

Accuplacer Sentence Skills Practice Questions

Directions for questions 1–10

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. The first choice is the same as the original sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

- Stamp collecting being a hobby that is sometimes used in the schools to teach economics and social studies.
 - being a hobby that is
 - is a hobby because it is
 - which is a hobby
 - is a hobby
- Meat products are very popular in the United States, they compose about 40% of the average person's diet.
 - United States, they compose
 - United States, however they compose
 - United States, composing
 - United States: therefore they compose
- Going back to his old school, everything there looked smaller than Don remembered.
 - Going back to his old school,
 - When he went back to his old school,
 - To go back to his old school,
 - As he went back to his old school,
- Typically, young adults leave home between the ages of 18 and 24, because in some instances they end up staying with their parents much longer.
 - Because in some instances
 - or in some instances
 - but in some instances
 - which in some instances
- Painting, drawing and to sculpt are some of the techniques artists such as Picasso used to express themselves.
 - Painting, drawing and to sculpt
 - To paint, to draw, and sculpting
 - Painting, drawing and sculpting
 - To paint, draw, and sculpting
- Eating a well-balanced diet, many people find it helps them maintain energy throughout the day.
 - Eating a well-balanced diet, many people find it helps them
 - Eating a well-balanced diet is found that it helps

- C. Many people find that eating a well-balanced diet helps them
- D. Many people eating a well-balanced diet, this is found helpful to

7. Playing sports in school which is an activity meant to teach teamwork and leadership skills students can use later in life.

- A. which is an activity
- B. is an activity because it is
- C. being an activity which is
- D. is an activity

8. Glancing at his watch, Daniel picked up his speed.

- A. Glancing at his watch
- B. He glanced at his watch and
- C. To glance at his watch
- D. Since he glanced at his watch

9. The Providence Repertory Theatre, after it moved to its new location, it attracted smaller audiences to its shows.

- A. The Providence Repertory Theatre, after it moved to its new location,
- B. After the Providence Repertory Theatre moved to its new location,
- C. The Providence Repertory Theatre, when it moved to its new location,
- D. With the Providence Repertory Theatre having moved to its new location,

10. To appear white or colorless, light is actually composed of an entire spectrum of colors.

- A. To appear white or colorless,
- B. In appearing white or colorless,
- C. As it appears white or colorless,
- D. While it appears white or colorless,

Directions for questions 11-30

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

11. Women seem to have an increasing interest in becoming machinists, but there remains some resistance by men in the trade to women competing for the better paying jobs.

Rewrite beginning with:

Although women seem to have an increasing interest in becoming machinists,

The next part of the sentence will be.....

- A. however, there remains some
- B. there remains some
- C. but there remains some
- D. and there remains some

12. Adapted to rivers, lakes, estuaries and even marine waters, the river otter is common throughout most of Greater Puget Sound.

Rewrite beginning with:
Common throughout most of Greater Puget Sound,

The next words will be.....

- A. Adapted to rivers
- B. Even marine waters
- C. The river otter
- D. Estuaries are

13. It is easy to carry solid objects without spilling them, but the same cannot be said of liquids.

Rewrite, beginning with:
Unlike liquids,

The next words will be.....

- A. it is easy to
- B. we can easily
- C. solid objects can easily be
- D. solid objects are easy to be

14. Although the sandpiper is easily frightened by noise and light, it will bravely resist any force that threatens its nest.

Rewrite, beginning with:
The sandpiper is easily frightened by noise and light,

The next words will be.....

- A. but it will bravely resist
- B. nevertheless bravely resisting
- C. and it will bravely resist
- D. even if bravely resisting

15. It is unusual to see owls during the daytime, since they are nocturnal animals.

Rewrite, beginning with:
Being nocturnal animals,

The next words will be.....

- A. it is unusual to see owls
- B. owls are not usually seen
- C. owls during the daytime are

D. it is during the daytime that

16. Bats see extremely well in the dark; in fact, much better than humans.

Rewrite, beginning with:

Unlike bats,

The next words will be.....

- A. humans can see
- B. it is not easy to see
- C. humans cannot see
- D. seeing is difficult

17. North Korea found itself in trouble after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

Rewrite beginning with:

After the Soviet Union

The next words will be.....

- A. collapsing in 1991
- B. collapsed in 1991
- C. collapses in 1991
- D. found itself in trouble

18. If they don't begin to take school seriously, these students are going to fail the exit exam.

Rewrite beginning with:

These students are going to fail the exit exam

The next words will be....

- A. after not taking
- B. if they begin to take
- C. when they would not take
- D. unless they begin to take

19. Skating, like skiing, is an active winter sport; it helps many people to better enjoy the winter months

Rewrite beginning with:

Skating and skiing are active winter sports

The next words will be....

- A. that help many people
- B. to better enjoy
- C. helping people to
- D. that many people

20. Apart from light and heat, water and air are the main prerequisites for animal and plant life on our planet.

Rewrite beginning with:
Water and air,

The next words will be.....

- A. are the main prerequisites
- B. are the most needed elements
- C. are apart from light and heat
- D. along with light and heat,

21. Saddleback dolphins are oceanic cetaceans rarely found in coastal waters or in groups fewer than 100.

Rewrite beginning with:
Saddleback dolphins are most often found

The new sentence will include:

- A. In groups of 100 or more
- B. In very small groups
- C. In v-shaped formations
- D. In inland waterways

22. Prior to the Civil War, only one state, Massachusetts, permitted African Americans to serve on juries.

Rewrite beginning with:
Prior to the Civil War, African Americans

The new sentence will include:

- A. in only one state
- B. chose to serve on juries
- C. went to Massachusetts
- D. who were born in Massachusetts

23. Rivers are refuges for the soul, where the natural flow and play of running water mirror the movement of life itself.

Rewrite beginning with:
The natural flow and play of running water

The new sentence will include:

- A. are refuges for the soul
- B. making them refuges for the soul
- C. are the mirrors of the soul
- D. can be refuges for the soul

24. Sunspots do have an influence on our weather, but a very slight one.

Rewrite beginning with:
The influence of sunspots

The new sentence will include:

- A. is on the weather
- B. affects the weather
- C. would be very slight
- D. is very slight

25. Although chicken fried steak can be found in many parts of the United States, it is most popular in the Southwest.

Rewrite beginning with:
Chicken fried steak

The new sentence will include:

- A. just as popular
- B. but it is most
- C. and also most popular
- D. cannot be found anywhere

26. The pioneer family struggled to reach the west coast throughout the summer and fall and finally succeeded just before the start of winter.

Rewrite beginning with:
Just before the start of winter

The new sentence will include:

- A. succeeded in reaching
- B. have reached
- C. as reaching
- D. they were reaching

27. It is not only unethical but foolish to cheat on tests, since the consequences of being caught doing so can be serious.

Rewrite beginning with:
The consequences of being caught

The new sentence will include:

- A. and, it is not only unethical
- B. that it were not only unethical
- C. however, it is not only unethical

D. so it is not only unethical

28. At about this time, a crucial discovery was made that would forever effect Hubel's work.

Rewrite beginning with:
Hubel's work

The new sentence will include:

- A. by a crucial discovery
- B. with a crucial discovery
- C. toward a crucial discovery
- D. in place of a crucial discovery

29. The fact that addictions are displacements explains why people can shift so readily from one addiction to another.

Rewrite beginning with:
People can shift readily

The new sentence will include:

- A. given that addictions are displacements
- B. and also addictions are displacements
- C. because addictions are displacements
- D. but addictions are displacements

30. There was no issue of greater concern in the United States than the unemployment rate, which seemed to be stuck in the 9-10 % range.

Re-write, beginning with:
The unemployment rate,

Your new sentence will include:

- A. of greater concern was
- B. was the issue of greatest concern
- C. concerned the unemployed
- D. except the unemployment rate

Answer Key for questions 1-10

1. D 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. D 6. C 7. D 8. A 9. B 10. D

Answer Key for questions 11-30

11. B 12. C 13. C 14. A 15. B 16. C 17. B 18. D 19. A 20. D
21. A 22. A 23. B 24. D 25. B 26. A 27. D 28. A 29. C 30. B