



2016

Sentence Wringer Questions

GRADE 4

4 What is the most effective way to combine sentences 24 and 25?

F Since he made his way steadily down with a grin, it began to spread over his face.

G He made his way steadily down because a grin began to spread over his face.

H As he made his way steadily down, a grin began to spread over his face.

J He made his way steadily down a grin began to spread over his face.

9 What is the correct way to write sentence 13?

- A For the fourth-grade class hike, there were a lot of kids they wore new hiking shoes that were sturdy.
- B For the fourth-grade class hike. A lot of kids wore new hiking shoes, and they were sturdy.
- C For the fourth-grade class hike, a lot of kids wore new hiking shoes. That were sturdy.
- D For the fourth-grade class hike, a lot of kids wore sturdy, new hiking shoes.

15 What is the correct way to write sentences 17 and 18?

- A All the attention prompted Blare to create an organization. Which he called Blare's Bears for Haiti.
- B All the attention prompting Blare to create an organization called Blare's Bears for Haiti.
- C All the attention prompted Blare to create an organization, it was called Blare's Bears for Haiti.
- D All the attention prompted Blare to create an organization called Blare's Bears for Haiti.

Peace. (30) HELP has now sended approximately 700 blankets to children in the Middle East, Africa, and Central America. (31) Charlie is excited

17 What change should be made in sentence 30?

- A Change *has* to *having*
- B Change *sended* to *sent*
- C Change *to children* to *they have gone to children*
- D No change should be made.

GRADE 7

Writing

1 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 3?

- A Maggie would sit and listen to the sound of the waves when she missed him by the shore.
- B When Maggie missed him, she would sit by the shore she would listen to the sound of the waves.
- C Maggie would sit, and she would listen to the sound of the waves by the shore when she missed him.
- D When Maggie missed him, she would sit by the shore and listen to the sound of the waves.

2 What is the most effective way to combine sentences 6 and 7?

F Maggie loved to visit with Captain Frank while he was a grizzled old sailor whose creaking joints had forced him to retire from a life at sea.

G Maggie loved to visit with Captain Frank, a grizzled old sailor whose creaking joints had forced him to retire from a life at sea.

H Maggie loved to visit with Captain Frank and a grizzled old sailor whose creaking joints had forced him to retire from a life at sea.

J Maggie loved to visit with Captain Frank, he was a grizzled old sailor whose creaking joints had forced him to retire from a life at sea.

9 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 6?

- A One half of the animal's brain enters a sleep state, the other half of the brain stays alert.
- B As one half of the animal's brain enters a sleep state, the other half stays alert.
- C One half of the animal's brain enters a sleep state, or the other half of the animal's brain stays alert.
- D As one half of the animal's brain enters a sleep state, there is the other alert half of the animal's brain.

13 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 26?

- A What is certain, though, is that animals that do sleep have found some clever ways to do so, they are also unique.
- B What is certain, though, is that animals have found some clever ways to sleep that are unique ways, too.
- C What is certain, though, is that animals that do sleep have found some clever and unique ways to do so.
- D No revision is needed in this sentence.

species needs sleep. (26) What is certain, though, is that animals that do sleep have found some clever ways to do so and unique.

19 What change should be made in sentence 22?

- A Change *fair* to **fare**
- B Change *him* to **them**
- C Change the comma to a semicolon
- D Change *too* to **to**

things with Jamal in the room. (22) But it's not really fair to make him leave all the time, it's his room too. (23) Giving me a room of my own would benefit both Jamal

21 What is the correct way to rewrite sentences 27 and 28?

- A So in the best interest of my studies, my music, and my social life, I respectfully request that you let me have my own room.
- B It's in the best interest of my studies, my music, and my social life, therefore, I respectfully request that you let me have my own room.
- C It's in the best interest of my studies, my music, and my social life, so I respectfully request. That you let me have my own room.
- D The sentences are written correctly in the passage.

23 How does sentence 6 need to be changed?

- A Change *packet's* to **packets**
- B Change the comma after *courses* to a period
- C Change *stood out* to **stands out**
- D The sentence does not need to be changed.

(6) As I shuffled through packet's of information about babysitting, first aid, and music courses, I came across something that stood out. (7) "Be a Junior

24 What change should be made in sentence 12?

F Delete *and*

G Change *experienced* to *expereinced*

H Change *there's* to *theirs*

J Change *then* to *than*

more about what it's like behind the scenes at the zoo. (12) I signed up for the program, and by the time it was over, I had not only experienced an adventure but had also learned that there's a lot more to working at a zoo than just feeding animals.

26 What is the correct way to write sentence 19?

- F Each week, I got to shadow different zoo workers. Who would be taking care of their assigned animals.
- G Each week, I got to shadow different zoo workers as they took care of their assigned animals.
- H Each week, getting to shadow different zoo workers. They would be taking care of their assigned animals.
- J The sentence is written correctly in the paper.

animals. (19) Each week, I got to shadow different zoo workers, they would be taking care of their assigned animals. (20) Although the animals were different,

English I

3 What is the most effective way to combine sentences 12 and 13?

- A Amy Cuddy did a study on how "power poses" affect people she is a social psychologist at Harvard University.
- B Amy Cuddy did a study on how "power poses" affect people, a social psychologist at Harvard University.
- C Amy Cuddy, a social psychologist at Harvard University, did a study on how "power poses" affect people.
- D Amy Cuddy did a study, at Harvard University and with a social psychologist, on how "power poses" affect people.

5 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 20?

- A She found that the people had an increase in the hormone associated with dominance and a decrease in the hormone associated with stress who were holding their body in a position of power.
- B She found that the people holding their body in a position of power had an increase in the hormone associated with dominance, the hormone associated with stress was decreased.
- C She found that while the people were holding their body in a position of power, the hormones associated with dominance and stress were increased and decreased.
- D She found that the people holding their body in a position of power had an increase in the hormone associated with dominance and a decrease in the hormone associated with stress.

15 What change should be made in sentence 16?

- A Change *resourses* to **resources**
- B Change the comma after *tournament* to a period
- C Change *than* to **then**
- D No change should be made.

gone awry, I found a place where I fit in. (16) As we organized teams, prepared resources, practiced answering questions, and trained for the annual tournament, I felt more connected than I ever had to any sports team. (17) I didn't feel as though

16 What is the correct way to write sentence 24?

- F Yes, I'm Tyson's little brother, that's only part of my identity, though, I'm a cool guy in my own way, too.
- G Yes, I'm Tyson's little brother, but that's only part of my identity. Because I'm a cool guy in my own way, too.
- H Yes, I'm Tyson's little brother, but that's only part of my identity. I'm a cool guy in my own way, too.
- J Sentence 24 is written correctly in the paper.

finally know who I am! (24) Yes, I'm Tyson's little brother, but that's only part of my identity, I'm a cool guy in my own way, too. (25) I'm relieved to know that "cool"

19 What change should be made in sentence 26?

A Delete *but*

B Change *her skill* to **no skill**

C Change *my* to **our**

D Change the comma after *attention* to a semicolon

line after line, scoring mostly strikes and spares. (26) The lady was good, but it wasn't her skill that got my attention, it was her age. (27) Her dark, wrinkled skin

20 How should sentence 38 be changed?

F Change *admired* to **admirred**

G Change the comma to a semicolon

H Change *advise* to **advice**

J Sentence 38 should not be changed.

(37) Bessie and I started bowling together. (38) I admired her ability to pick up a split, but I also appreciated her advise. (39) "Life's like bowling," she would

21 What is the correct way to write sentence 45?

- A It turned out this lady with the pink bowling bag was *the* Bessie Richards. Who was a recording artist of the 1960s.
- B It turned out this lady with the pink bowling bag was *the* Bessie Richards. A recording artist of the 1960s.
- C It turned out this lady with the pink bowling bag. She was *the* Bessie Richards, a recording artist of the 1960s.
- D It turned out this lady with the pink bowling bag was *the* Bessie Richards, a recording artist of the 1960s.

English II

10 What is the most effective way to revise sentence 21?

- F** These are called breaks, and when surfers find one, they paddle their surfboards out into it and patiently wait for the perfect wave.
- G** These are called breaks, and when surfers find one, they paddle their surfboards out into it because of the perfect wave they patiently wait for.
- H** These are called breaks, and when surfers find one, they paddle their surfboards out into it, they patiently wait for the perfect wave.
- J** Sentence 21 does not need to be revised.

12 What is the correct way to write sentence 4?

- F As I watched friends find dates for homecoming, I was initially a little discouraged. Because it looked as though my first homecoming dance would be missing a key character.
- G As I watched friends find dates for homecoming, I was initially a little discouraged. It looked as though my first homecoming dance would be missing a key character.
- H As I watched friends find dates for homecoming. I was initially a little discouraged because it looked as though my first homecoming dance would be missing a key character.
- J Sentence 4 is written correctly.

(4) As I watched friends find dates for homecoming, I was initially a little discouraged, it looked as though my first homecoming dance would be missing a key character. (5) It seemed that no one was inclined to ask me. (6) But I soon

16 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 18?

F Change *one specific* to **no specific**

G Change the comma to a semicolon

H Insert a comma after *mingle*

J Make no change

experience turned out to be a lot more fun than that. (18) I didn't have to stick with one specific person, I was free to mingle and dance with anyone I wanted to! (19) I

19 What is the correct way to write sentences 15 and 16?

- A The 11-year-old also began writing a diary it detailed what was happening in her region of Pakistan.
- B The 11-year-old also began writing a diary. With details about what was happening in her region of Pakistan.
- C The 11-year-old also began writing a diary that detailed what was happening in her region of Pakistan.
- D The sentences are written correctly in the paper.

decree, continuing to go to class and study for tests. (15) The 11-year-old also began writing a diary. (16) Which detailed what was happening in her region of Pakistan. (17) The British Broadcasting Corporation soon learned about the diary

