ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

# Missing Sentences – Paragraph Completion Test 3

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**1.** _____ As a student, she studied dancing at the University of Michigan. Then in 1982, she recorded her first successful song: "Everybody".

**A)** Madonna has been interested in singing all her life, as can be seen from her early student years.

**B)** The famous pop singer Madonna was born in Bay City, Michigan in the USA.

**C)** The University of Michigan is where Madonna started her singing career.

**D)** Recording 'Everybody' started her musical career.

**E)** Madonna got married after making her first hit song.

**2.** In the old Roman calendar the month of March was considered the first month of the year. _____ This was later changed to our present calendar in which January is the first month of the year. The Scottish were the first people of the British Isles to change to this new calendar in 1600.

**A)** January was named for the legendary Janus.

**B)** The British were not very interested in the calendar during these years.

**C)** No one knows who changed the calendar to the way it is now.

**D)** In fact, the first day of the year was the 1st of March.

**E)** The Romans preferred the spring to the winter months.

**3.** In the classic film 'Citizen Kane', Orson Welles plays a character based on William Randolph Hearst. _____ The failures that are often not seen outside a very private circle of friends and family of well-known people usually include shyness and loneliness, as in the case of Hearst.

**A)** His famous portrayal of this well-known man revealed to the public not only his successes but also some of his failures.

**B)** All people can become as famous as Hearst if they want to, but one must always be careful.

**C)** Films give people an idea of the lives of rich people that they will never be able to see in real life.

**D)** Private lives can be best revealed when actors as famous as Orson Welles play these roles.

**E)** Orson Welles received an Academy Award for this role.

**4.** One of the most impressively beautiful collections of art accumulated by a personal collector can be found in the Lehman Wing of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. _____ Although Robert Lehman is best remembered as the owner of this collection, as he was the one who left it to the museum after his death, his father Philip had actually started the collection which Robert continued until his death and which he donated to the museum in his last will and testament.

**A)** The Metropolitan Museum of Art is probably very lucky to have this collection that was donated by many people.

**B)** Personal collectors do not usually donate such lovely collections to museums like this one in New York.

**C)** The collector whose name has been given to the wing where the collection is today displayed was Robert Lehman.

**D)** The collection is considered to be priceless today, and the museum cannot buy it.

**E)** We saw that there are all types of pictures, statues and various other forms of art here.

**5.** Mary Shelley, the wife of the well-known Romantic poet, wrote 'Frankenstein'. _____ This was probably due to the strange subject of life from non-living matter, which was a subject greatly discussed in her circle of acquaintances at that time.

**A)** When she had it published in 1818, she did so anonymously.

**B)** Frankenstein was later made into famous movies.

**C)** The classic horror character of Frankenstein is still famous today.

**D)** She wrote this book as a fantasy.

**E)** The public liked the book, and it is still enjoyed today.

**6.** The value of one's heritage is many times not understandable at a young age. _____ These young people are later able to realize that these social restrictions help maintain the values that all societies are built upon.

**A)** Our parents often try to teach us what their parents had taught them.

**B)** Measuring values is often difficult for people before they are in a position to understand them fully.

**C)** People prefer to use the values dictated to them by their elders.

**D)** The world today makes most of the old values useless.

**E)** Most teenagers have some feelings concerning the values their parents teach them, but most are negative due to the restrictions they encounter.

**7.** "Gone with the Wind" was one of the most expensive epic pictures made at that time. _____ After the waste of all the money and time to find the right woman for the part, the producer's brother brought Vivien Leigh to him and said: "I want you to meet Scarlett O'Hara."

**A)** The part of Scarlett O'Hara was craved by most actresses of the day.

**B)** The director had many problems with the production of this film.

**C)** One of the reasons for this expense was that so many screen tests had been made to find the right Scarlett O'Hara.

**D)** The test films were as long as the picture itself because the director was having many problems.

**E)** The actors and actresses that were used for the parts in minor roles were in unusually large numbers.

**8.** The rate of crime in our area has increased dramatically. _____ The changes in the value of money, inflation, war, etc., have forced some people to resort to crime in order to live.

**A)** People are always interested in obtaining an easy way of making a few dollars.

**B)** It is difficult for the police to deal with all these crimes by themselves.

**C)** This seems to be a common problem throughout our country and even the world.

**D)** People are not as kind as they have been in the past to those that are in need of support.

**E)** The whole country has a problem with crimes and there have been many new groups of young people enlisted into the services.

**9.** In my youth, my family and I spent our holidays in our village. _____ Although we had no financial ties left there, the relatives and friends who were all very special to us lured us back, so that we returned every chance we had.

**A)** These trips were full of especially joyful memories.

**B)** We had holidays from school three times a year.

**C)** Everyone waited for us to come.

**D)** We knew everyone who lived in the village.

**E)** We weren't able to swim or do any sports.

**10.** It was once said that one of the values of TV films, even old reruns, was that they gave a person a deeper understanding of life. _____ Today, however, as many people do not really have the time to read, good films on TV seem to be the only alternative.

**A)** I prefer to spend my free time reading a good book.

**B)** TV films are many times better than discussing feelings and thoughts with neighbours.

**C)** Before these times, good books were said to do the same thing.

**D)** Life is probably one of the most difficult things to understand.

**E)** Wasting time watching TV is an alternative to thinking about reality.

**11.** Have you ever noticed how beautiful the web of a spider is? _____ This awe-inspiring work of beauty is, however, a deadly trap for unsuspecting insects.

**A)** Some spiders can spin webs that are many times their own size.

**B)** There are many horror stories about people and animals who have been trapped in giant webs.

**C)** No matter how beautiful it can be, when seen in sunlight, one must not forget it is not really of any value to people.

**D)** People have never really wanted to give any value to this natural masterpiece.

**E)** The intricate details of their webs are so fine and so well crafted that even today no artist can reproduce them.

**12.** The audience at the concert hall viewed the performance with pleasure. _____ He slowly crossed to the grand piano, bowed towards the audience, gracefully sat down and began to play.

**A)** The entrance of the long-awaited pianist brought the audience to their feet.

**B)** Everyone watched with expressions of wonder on their faces.

**C)** The look of pleasure on their faces persisted during the whole performance.

**D)** The applause in the concert hall could be heard outside.

**E)** It is very important for solo performers to make an attractive entrance onto the stage.

**13.** Finding a repairman that is trustworthy and knowledgeable is not easy today. _____ However, it is not a good idea to call these men in to look at expensive appliances without first checking their credentials.

**A)** One can find at least one repair shop on most streets of the city.

**B)** Repairmen today usually refuse to work on expensive appliances.

**C)** The men of my family say that they can repair anything.

**D)** The repairman across the street has been working on my dishwasher for two weeks now.

**E)** Most repairmen go to special schools and courses to learn how to repair appliances.

**14.** Being a parent can be very difficult at times. _____ Older children, on the other hand, don't want the assistance you offer them for anything.

**A)** Parents sometimes resent the assistance they have to give their children.

**B)** Younger children need assistance with everything.

**C)** The more children you have the more difficult it is to find time for yourself.

**D)** No one wants to help but everyone offers advice about how to bring up your child.

**E)** Children never help around the house.

**15.** The storm had caused only minor damage to the vessel, and the crew and captain tried to reassure the passengers. _____ So it was decided to return the ship to port and cancel the excursion.

**A)** The passengers had all tried to help keep the vessel afloat.

**B)** The water had flooded the lower levels of the small ship.

**C)** It was unfortunate that the crew did not want to help the passengers.

**D)** No one died in the accident on board the ship.

**E)** However, the passengers were on their first trip and became frightened.

**16.** The large sheepdog was one of the happiest creatures on the farm. _____ He was like one of the family who faithfully performed his duties and in return was loved and cared for by everyone.

**A)** He hadn't been adopted by the family right after his birth.

**B)** He tended to be silly at times and to not listen.

**C)** His mother had died at his birth and the dog had been cared for by the farmer's family from then on.

**D)** The visitors had offered to buy the dog from the family.

**E)** He ate so much that the farmer and his family had a difficult time feeding him regularly.

**17.** "The Lady with the Lamp", better known as Florence Nightingale, was a young English woman who trained to be a nurse in Germany. _____ At the end of this time, she became accepted as the authority on nursing matters and became involved in establishing nursing schools that taught modern nursing.

**A)** In her youth, she had heard voices that told her of a mission.

**B)** There was a mystery about Florence.

**C)** Her fame was founded when she changed the situation of nursing soldiers during the Crimean War.

**D)** She never worked in a hospital herself and only wrote books about nursing.

**E)** She spent most of her life working with politicians in various situations.

**18.** Loch Ness is well known as the lake in which a monster is said to live. _____ Many people have claimed to have seen this monster and some have even taken pictures that are not really clear enough to be good evidence for scientists.

**A)** The lake is extremely deep and believed to be large enough to hide a huge animal in it.

**B)** The monster has disrupted many fishermen in the lake.

**C)** People around the lake have created the legend to attract tourists.

**D)** It is not possible to see the monster easily.

**E)** At moments like this, the hobby of photography comes in handy.

**19.** Early settlers in America were not injured or hurt by the native people of this land. _____ It was only after the native people had lost their lands and hunting grounds and had been driven onto poor land, where staying alive was difficult, that they began to fight the settlers.

**A)** The Indians were living in the east of the Americas in those days.

**B)** The natives in those days were quite different from the Indians.

**C)** The cowboys of the wild west fought the Indians for many years before taking control of their lands.

**D)** The first colonists were in fact aided by the Indians who lived in this area of the world.

**E)** Staying alive was the only reason they had anything to do with the Indians.

**20.** The children had gotten dressed in their best clothes. The weather was sunny if not warm. _____ He finally got up and the children gave a cheerful yell and went running to the door.

**A)** The rain had finally stopped.

**B)** The children had been stuck indoors all winter long.

**C)** Their new clothes had been hanging in their closet for several weeks and they had been looking forward to showing off while strolling through the town.

**D)** Their mother had told them that their father was too ill to go anywhere and that they shouldn't try to take up his Sunday.

**E)** They had tried everything to get their father to take them out this Sunday, but they had been unsuccessful up till now.