letters by hand anymore.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ misuse of apostrophe
- B\_\_\_\_\_ fused sentence
- C\_\_\_\_\_ comma splice
- D\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb

24. A lay-up is where a basketball player dribbles the ball close to the basket and then makes a one-handed, banked shot.

A\_\_\_\_\_ lack of agreement between the subject and the verb

B\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier

C\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense

D\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication

25. After I finished the test, I breath a sigh of relief.

A\_\_\_\_\_ comma splice

B\_\_\_\_\_ faulty predication

C\_\_\_\_\_ misplaced modifier

D\_\_\_\_\_ shift in tense