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CST Review: Practice Mini Exam

1. Which of the following contains a **direct object**?

- A. I gave her my cold.
- B. We won the game.
- C. Everyone knows him.
- D. Do you understand the directions?
- E. all of the above

2. Which of the following contains an **indirect object**?

- A. I gave her my cold.
- B. We won the game.
- C. Everyone knows him.
- D. Do you understand the directions?
- E. all of the above

3. Which of the following is the verb “dance” in the **infinitive** form?

- A. dances
- B. to dance
- C. danced
- D. dancing
- E. none of the above

4. Which of the following is the **past participle** of the verb “eat”?

- A. eating
- B. eaten
- C. ate
- D. ated
- E. none of the above

5. You use a **past participle** with an auxiliary verb like “have” or “had” to write phrases in what verb tense?

- A. simple future
- B. gerund
- C. infinitive
- D. past and present perfect
- E. past and present progressive

6. You use a **present participle** with “is” or “was” to write phrases in what verb tense?

- A. simple future
- B. gerund
- C. infinitive
- D. past and present perfect
- E. past and present progressive

7. Which of the following sentences includes the **past progressive** tense?
A. When I was walking home, I noticed there were two rainbows.
B. I am sitting in an uncomfortable chair.
C. I have never eaten foie gras.
D. Have you ever seen a UFO?
E. all of the above
8. Which of the following is a **compound sentence** consisting of two **independent clauses**?
A. She is a talented athlete, so I think she will be offered a scholarship.
B. When I was young, I played on an ice hockey team.
C. Eat more broccoli.
D. Everywhere I look, I see stars.
E. none of the above
9. Which of the following is a **complex sentence**, consisting of one **dependent** (also called “subordinate”) clause and one **independent** (also called “main”) clause?
A. She is a talented athlete, so I think she will be offered a scholarship.
B. When I was young, I played on an ice hockey team.
C. Eat more broccoli.
D. She is a brilliant chess player, and he is a brilliant cook.
E. none of the above
10. Which of the following is a **declarative sentence**?
A. Go get my slippers.
B. Aren't you tired yet?
C. I don't have any homework.
D. Please leave me alone.
E. Are you kidding me?!
11. Which of the following is an **imperative sentence**?
A. Go get my slippers.
B. Aren't you tired yet?
C. Please leave me alone.
D. both A and C
E. both B and C
12. Which of the following is an **interrogative sentence**?
A. Go get my slippers.
B. Aren't you tired yet?
C. Please leave me alone.
D. both A and C
E. both B and C
13. Which of the following is general and universal enough to be the **central theme** of a novel?
A. Sammy and Margaret often get sick on boats.
B. When you have a network of loving people around you, you are likely to achieve your goals.
C. Charles learned that racism is a poison that killed his family.
D. Family isn't just about blood relatives; family is about all the people who love you.
E. both B and D

14. What is the **point of view** of the following short-story excerpt?

He would walk home from school via the cemetery where he would stop and chat with the dead. He especially liked to visit his late uncle Bernard. Bernard had a penchant for Tootsie Rolls. Oscar would set one down and walk away. Within seconds he would return to find only the wrapper.

- A. third person objective
- B. third person limited (also called “limited omniscient”)
- C. third person omniscient
- D. first person
- E. all of the above

15. Which is an accurate description for the point of view called “**third person objective**”?

- A. The narrator tells the story as a news reporter might, mentioning only what is said and done, not what is thought or felt.
- B. The narrator is someone who has insight into the thoughts and feelings of just the protagonist.
- C. The narrator tells the story as an all-knowing or god-like figure wherein he or she divulges what is said, done, thought and felt by all the characters.
- D. The narrator is the author, publisher and reader.
- E. the narrator is goal-oriented

16. Which of the following represents an **internal struggle**?

- A. A woman finds a bag of cash and is then followed by the mafia.
- B. A man finds a bag of cash and wonders if he should report it to the police.
- C. A child finds a bag of cash and leaves it there.
- D. A goat finds a bag of cash and eats it.
- E. A raccoon finds a bag of cash and sells it on Ebay

17. Which of the following represents an **external struggle**?

- A. An elderly gentleman gets evicted from his apartment because the building is converting into condominiums.
- B. An employee is fired for not agreeing to have dinner with his lecherous boss.
- C. A skateboarder is arrested for skating in the halls of the White House and yelling “All in the hizzy say ‘Hey.’”
- D. both A and B
- E. both B and C

18. Which of the following uses the **semi-colon** correctly?

- A. She left home at age 12; she was not accustomed to rules.
- B. He usually arrives at around 5; but not today.
- C. If you get there before I do; tell them I will be late.
- D. Please go to the store and buy; paper towels, lettuce, soda, bread and flowers.
- E. both C and D

19. Which of the following uses the **hyphen** correctly?

- A. She told her long-lost friend to please get an e-mail account.
- B. He put the books on his new book-shelf.
- C. Did you send sixty seven text messages in one day?
- D. I’m going shopping-are you?
- E. none of the above

20. Which statement about **rhetoric** is incorrect?

- A. rhetoric is the art of persuasion
- B. rhetoric consists of three elements: ethos, logos and pathos
- C. ethos is an appeal to character, morality and ethics
- D. logos is an appeal to logic and reason
- E. pathos is an appeal to emotion

21. Which best exemplifies **logos**?

- A. You are the reason I get up in the morning. I have never loved anyone as much as I love you.
- B. He should be fired for three reasons: he arrives late, he argues, and he steals.
- C. As the president of the Girl Scouts of America, I implore you to vote "Yes."
- D. A, B and C
- E. both A and C

22. Which of the following would be a **soliloquy**?

- A. Hamlet wondering aloud to himself if life is worth living
- B. Holden Caulfield from *The Catcher in the Rye* telling his therapist what he plans to do
- C. George telling Lennie at the end of *Of Mice and Men* that their dream of one day having their own place is still very much alive
- D. all of the above
- E. none of the above

23. Which of the following would be considered a **dramatic monologue**?

- A. the final scene of *The Grapes of Wrath* when Rose of Sharon says almost nothing while striving to save a man's life
- B. the famous "Who's on First?" scene between Abbott and Costello
- C. Jacques delivering to Duke Senior his lengthy suggestion, "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players..."
- D. the majority of the novel *The Catcher in the Rye*
- E. both C and D

24. Which of the following is of **Greek** origin?

- A. amorous
- B. metropolis
- C. quarter
- D. equator
- E. oval

25. Which of the following is of **Latin** origin?

- A. rhombus
- B. acronym
- C. amorous
- D. metropolis
- E. oxymoron

26. Which of the following is a definition of “**denouement**”?
- A. the set-up of a story
 - B. the climax of a story
 - C. the resolution of a story
 - D. the subgenre of romance novels wherein the lovers are cartoon characters
 - E. any story that is set at a Denny’s
27. Which of the following is an example of **situational irony**?
- A. the audience knows before Juliet does that Romeo has died
 - B. an eighteen year-old senior in high school wins the lottery and consequently drops out of school to start her own charity regarding education
 - C. a prom queen says to her best friend when asked whether or not she looks fat in her jeans, “OMG. You should totally join Weight Watchers” and then rolls her eyes.
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29. What is the definition of “**inference**”?
- A. the drawing of a conclusion based on evidence
 - B. the figuring out of something that happened without it being directly stated
 - C. a meeting between parents and teachers wherein a student’s progress is discussed.
 - D. both A and B
 - E. A, B and C
30. Which sentence uses the **active** voice?
- A. The girl was called into the principal’s office.
 - B. He called his girlfriend ten times a day.
 - C. His lack of effort was talked about in the meeting.
 - D. Were you notified of your having won the contest?
 - E. none of the above

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