

# FRAGMENTS – EXERCISE 7

**Directions:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.” Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. After Deidre saw the tiny balance on her ATM receipt,<sup>(A)</sup> she realized,<sup>(B)</sup> that her meals for the next week would consist of cheap food,<sup>(C)</sup> such as peanut butter sandwiches and instant soup.

- A. ... receipt. She ...
- B. ... realized that ...
- C. ... food. Such ...
- D. No change is necessary.

2. Smiling with satisfaction<sup>(A)</sup> Michelle typed the last sentence of her research paper. Then a bolt of lightning crashed nearby,<sup>(B)</sup> extinguishing the electricity<sup>(C)</sup> and making poor Michelle wish that she had invested in a surge protector.

- A. ... satisfaction, Michelle ...
- B. ... nearby. Extinguishing ...
- C. ... electricity. And ...
- D. No change is necessary.

3. When the cell phone began to chime in her book bag,<sup>(A)</sup> Jasmine froze in her seat<sup>(B)</sup> as all eyes in the room darted from her to Professor Williams.<sup>(C)</sup> An instructor who tolerated no interruptions during a lecture.
- A. ... bag. Jasmine ...  
B. ... seat. As ...  
C. ... Williams, an ...  
D. No change is necessary.
4. As Alex navigated the narrow row of chairs.<sup>(A)</sup> His heavy book bag bumped the large soda perched on Teresa's desk,<sup>(B)</sup> sending a shower of diet cola into the girl's lap,<sup>(C)</sup> soaking her jeans.
- A. ... chairs, his ...  
B. ... desk. Sending ...  
C. ... lap soaking ...  
D. No change is necessary.
5. You might think<sup>(A)</sup> that a floor-length dress is conservative<sup>(B)</sup> until you see the one that Christina wears.<sup>(C)</sup> A psychedelic swirl of pinks and purples that attracts everyone's attention.
- A. ... think, that ...  
B. ... conservative. Until ...  
C. ... wears. It is a ...  
D. No change is necessary.

6. As all of her classmates were sharing results <sup>(A)</sup> Melody quietly left the room <sup>(B)</sup> and found a quiet corner in the hallway <sup>(C)</sup> so that she could see her grade without embarrassing herself in front of her friends.
- A. ... results, Melody ...
- B. ... room, and ...
- C. ... hallway. So that ...
- D. No change is necessary.
7. Gloria and Scooby stood in front of the bathroom mirror, <sup>(A)</sup> bitterly complaining about the difficult midterm and stern teaching in their biology course. <sup>(B)</sup> As Professor Perry, their instructor, <sup>(C)</sup> eavesdropped from inside a far stall.
- A. ... mirror bitterly ...
- B. ... course as ...
- C. ... instructor eavesdropped ...
- D. No change is necessary.
8. One day in class, Shantrell rested her head against the wall <sup>(A)</sup> and discovered <sup>(B)</sup> that she could hear the classical music that Professor Nguyen played in his office on the other side. <sup>(C)</sup> The music promptly put her to sleep.
- A. ... wall. And ...
- B. ... discovered, that ...
- C. ... side. Which promptly ...
- D. No change is necessary.

9. While Professor Koopman explained the consequences of the French Revolution, <sup>(A)</sup> Tiffany and Faith sniffled uncomfortably in their seats, <sup>(B)</sup> suffocated by the cheap shaving lotion <sup>(C)</sup> that Henry always wore.
- A. ... Revolution. Tiffany ...
- B. ... seats. Suffocated ...
- C. ... lotion, that ...
- D. No change is necessary.
10. Once class was over, <sup>(A)</sup> Maria used to meet her lab partner Chris at the diner near campus <sup>(B)</sup> until she discovered that Chris preferred, <sup>(C)</sup> to flirt with the waitresses instead of discussing the chemistry homework.
- A. ... over Maria ...
- B. ... campus, until ...
- C. ... preferred to ...
- D. No change is necessary.
11. Coated with dust, <sup>(A)</sup> the blinds filtered the sunlight entering Adrian's cluttered apartment, <sup>(B)</sup> where clothing and empty take-out boxes littered the floor. <sup>(C)</sup> As flies buzzed around rotting bananas on the kitchen counter.
- A. ... dust the ...
- B. ... apartment. Where ...
- C. ... floor as ...
- D. No change is necessary.

12. Hands covered in cookie dough,<sup>(A)</sup> Madeline ran to the phone,<sup>(B)</sup> hoping that the call was from Eric.<sup>(C)</sup> Her boyfriend who had broken his promise to call the day before.
- A. ... dough Madeline ...  
B. ... phone hoping ...  
C. ... Eric, her ...  
D. No change is necessary.
13. Wendy pushed her glasses up her nose,<sup>(A)</sup> and blew loose strands of hair from her eyes,<sup>(B)</sup> hoping that clearer vision would help her make sense of the difficult algebra problem.<sup>(C)</sup> that she was trying to solve.
- A. ... nose and ...  
B. ... eyes. Hoping ...  
C. ... problem, that ...  
D. No change is necessary.
14. To get on his mother's good side,<sup>(A)</sup> Rufus offered to unpack the groceries,<sup>(B)</sup> but dropped the carton of eggs that Mom would later need<sup>(C)</sup> to make chocolate-broccoli muffins for the church bake sale.
- A. ... side Rufus ...  
B. ... groceries. But he dropped ...  
C. ... need, to ...  
D. No change is necessary.

15. Circling the parking lot,<sup>(A)</sup> Dominique searched for an empty space close to the mall entrance.<sup>(B)</sup> so that an afternoon thunderstorm would not drench her.<sup>(C)</sup> while she was loaded down with good buys.
- A. ... lot Dominique ...  
B. ... entrance. So ...  
C. ... her, while ...  
D. No change is necessary.
16. If his friends walked into the bookstore.<sup>(A)</sup> Boris had a stack of car magazines as camouflage.<sup>(B)</sup> but he was really reading *Better Homes and Gardens*, studying decorating ideas.<sup>(C)</sup> to spruce up his first apartment.
- A. ... bookstore, Boris ...  
B. ... camouflage but ...  
C. ... ideas, to ...  
D. No change is necessary.
17. To make his long shift at Bernie's Burger Emporium tolerable.<sup>(A)</sup> Kelvin used ketchup.<sup>(B)</sup> to make smiley faces on the burgers.<sup>(C)</sup> that he assembled at the grill.
- A. ... tolerable. Kelvin ...  
B. ... ketchup to ...  
C. ... burgers, that ...  
D. No change is necessary.

18. Darryl has the messiest book bag <sup>(A)</sup> of anyone Rachel knows; <sup>(B)</sup> he essentially has a compost pile rotting in the main compartment. <sup>(C)</sup> For instance, pistachio shells, pencil shavings, and a brown banana.
- A. ... bag, of ...  
B. ... knows, he ...  
C. ... compartment. For instance, there are pistachio ...  
D. No change is necessary.
19. Professor Neal loves chocolate cake. <sup>(A)</sup> But could not accept the slice that her student Michael offered <sup>(B)</sup> because she knew that it was a bribe <sup>(C)</sup> for a better grade on his midterm essay.
- A. ... cake but ...  
B. ... offered. Because ...  
C. ... bribe, for ...  
D. No change is necessary.
20. Dressing for her interview with the recruiters, <sup>(A)</sup> Leisha debated wearing four hoops in each ear and a nose ring <sup>(B)</sup> or removing the jewelry <sup>(C)</sup> and tolerating convention during the college job fair.
- A. ... recruiters Leisha ...  
B. ... ring. Or ...  
C. ... jewelry, and ...  
D. No change is necessary.

