



# Grammar and Mechanics Quiz

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## Agreement

1. Four hours of your time \_\_\_\_\_ needed to complete CPR training.
  - A. is
  - B. are
2. Communications \_\_\_\_\_ a tough program at UIS.
  - A. is
  - B. are
3. That set of encyclopedias \_\_\_\_\_ too old to be useful.
  - A. is
  - B. are
4. Brintlinger and Sons Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_ business in Decatur, IL for years.
  - A. has done
  - B. have done

## Active & Passive Voice

*Directions: Rewrite the sentences into active voice:*

5. Eleven kittens were rescued by firemen yesterday.
6. Cuts and bruises were left on my sister after she fell off her bike.

## Non-Sexist Pronouns

*Directions: Rewrite the sentence to eliminate using he/she and him/her while avoiding sexist usage.*

7. Each student needs to take his/her textbook home this evening.
8. The parent should ask for help; he/she can receive it for free at the school.

## Commas

9. *Which sentence is correct?*
  - A. Some of the best shows on television are *The Daily Show*, *Mythbusters*, and *Reno 911*.
  - B. Recent productions at Sangamon Auditorium are *Diavolo*, *Chicago* and *Cats*.
  - C. Neither of the above
  - D. Both of the above
10. *Which sentence is correct?*
  - A. After it rains the air smells fresh.
  - B. After it rains, the air smells fresh.
  - C. Neither of the above
  - D. Both of the above
11. *Which sentence is correct?*
  - A. To score an A on an essay you must work hard.
  - B. To score an A on an essay is a great relief.
  - C. Neither of the above
  - D. Both of the above
12. *Which sentence is correct?*
  - A. Men who eat hot dogs for lunch every day run the risk of heart disease.
  - B. Jason, who eats hot dogs for lunch every day, remains thin and athletic looking.
  - C. Neither of the above
  - D. Both of the above



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13. Which sentence is correct?

- A. The instructor was unclear and everyone suffered for it.
- B. The instructor was unclear, and everyone suffered for it.
- C. Neither of the above
- D. Both of the above

14. Which sentence is correct?

- A. I like to eat sandwiches for lunch on warm days.
- B. I like to eat sandwiches, for lunch on warm days.
- C. Neither of the above
- D. Both of the above

15. Which sentence is correct?

- A. The deep, cold ocean houses a variety of species.
- B. The deep and cold ocean houses a variety of species.
- C. Neither of the above
- D. Both of the above

16. Which sentence is correct?

- A. The young woman replied: "I do not kiss on the first date."
- B. The young man said, "I never kiss and tell."
- C. Neither of the above
- D. Both of the above

17. What is the best way to punctuate the following sentence?

- A. A happy marriage results from two things: communication and compromise.
- B. A happy marriage results from two things, communication and compromise.
- C. A happy marriage results from two things (communication and compromise).
- D. None of the above

18. What is the standard way to punctuate the following sentence?

- A. The Atlantic Ocean meets the east coast of America; Florida has the most coastline hugging the American side of the Atlantic.
- B. The Atlantic Ocean meets the east coast of America, Florida has the most coastline hugging the American side of the Atlantic.
- C. Neither of the above
- D. Both of the above

How would you punctuate these sentences?

19. After the sun rises I rise to make breakfast for my family and my children rise to make a mess.

20. With age comes wisdom but unfortunately so do aches and pains in one's hips knees and ankles.

21. Bonus:

Directions: Place a comma or commas where you feel it is appropriate.

Woman without her man is nothing.