

Advanced Grammer

Each of the following sentences contains an error of some kind. Read each sentence and select the option that correctly identifies its error.

1. David was known for belching; and telling inappropriate jokes in public.

ACT Test Study Guide with Practice Questions

- A. Capitalization
- B. Punctuation
- C. Spelling
- D. Grammar

2. Graduation from High School is considered a momentous occasion by many.

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3. Nurses plays a vital role in the healthcare profession.

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4. After having his tonsils removed, the child was listless for a few days.

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D. Grammar

5. The park was serene at twilight.

A. Capitalization

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C. Spelling

D. Grammar

6. Was the patient's mind lucid during the evaluation.

A. Capitalization

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7. The bachelor never married. Most people thought it was because of misogyny.

A. Capitalization

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8. The intricacy of the mathematical equation, drove the student trying to solve it crazy.

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D. Grammar

9. The hybrid tomatoes is immune to most common diseases.

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10. The professor was humiliated when his students reported him to the Dean for verbal abuse.

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11. The con artist hoodwinked the old lady when he sold her fraudulent insurance.

A. Capitalization

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C. Spelling

D. Grammar

12. The movie star was accused of a misdemeanor, when she stole \$15 worth of merchandise from the store.

A. Capitalization

B. Punctuation

C. Spelling

D. Grammar

13. The congregation sang a contemporary hymn.

A. Capitalization

B. Punctuation

C. Spelling

D. Grammar

14. The wound were necrotic when examined.

A. Capitalization

B. Punctuation

C. Spelling

D. Grammar

15. The defendint exhibited a peevish appearance.

A. Capitalization

B. Punctuation

C. Spelling

D. Grammar

16. The band director was scheduled to play the piccolo on tuesday.

A. Capitalization

B. Punctuation

C. Spelling

D. Grammar

17. The renter was remiss; about the rent.

A. Capitalization

B. Punctuation

C. Spelling

D. Grammar

18. The old man was know for his sapient knowledge.

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19. The inventor create several specious ideas to solve the problem.

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20. The teacher identified the troublemakers, in her classroom.

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Answers and Explanations

1. B: The semicolon is incorrect punctuation here. With the coordinating conjunction "and," no punctuation is needed between the two gerunds. A comma is permissible to indicate David did not necessarily do both things simultaneously; however, semicolons are for separating two independent clauses, or separating dependent clauses/phrases containing internal commas.

2. A: "High School" is incorrect capitalization. These words are not names/proper nouns and should not be capitalized.

3. D: The singular form of the verb ("plays") disagrees with the plural noun subject ("Nurses"), representing incorrect grammar.

4. C: "Tonsels" is an incorrect spelling of the word "tonsils."

5. C: "Serine" is an incorrect spelling of the adjective "serene," meaning peaceful (indicated by sentence context), confusing it with the noun serine, meaning the amino acid.

6. B: Ending this question with a period is incorrect punctuation. It should end with a question mark.

7. C: "Bachalor" is an incorrect spelling of "bachelor."

8. B: The comma is incorrect punctuation. No punctuation mark is needed here.

9. D: A singular predicate with a plural subject is incorrect subject-verb agreement, i.e. grammar.

10. A: The noun "dean" is not a name/proper noun, so the capitalization is incorrect.

11. C: "Fradulent" is incorrect spelling of the adjective "fraudulent."

12. B: The comma before the adverbial clause ("when...") is incorrect punctuation; it should not be there.

13. C: "Comtemporary" is an incorrect spelling of "contemporary."

14. D: The plural verb "were" with the singular noun subject "wound" lacks subject-verb agreement, constituting incorrect grammar.

15. C: "Defendint" is an incorrect spelling of the word "defendant."

16. A: The lower-case initial "t" in "Tuesday" is incorrect capitalization: names/proper nouns are capitalized.

17. B: The semicolon here is incorrect punctuation. The only punctuation mark this sentence needs is its final period.

18. D: The correct past-perfect form here is "was known." "Was know" is incorrect grammar.

19. D: "Create" is incorrect grammar here. The singular subject noun "inventor" requires either the singular verb form "creates" or the past-tense "created" for correct construction.

20. B: It is incorrect punctuation to place a comma between the noun and its modifying prepositional phrase. No punctuation mark should be used, except for the final period.