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Great Writing 3: From Great Paragraphs to Great Essays Unit 2: Features of Good Writing

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the paragraph and answer the questions that follow.

How to Pack a Suitcase

Most people take big suitcases when they travel because they do not really know how to pack. The first mistake that most people make is this: They fold their clothes. However, clothes should not be folded. Instead, they should be rolled up like little sausages. When clothes are rolled up, the amount of space needed is significantly reduced. In addition, unlike folded clothes, rolled clothes do not look messy after unpacking them. The next mistake people make is that they bring too many clothes, and especially, too many shoes. Most people do not need more than three pairs of shoes on any trip. It is best to wear the heaviest pair and pack the other two pairs. Most suitcases are too heavy to carry on a plane. Be sure to use the space inside each shoe to pack small items, for example, socks, gloves, sunglasses, or small electronic devices. Finally, people should think about the trip before they start packing. They should ask themselves, “What will I need first? What clothes will I need later in the trip?” The items needed at the beginning of the trip should be packed on top. Following these suggestions for packing will make any trip easier and more enjoyable!

1. What is the purpose of the paragraph? Write it here.

2. What is the topic sentence? Write it here.

3. What transitional words and phrases does the writer use to introduce each of the supporting ideas? Write them here.

4. Which sentence does not maintain the unity of the paragraph? Write it here.

5. Is the concluding sentence a restatement, a suggestion, or a prediction?

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GRAMMAR: Clear Pronoun Reference

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the paragraph. Each underlined pronoun is an unclear reference. Replace the unclear reference with a clear reference.

Shared Bicycle Programs

Many cities have decided to create shared bicycle programs. ¹They allow people to rent a bicycle for a short time and then return it. Shared bicycle programs offer advantages to both tourists and city residents. ²They can rent bicycles to see the city when they visit. ³It is easier and cheaper than renting a car. However, it is faster than walking, so they can see more of the city. City residents can use ⁴them on their journey to work every day. How? The closest subway station may be too far from their homes, so they drive to work. This means that they have to sit in traffic and find a parking space. With a shared bicycle program, they can just ride a bicycle to ⁵it and then take the subway to work. Shared bicycle programs are a wonderful addition to any city—and one that is beneficial to both visitors and residents alike.

6. Write a clear pronoun reference for pronoun 1. _____
7. Write a clear pronoun reference for pronoun 2. _____
8. Write a clear pronoun reference for pronoun 3. _____
9. Write a clear pronoun reference for pronoun 4. _____
10. Write a clear pronoun reference for pronoun 5. _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Match the underlined word in each sentence to a more descriptive word that has a similar meaning.

- a. gorgeous
- b. challenging
- c. alternative
- d. terrible
- e. fashionable

- _____ 11. Some people enjoy wearing nice clothes.
- _____ 12. The colors on the chameleon are pretty.
- _____ 13. The food at the new restaurant is bad.
- _____ 14. The final exam was hard.
- _____ 15. We need a different solution to the problem.

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GRAMMAR: Consistent Pronoun Reference**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the sentence(s). If there is an error, choose the sentence that expresses the same idea correctly. If there is no error, choose “no error.”**

- _____ 16. Experts say that people should sleep around eight hours a night if you want to have a healthy brain.
- a. Experts say that people should sleep around eight hours a night if they want to have a healthy brain.
 - b. Experts say that people should sleep around eight hours a night if we want to have a healthy brain.
 - c. no error
- _____ 17. A person should turn off the air conditioner if they want to reduce energy costs.
- a. A person should turn off the air conditioner if you want to reduce energy costs.
 - b. A person should turn off the air conditioner if she wants to reduce energy costs.
 - c. no error
- _____ 18. Online pop up ads and banner ads are commonplace. However, Internet users find it quite annoying.
- a. Online pop up ads and banner ads are commonplace. However, Internet users find us quite annoying.
 - b. Online pop up ads and banner ads are commonplace. However, Internet users find them quite annoying.
 - c. no error
- _____ 19. Children need a lot of practice when they start playing a musical instrument.
- a. Children need a lot of practice when he starts playing a musical instrument.
 - b. Children need a lot of practice when you start playing a musical instrument.
 - c. no error
- _____ 20. Many people like soccer and basketball. He likes these sports because the action is so fast paced.
- a. Many people like soccer and basketball. They like these sports because the action is so fast paced.
 - b. Many people like soccer and basketball. We like these sports because the action is so fast paced.
 - c. no error

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete each sentence with the best word in parentheses.

21. There is _____ (basically / significantly) more interest in international films now than in the past.
22. This software cannot be used on a mobile _____ (device / substance).

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23. The _____ (alternative / major) reason that most people give for changing jobs is an increase in their salary.
24. If we do not _____ (reduce / stimulate) our use of fossil fuels, the world will continue to get warmer.
25. Scientists discovered a dangerous _____ (release / substance) in the city's water, which is making many people sick.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase from the box. Use correct capitalization. You will not use all the words.

basically	decline	on average	permanent	poison	productive	release	signal	unlike
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26. _____, there are four traffic accidents in the city every day during the morning and evening rush hours.
27. The building is very simple; it is _____ a box of steel and glass.
28. Since everyone started early and worked hard, the meeting was extremely _____.
29. _____ the shops in many small towns, many city supermarkets stay open 24 hours a day.
30. Following the holidays, there is usually a(n) _____ in business, both online and in stores.
31. Hundreds of journalists were waiting for the _____ of secret government documents.
32. When the process is complete, a sound will _____ the user that the device is fully charged.

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the correct word form to complete each sentence.

- _____ 33. The studio wants to create an _____ of the British television series for its American audience.
- a. adaptation (n)
 - b. adapt (v)
 - c. adaptable (adj)
 - d. adaptively (adv)

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- _____ 34. Playing chess well requires deep _____.
a. concentration (n)
b. concentrate (v)
c. concentrated (adj)
- _____ 35. The _____ between two employees started with shouting and ended in a fight.
a. conflict (n)
b. conflict (v)
c. conflicted (adj)
- _____ 36. Last summer's storms _____ damaged parts of the historic building.
a. permanence (n)
b. permanent (adj)
c. permanently (adv)
- _____ 37. The company hopes that the new advertisements and television commercials will _____ interest in their products.
a. stimulation (n)
b. stimulate (v)
c. stimulating (adj)

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the shorter sentences. Choose the sentence that best combines the ideas of the shorter sentences.

- _____ 38. My homework is still in the library.
I remembered that suddenly.
I remembered that when I got home last night.

a. When I got home last night, I suddenly remembered that my homework was still in the library.
b. I remembered that my homework was still in the library suddenly when I got home last night.
- _____ 39. There are many bilingual job applicants.
The number of them is growing.
This is encouraging.

a. The growing number of bilingual job applicants is encouraging.
b. It is encouraging that there are many bilingual job applicants.

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- _____ 40. How many people live in the country?
The government needs to know.
That is why the population is counted every ten years.
- a. The reason that the population is counted every ten years is that the government needs to know the number of people living in the country.
 - b. Because the government needs to know how many people live in the country, the population is counted every ten years.
- _____ 41. Sunlight can be beneficial for health.
Too much sunlight can cause health problems.
Doctors advise people not to get too much sunlight.
- a. Doctors advise that too much sunlight causes health problems, but sunlight can be beneficial.
 - b. Sunlight can be beneficial, but doctors advise that too much can cause health problems.

INSTRUCTIONS: Rewrite each sentence, correcting the error(s) in each. If there is no error, write “no error.”

42. Is difficult for some peoples to have a conversation with a stranger.

43. Smartphones are becoming increasing popular, especially in the developing World.

44. Most people value the skills and knowledge they gain in school.

45. The urban population are growing faster in country with lower average incomes.

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46. **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write a paragraph classifying different ways of doing a simple activity, such as watching a movie or exercising. Be sure to include a topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding sentence. Use at least two of the vocabulary words or phrases from Unit 2. Write at least 100 words.

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Answer Section

1. ANS:

to explain the best way to pack a suitcase

PTS: 2

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Elements

2. ANS:

Most people take big suitcases when they travel because they do not really know how to pack.

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REF: Unit 2

TOP: Elements

3. ANS:

the first, the next, finally

PTS: 2

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Elements

4. ANS:

Most suitcases are too heavy to carry on a plane.

PTS: 2

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Elements

5. ANS:

a prediction

PTS: 2

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Elements

6. ANS:

Answers will vary. Suggested answers include: These programs, The programs, Shared bicycle programs

PTS: 1

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Grammar

7. ANS:

Answers will vary. Suggested answer: Tourists

PTS: 1

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Grammar

8. ANS:

Answers will vary. Suggested answers include: Renting a bike, Renting a bicycle

PTS: 1

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Grammar

9. ANS:

Answers will vary. Suggested answers include: bicycles, the bicycles

PTS: 1

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Grammar

10. ANS:

Answers will vary. Suggested answers include: the station, the subway station

PTS: 1

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Grammar

11. ANS: E

PTS: 2

REF: Unit 2

TOP: Elements

12. ANS: A PTS: 2 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Elements
 13. ANS: D PTS: 2 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Elements
 14. ANS: B PTS: 2 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Elements
 15. ANS: C PTS: 2 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Elements
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 18. ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Grammar
 19. ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Grammar
 20. ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Grammar
 21. ANS: significantly

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary MSC: AW
 22. ANS: device

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary MSC: AW
 23. ANS: major

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary MSC: AW
 24. ANS: reduce

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary
 25. ANS: substance

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary
 26. ANS: On average

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary
 27. ANS: basically

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary
 28. ANS: productive

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary
 29. ANS: Unlike

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary
 30. ANS: decline

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary MSC: AW
 31. ANS: release

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary MSC: AW
 32. ANS: signal

PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Vocabulary MSC: AW

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PTS: 1 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Sentences

46. ANS:

Answers will vary.

PTS: 20 REF: Unit 2 TOP: Writing