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Grammar Test

Directions: Answer each question to the best of your ability. Print the questions or read them from the screen and record your answers on a sheet of paper. Do not peek at the answers, until you are completely finished with the assessment!

1. Choose the sentence in which all the **apostrophes** are used correctly.
 - a. I'm spending this week's paycheck on rent.
 - b. Im spending this weeks' paycheck on rent.
 - c. I'm spending this weeks paycheck on rent.

2. Which group of words is **spelled** correctly?
 - a. amateur, villain, seiz
 - b. argument, paradize, committee
 - c. writing, aggravate, pursue

3. "One of the cookies in this bag _____ a bite taken out of it," Jose complained.
 - a. have
 - b. has

4. Choose the sentence in which all the **apostrophes** are used correctly.
 - a. Todd's and Diane's house has two bedrooms.
 - b. Todd and Diane's house has two bedroom's.
 - c. Todd and Diane's house has two bedrooms.

5. Tim laughed when he saw the way that _____ had dressed for the Halloween party.
 - a. Serena and I
 - b. Serena and me

6. When Jamal came looking for _____, we had already left.
- Karen and me
 - Karen and I
7. Choose the sentence that **includes an error**.
- My sisters and brothers-in-law met me at the airport.
 - She is rich, beautiful and has talent.
 - Neither the cats nor the dog has eaten breakfast.
8. Which group of words is **spelled correctly**?
- similar, interest, leisure
 - separate, loneliness, transferred
 - grammer, coming, embarrass
9. John smokes cigars even though he knows _____.
- they are bad for you.
 - smoking is bad for him.
 - it is bad for him.
10. Choose the sentence in which all the **apostrophes** are used correctly.
- Everyones' going to Sashas' for dinner at eight.
 - Everyones going to Sasha's for dinner at eight.
 - Everyone's going to Sasha's for dinner at eight.
11. Which group of words is **spelled correctly**?
- adolesense, jealousy, succeed
 - annualy, studing, athlete
 - business, cigarette, deceive

12. Aunt Peggy served homemade cookies, but_____ .
- one had eaten so much turkey that one didn't want one.
 - I had eaten so much turkey that I didn't want it.
 - I had eaten so much turkey that I didn't want them.
13. When we asked Haley to go to lunch with us, she said she _____ an hour ago.
- had eaten
 - had ate
 - eaten
14. Choose the sentence that **includes an error**.
- You look like you seen a ghost.
 - The heels of some ladies' shoes are dangerously high.
 - One of her students needs constant attention.
15. Choose the sentence that **includes an error**.
- We players want to buy a gift for our coach.
 - She has forgotten to turn off the lights again.
 - Your not going to believe this story.
16. When it comes to highway tolls, I differ _____ Senator Freiling.
- on
 - with
 - from

17. Neither Jack nor Bill remembered to bring _____ membership card.

- a. they're
- b. his
- c. their

18. My roommate and I faced several _____ during our freshman year.

- a. crises
- b. crisis
- c. crises

19. My son _____ by your dog.

- a. was bit
- b. was bitten
- c. were bitten

20. For the first time in years, the river teemed with _____.

- a. fishes
- b. fishery
- c. fish

21. The candidate's record on health-care reform is what _____ Margaret.

- a. impress
- b. impresses

:: Answers on the next page ::

:: Questions? ::

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Answers

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| 1. a | 12. c |
| 2. c | 13. a |
| 3. b | 14. a |
| 4. c | 15. c |
| 5. a | 16. c |
| 6. a | 17. b |
| 7. b | 18. c |
| 8. a | 19. b |
| 9. b | 20. c |
| 10. c | 21. b |
| 11. c | |

Did you do well?

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