

## Pretest

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Each numbered sentence is partly or wholly underlined. Three of the four choices that follow each sentence represent different ways of rewriting the underlined material. If you feel that the underlined part of the sentence does not need to be rewritten, circle *A*, *no change*. If you feel the underlined part needs to be rewritten, circle the letter of the choice (*B* or *C* or *D*) that represents the best rewriting.

1. John prepared an italian meatloaf from his mother's recipe.
  - A. no change
  - B. Italian meatloaf
  - C. italian Meatloaf
  - D. Italian Meatloaf
2. "Drive North," said Mom, "Until you reach the county line, which is marked with a sign."
  - A. no change
  - B. north," said Mom, "until
  - C. North," said Mom, "until
  - D. north," said Mom, "Until
3. Neal asked the waitress for ham, and eggs, potatoes, toast, and milk.
  - A. no change
  - B. ham and eggs; potatoes; toast and milk.
  - C. ham and eggs potatoes and toast and milk.
  - D. ham and eggs, potatoes, toast, and milk.
4. I wanted to color my hair yet I was afraid of getting split ends if I did.
  - A. no change
  - B. hair yet I was afraid of getting split ends, if
  - C. hair, yet I was afraid of getting split ends if
  - D. hair; yet I was afraid of getting split ends if
5. When the Holly mansion was torn down the village had to look elsewhere for tax revenue.
  - A. no change
  - B. was torn down. The village
  - C. was torn down, the village
  - D. was torn down; the village
6. Our income, according to the accountants, should be up by thirty percent over last year's.
  - A. no change
  - B. income according to the accountants should
  - C. income, according to the accountants should
  - D. income according to the accountants, should
7. The Valiants who finished last in 1996 actually came in second in their league this year.
  - A. no change
  - B. Valiants, who finished last in 1996, actually
  - C. Valiants who finished last in 1996, actually
  - D. Valiants, who finished last in 1996 actually
8. A company that has a long record of paying dividends to stockholders is a good bet for an investment.
  - A. no change
  - B. company, that has a long record of paying dividends to stockholders is
  - C. company that has a long record of paying dividends to stockholders, is
  - D. company, that has a long record of paying dividends to stockholders, is
9. Detroit predicted a bad year the blame was put on union troubles and increased competition from foreign compacts.
  - A. no change
  - B. a bad year, the
  - C. a bad year, however, the
  - D. a bad year; the

10. Cory knows how to speak Basque, which is related to no other language, Spanish, and Portuguese.
- A. no change  
 B. Basque which is related to no other language, Spanish, and Portuguese  
 C. Basque, which is related to no other language; Spanish; and Portuguese.  
 D. Basque, which is related to no other language, Spanish and Portuguese.
11. At the prom on Saturday night—have you ever had so much fun—we danced until midnight.
- A. no change  
 B. night, have you ever had so much fun—we  
 C. night: have you ever had so much fun, we  
 D. night—have you ever had so much fun?—we
12. The camp for overweight teenagers advertised its reasons for success balanced diets, a variety of strenuous outdoor activities, and counseling.
- A. no change  
 B. for success; balanced  
 C. for success, balanced  
 D. for success: balanced
13. Tim wondered if the dentist would find any new cavities during the routine six months' examination
- A. no change  
 B. examination?  
 C. examination!  
 D. examination.
14. Donna said that she'd never be able to finish the dress without help from Melanie.
- A. no change  
 B. Donna said, "That she'd never be able to finish the dress without help from Melanie."  
 C. Donna said, "She'd never be able to finish the dress without help from Melanie."  
 D. Donna said, I'll never be able to finish the dress without help from Melanie.
15. The woman shouted, You'll never get any of my money; then she laughed hysterically.
- A. no change  
 B. shouted you'll never get any of my money; then  
 C. shouted, "You'll never get any of my money"; then  
 D. shouted, "You'll never get any of my money;" then
16. The three carpenters toolboxes were stolen during their lunch break.
- A. no change  
 B. three carpenter's toolboxes  
 C. three carpenters' toolboxes  
 D. three carpenters toolbox's
17. He told them to call the police if he wasn't back in an hours time.
- A. no change  
 B. an hour's time.  
 C. an hours' time.  
 D. an hour time.
18. Were expected for dinner at six, you know.
- A. no change  
 B. Were you expected  
 C. We're expected  
 D. Wer'e expected
19. The nursing home is planning a special celebration for Ms. Yu, a one hundred five year old resident.
- A. no change  
 B. a one-hundred-five-year-old resident.  
 C. a 105-year-old resident.  
 D. a one-hundred-5-year-old resident.
20. Approximately three fourths of the people who take out home loans pay off their mortgages early.
- A. no change  
 B.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the people  
 C. three-fourths of the people  
 D. .75 of the people