**DIAGNOSTIC GRAMMAR ACTIVITY**

*Your performance on this test will not be factored in the grade, but Mr. Apol and Ms. Lorey would like you to take this seriously so that we know where to start with you in grammar instruction. Each question is followed by a list of choices. Circle the letter of the correct choice.*

**Parts of Speech**

1. In the following sentence, which words are nouns? Greg needed more computer memory to handle his many programs.

a. Greg, computer, memory, his, programs

b. Greg, memory, programs

c. computer, memory, programs

2. In the following sentence, which words are verbs? Melissa was worried about her job interview.

a. was, worried

b. worried

c. was, worried, about

3. In the following sentence, which words are adjectives? For important interviews you should wear conservative clothes.

a. important

b. important, conservative

c. important, wear, conservative

4. In the following sentence, which words are adverbs? Because she arrived early, she easily found a parking place.

a. Because, early, easily, parking

b. arrived, early, easily

c. early, easily

5. In the following sentence, which words are prepositions? Just between you and me, only one of the managers is going to the meeting.

a. between, of, to

b. between, and, of, to

c. of, to

**Sentence Structure**

6. Identify the following: While sitting in the outer office waiting to be called for the interview and looking through magazines.

a. correct and complete sentence

b. fragment

c. run-on sentence

d. comma splice sentence

7. Identify the following: You should take deep breaths then you can control your nervousness.

a. correct and complete sentence

b. fragment

c. run-on sentence

d. comma splice sentence

8. Identify the following: Don't focus on yourself and your nervousness, concern yourself with the employer's needs and questions.

a. correct and complete sentence

b. fragment

c. run-on sentence

d. comma splice sentence

9. Identify the underlined expression: As you wait for your interview, select appropriate reading material.

a. complete sentence

b. dependent clause

c. independent clause

d. phrase

10. Identify the underlined expression: When you meet the interviewer, you should smile and offer a handshake.

a. fragment

b. dependent clause

c. independent clause

d. phrase

**Plural Nouns**

11. Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are hiring new employees.

a. companys

b. companies

c. company's

12. Only the Nixons and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are unable to attend.

a. Obama’s

b. Obams

c. Obamas

13. This job requires you to work two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every month.

a. Sundaies

b. Sundays

c. Sunday's

**Possessive Nouns**

14. The manager sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ résumé to the Accounting Department.

a. Lisas

b. Lisa's

c. Lisas'

15. In three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time, the car loan will be paid.

a. years

b. year's

c. years'

16. The prices of all other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are lower than our prices.

a. vendors

b. vendor's

c. vendors'

17. All \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail messages must be answered immediately.

a. customers

b. customer's

c. customers'

18. Each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vote will be counted in the election.

a. stockholder

b. stockholder's

c. stockholders'

**Pronouns**

19. Do you know who will replace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ next week?

a. I

b. me

c. myself

20. His friend and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will both apply for the job.

a. he

b. him

c. himself

21. Although \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ motor was damaged, the car started.

a. it's

b. its

c. its'

22. No one has keys except you and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. I

b. me

c. myself

23. Are you sure that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ report is finished?

a. their

b. there

c. they're

24. That is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ homework.

a. you’re

b. your

25. No one wants Zeeland East to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tonight! Go Chix!

a. lose

b. loose

**Verb Agreement**

26. A list of the names and addresses of our customers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now being prepared.

a. is

b. are

27. Some e-mail writers think that grammar and punctuation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ count.

a. don't

b. doesn't

28. A description of the property, along with other legal documents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sent to you.

a. was

b. were

29. Neither the management nor the staff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how to solve the problem.

a. know

b. knows

**Verb Mood and Tense**

30. Lisa said she last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the key about a week ago.

a. saw

b. seen

31. If you had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a different color, we could have filled your order.

a. chose

b. choosed

c. chosen

32. Timothy wished that he had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the job opening earlier.

a. knowed

b. knew

c. known

33. Many of the reports were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over a year ago.

a. wrote

b. written

**Adjectives and Adverbs**

34. For the past two weeks, the printer has worked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. beautiful

b. beautifully

35. When we have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ picture of the incident, we will respond.

a. clearer

b. more clearer

36. Tracy thought she had done \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the employment test.

a. good

b. well

37. Don't take the manager's criticism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. personally

b. personal

**Commas and semicolons**

38. Which of the following is punctuated correctly?

a. For example, you should bring to an interview your social security number, a list of references and extra copies of your résumé.

b. For example you should bring to an interview, your social security number, a list of references, and extra copies of your résumé.

c. For example, you should bring to an interview your social security number, a list of references, and extra copies of your résumé.

39. Which of the following is punctuated correctly?

a. The funny, entertaining clown was slightly creepy.

b. The funny and entertaining, clown was slightly creepy.

c. The funny entertaining clown was slightly creepy.

40. Which of the following is punctuated correctly?

a. Stacy Love, who is a manager for MegaData, asked us to meet Thursday, February 5.

b. Stacy Love who is a manager for MegaData, asked us to meet Thursday, February 5.

c. Stacy Love, who is a manager for MegaData, asked us to meet Thursday February 5.