

Standards Mastery Quiz I

For each of the following questions, circle the best answer. Feel free to annotate.

1. Which of the following is a **simple** sentence?
 - A. Carol and Bob love to sing and dance.
 - B. When I am in college, I will have all kinds of freedom.
 - C. Yesterday, I played soccer, and then I went to my uncle's for dinner.
 - D. all of the above

2. Which of the following is a **compound** sentence?
 - A. Carol and Bob love to sing and dance.
 - B. When I am in college, I will have all kinds of freedom.
 - C. Yesterday, I played soccer, and then I went to my uncle's for dinner.
 - D. all of the above

3. A **compound** sentence consists of?
 - A. one main (independent) and one subordinate (dependent) clause
 - B. two independent clauses
 - C. three dependent clauses
 - D. all of the above

4. Which of the following sentences uses the **comma** incorrectly?
 - A. Carol and Bob love to sing, and dance.
 - B. When I am in college, I will have all kinds of freedom.
 - C. Yesterday, I played soccer, and then I went to my uncle's for dinner.
 - D. all of the above

5. Which of the following uses the **semi-colon** correctly?
 - A. Happiness is overrated; melancholia is divine.
 - B. The students attended class; however, the class was way too easy.
 - C. The line-up includes: werewolves who spell; vampires who enunciate; zombies who read, write and perform calculations; and unicorns that soar.
 - D. all of the above

6. Which of the following sentences contains a **gerund**?
 - A. My dad cooks better than my mom.
 - B. My dad's cooking is better than my mom's.
 - C. My dad is cooking dinner tonight.
 - D. all of the above

7. Which of the following sentences contains **two infinitives**?
 - A. If you are brave, you are my hero.
 - B. If you try, you are likely to succeed.
 - C. If you imagine it, you are more likely to achieve it.
 - D. If you ask to go to the restroom, the teacher will probably say no or at least try to discourage you.

8. Which of the following is the **present participle** of the verb *be*?

- A. been
- B. went
- C. are
- D. being

9. Which of the following is the **past participle** of the verb *eat*?

- A. eaten
- B. ate
- C. went
- D. eating

10. Which of the following demonstrates **parallel structure**?

- A. Maria brought to the picnic chicken, potato salad, biscuits, and she brought soda and watermelon.
- B. Maria brought to the picnic chicken, potato salad, biscuits, watermelon and soda.
- C. Maria likes to go swimming, hiking, horseback riding, fishing and to ride on a skateboard.
- D. The student was asked to write her essay quickly, quietly and to write it in a detailed manner.

11. Which of the following demonstrates **subject-verb agreement**?

- A. I am alive.
- B. I be alive.
- C. We was alive.
- D. none of the above

12. Which of the following uses a **literal** definition of the word **malevolent**?

- A. The malevolent dictator ordered his army to kill the protestors.
- B. My malevolent chest cold refused to surrender, so I had it officially ousted by an antibiotic army.
- C. This malevolent Monday won't leave and let Tuesday in the door.
- D. none of the above

13. Which of the following uses a **figurative** definition of the word **malevolent**?

- A. The malevolent dictator ordered his army to kill the protestors.
- B. My malevolent chest cold refused to surrender, so I had it officially ousted by an antibiotic army.
- C. This malevolent Monday won't leave and let Tuesday in the door.
- D. both B and C

14. Which of the following uses a **figurative** definition of the word **assuage**?

- A. She assuaged the bitterness of the winter wind by laughing at its temporality.
- B. She assuaged her mother's worry that she wouldn't get into college by earning an "A" in English.
- C. He would try to his best to assuage his sister's fears of college because for him, life began in college.
- D. all of the above.

15. Which of the following stems from the Latin word *erraticus*, meaning wandering, straying, roving?

- A. hair
- B. heretic
- C. erratic
- D. hypocrite