

PUNCTUATION PROBLEMS

1. Although the term "hoppin' john" may not seem appetizing, the dish itself is quite tasty.
- A. NO CHANGE
B. dish, itself,
C. dish itself,
D. dish, itself
2. To avoid the harmful effects of cold weather, every winter each plant according to its species and condition, is either moved indoors or pretreated against frost.
- F. NO CHANGE
G. plant,
H. plant;
J. plant which,
3. The process of describing a culture's development seems tricky to me, because it may assume a particular idea of "progress."
- A. NO CHANGE
B. cultures' development
C. cultures development
D. culture's development,
4. Fourteen-year-old Bill wanted to stay out late on Thursdays. His parents argued, however that an early curfew on school nights was reasonable, given the importance of his grades.
- F. NO CHANGE
G. parents argued, however,
H. parents, argued however,
J. parents argued however,
5. My neighbor's oldest daughter, who had been invited to study, in Mexico City for a semester, had to find additional funds when her scholarship ran out early.
- A. NO CHANGE
B. been invited to study in Mexico City for a semester
C. been invited to study in Mexico City for a semester,
D. been invited, to study in Mexico City for a semester,
6. The influence of classical mythology on the naming of certain chemical elements can be seen in the names themselves: tantalum, niobium, cadmium, and mercury.
- F. NO CHANGE
G. themselves
H. themselves,
J. themselves;
7. If you consider all the objects that orbit the Sun, the bounds of the solar system stretch far beyond Pluto.
- A. NO CHANGE
B. stretch far, beyond
C. stretch, far beyond,
D. stretch, far beyond
8. When my sister makes brownies in the kitchen, each of the ingredients, in front of her sails into the mixing bowl as if by magic.
- F. NO CHANGE
G. ingredients in front of her sails,
H. ingredients in front of her, sails
J. ingredients in front of her sails
9. The one, crucial, aspect of a good tent is that it should keep you dry in a storm.
- A. NO CHANGE
B. one crucial, aspect of a good tent
C. one crucial aspect of a good tent,
D. one crucial aspect of a good tent
10. Some people prefer bright yellow mustard on their hot dogs; others, prefer ketchup, relish, onions, or even chili.
- F. NO CHANGE
G. dogs others
H. dogs; others
J. dogs, others
11. Because of it's having ability to absorb or reflect ultraviolet light, zinc oxide is used in many sunscreens.
- A. NO CHANGE
B. its
C. it's
D. its'

12. On the first day of each month, on a large calendar in the kitchen, Janet posts the month's social events, day by day.
- F. NO CHANGE
 - G. months social events,
 - H. months social events
 - J. social event's for the month,
13. The committee took a long time to evaluate the benefits, and the drawbacks of the first proposal.
- A. NO CHANGE
 - B. benefits and, the drawbacks,
 - C. benefits and the drawbacks
 - D. benefits and the drawbacks,
14. Borrowing from a nearby culture, the Japanese began to use simplified forms of Chinese characters, in their own syllabic alphabets, hiragana and katakana.
- F. NO CHANGE
 - G. characters in their own syllabic alphabets,
 - H. characters, in their own syllabic alphabets
 - J. characters in their own syllabic alphabets
15. Our hometown newspaper's editor, and resident visionary Daniel Rivera, argues that a free press is now more important than ever.
- A. NO CHANGE
 - B. editor, and resident visionary Daniel Rivera
 - C. editor and resident visionary Daniel Rivera,
 - D. editor and resident visionary, Daniel Rivera,
16. Lucy Maud Montgomery taught in several schools on Prince Edward Island during her early adult life before publishing her first book, *Anne of Green Gables*.
- F. NO CHANGE
 - G. life, before,
 - H. life before,
 - J. life; before
17. Dissatisfaction with standard Igbo led Achebe to use English to write *Things Fall Apart* and its less famous sequel, *No Longer at Ease*.
- A. NO CHANGE
 - B. write:
 - C. write;
 - D. write,
18. Cities typical attempts to deal with increased traffic by building highways only worsens the problem, as more and more cars from far-flung suburbs populate the streets.
- F. NO CHANGE
 - G. City's
 - H. Citys
 - J. Cities'
19. Among the honorees at the club's annual awards banquet, will be those who are unable to attend because of old age or illness.
- A. NO CHANGE
 - B. banquet; will be
 - C. banquet will be
 - D. banquet will be:
20. My uncle comes from Malta a small Mediterranean island nation, with historical ties not only to the rest of Europe but also to Africa and the Middle East.
- F. NO CHANGE
 - G. Malta, a small Mediterranean island, nation
 - H. Malta, a small Mediterranean island nation
 - J. Malta; a small Mediterranean island nation
21. Several months ago, her husband David, decided to go back to graduate school for a master's degree in journalism.
- A. NO CHANGE
 - B. ago, her husband, David,
 - C. ago, her husband, David
 - D. ago her husband David,

22. Nevertheless, if a nuclear reactor's core heats up too much, It could experience a meltdown and break through the containment barriers.

F. NO CHANGE

G. much; it

H. much and it

J. much, it

23. Within their community, a new hope arose; based on renewed trust and a shared sense of responsibility for the mistakes of the past.

A. NO CHANGE

B. hope arose based on

C. hope arose based on,

D. hope, arose based on

24. All metals share certain characteristics. Not every metal though, is a hard, shiny solid at room temperature.

F. NO CHANGE

G. metal; though,

H. metal, though

J. metal, though,

25. In 1981, designer and artist Maya Lin won the public competition to design the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial when she was only 21 years old.

A. NO CHANGE

B. designer, and artist

C. designer and artist,

D. designer, and artist,