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DIAGNOSTIC (COMMAS)

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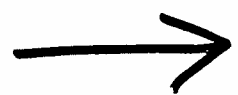
COMMA RULES EXAM--divided format - SENTENCES

Here's a list of the 25 sentences on the exam. Insert the comma(s) if needed.

Using the list of comma rules, write the abbreviation for the rule that applies to the sentence in this column.

SENTENCE	RULES (see →)
A 1. While I was eating lunch, the fire alarm sounded.	26. _____
B 2. The dog jumped off the desk onto the floor and into my lap.	27. _____
C 3. There are two Shakespeare plays <u>Macbeth</u> and <u>Hamlet</u> which I particularly love.	28. _____
D 4. Mark and Joe the two star players of the team both wanted to play quarterback in the game.	29. _____
E 5. The gymnastics gym located behind the main gym was built in 1991.	30. _____
F 6. The names of Mike's pet frogs are Hip and Hop not Huey and Lolie.	31. _____
G 7. When the cat's away the mice will play.	32. _____
H 8. Beginning with the next school year the sophomores will be the superior class.	33. _____
I 9. Stephanie went swimming and then she did star master.	34. _____
J 10. You've got so much potential so don't quit the team!	35. _____
K 11. All the seniors however disappeared mysteriously one glorious Friday.	36. _____
L 12. We went fishing in Colorado for several years and it appears that we will be doing so again this year.	37. _____
M 13. Is it true Anna and Christina lived in Chicago Illinois and Paris France during their childhood?	38. _____
N 14. "It's not over until it's over" the coach replied.	39. _____
O 15. Mike have you seen <u>Sneakers</u> ?	40. _____
P 16. I wish I could go but they are charging six dollars a head to hear the band.	41. _____
Q 17. Brian the expert bodybuilder eats nothing but high protein foods.	42. _____
R 18. Mike's favorite diet on the other hand consists of french fries and oysters.	43. _____
S 19. You must learn to write well so that you will be ready for college.	44. _____
T 20. Besides my interest in lacrosse I don't like most sports.	45. _____
U 21. He went to the grocery store because he needed to buy some tomatoes for his evening meal.	46. _____
V 22. <u>Marcus Welby M.D.</u> is the least favorite program at the retirement manor.	47. _____
W 23. Chuck went jogging yesterday and lifted weights.	48. _____
X 24. Let's do your routine over again Liz.	49. _____
Y 25. The rowdy aging Rolling Stones are still dynamite in concert.	50. _____

Now, using these sentences and the actual copy of the exam, decide which choice (A-E) is correct. Mark the answers on the scanner sheet.



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COMMA DIAGNOSTIC--divided sentences format

Put all answers on the computer sheet. DO NOT WRITE ON THIS EXAM COPY.

- Directions:
1. Pick out the sentence with the commas inserted (or omitted) correctly.
 2. Match the rule which you followed to insert the comma(s).

- Rules:**
- SERIES** = Series of words, phrases, or clauses in a row
 - 2+ADJ** = Two or more adjectives directly connected
 - CC** = Compound sentence with coordinating conjunction
 - INTRO** = Introductory word or phrase or clause
 - DIR** = Direct address (indicated by a comma)
 - NOT** = Comma before NOT and contrasting words, phrases, clauses)
 - DQ** = Direct quotation
 - D/A** = Dates, addresses with two or more parts
 - Title** = Separation of a person's name from his/her title
 - NONESS** = Nonessential
 - APP** = Appositive
 - No rule** = No comma needed or none of the rule choices applies.

listed below the sentences

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1. Sentence A:

- A. While I was eating lunch the fire alarm sounded.
- B. While I was eating lunch, the fire alarm sounded.
- C. While I was, eating lunch, the fire alarm sounded.
- D. While I was eating lunch the fire, alarm sounded.
- E. While I was eating lunch the fire alarm sounded.

26. Sentence A rule is

- A. Intro
- B. Series
- C. CC
- D. Nonessential

2. Sentence B:

- A. The dog jumped off the desk onto the floor and into my lap.
- B. The dog jumped, off the desk onto the floor, and into my lap.
- C. The dog jumped off the desk, onto the floor, and into my lap.
- D. The dog jumped off the desk onto the floor, and into my lap.
- E. The dog jumped, off the desk, onto the floor, and into my lap.

27. Sentence B rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. Series
- C. CC
- D. Nonessential

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3. Sentence C:
 - A. There are two Shakespeare plays, Macbeth and Hamlet, which I particularly love.
 - B. There are two Shakespeare plays, Macbeth and Hamlet which I particularly love.
 - C. There are two Shakespeare plays Macbeth and Hamlet which I particularly love.
 - D. There are two Shakespeare plays Macbeth, and Hamlet which, I particularly love.
 - E. There are two, Shakespeare, plays Macbeth and Hamlet which I particularly love.

28. Sentence C rule is:

- A. Series
- B. Dates and addresses
- C. Direct Address
- D. 2+ADJ
- E. APP

4. Sentence D:

- A. Mark and Joe, the two star players of the team both wanted to play quarterback in the game.
- B. Mark and Joe the two, star, players of the team both wanted to play quarterback in the game.
- C. Mark and Joe, the two star players of the team, both wanted to play quarterback in the game.
- D. Mark and Joe the two star players of the team both wanted to play quarterback in the game.
- E. Mark and Joe the two star players of the team, both wanted to play quarterback in the game.

29. Sentence D rule is:

- A. APP
- B. Series
- C. Direct Address
- D. 2+ADJ
- E. Title

5. Sentence E:

- A. The gymnastics gym located behind the main gym was built in 1991.
- B. The gymnastics, gym located behind the main gym was built in 1991.
- C. The gymnastics gym, located behind the main gym, was built in 1991.
- D. The gymnastics gym, located behind the main gym was built in 1991.
- E. The gymnastics gym located behind the main gym, was built in 1991.

30. Sentence E rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. CC
- C. Nonessential
- D. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies

6. Sentence F:

- A. The names of Mike's, pet frogs, are Hip and Hop, not Huey and Louie.
- B. The names of Mike's pet frogs are Hip, and Hop, not Huey and Louie.
- C. The names of Mike's pet frogs, are Hip and Hop not Huey and Louie.
- D. The names of Mike's pet frogs are, Hip and Hop not Huey and Louie.
- E. The names of Mike's pet frogs are Hip and Hop, not Huey and Louie.

31. Sentence F rule is:

- A. Series
- B. Nonessential.
- C. Direct Address
- D. 2+ADJ
- E. NOT

7. Sentence G:

- A. When the cat's away the mice, will play.
- B. When, the cat's away the mice will play.
- C. When the cat's away, the mice will play.
- D. When the cat's away the mice will play
- E. When, the cat's away, the mice will play.

32. Sentence G rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. CC
- C. Nonessential
- D. Direct Address
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

8. Sentence H:

- A. Beginning, with the next school year, the sophomores will be the superior class.
- B. Beginning with the next, school, year the sophomores will be the superior class.
- C. Beginning with the next, school, year, the sophomores will be the superior class.
- D. Beginning with the next school year the sophomores will be the superior class.
- E. Beginning with the next school year, the sophomores will be the superior class.

33. Sentence H rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. Series
- C. CC
- D. Noness
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

9. Sentence I:

- A. Stephanie went, swimming, and then she did stairmaster.
- B. Stephanie went swimming, and then she did stairmaster.
- C. Stephanie went swimming and then, she did stairmaster.
- D. Stephanie, went swimming, and then she did stairmaster.
- E. Stephanie went swimming and, then she did stairmaster.

34. Sentence I rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. CC
- C. Nonessential
- D. 2+ADJ

10. Sentence J:

- A. You've got so much potential, so don't quit the team!
- B. You've got so much potential so don't, quit the team!
- C. You've got so much potential so don't quit the team!
- D. You've, got so much potential so don't quit the team!
- E. You've got so much potential, so, don't quit the team!

- A. Intro
- B. Series
- C. CC
- D. Nonessential
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

11. Sentence K:

- A. All the seniors, however disappeared mysteriously one glorious Friday.
- B. All the seniors, however disappeared mysteriously, one glorious Friday.
- C. All the seniors however disappeared, mysteriously, one glorious Friday.
- D. All the seniors, however, disappeared mysteriously one glorious Friday.
- E. All the seniors however disappeared mysteriously one glorious Friday.

36. Sentence K rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. CC
- C. Nonessential
- D. App
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

12. Sentence L:

- A. We went fishing in Colorado for several years and it appears that we will be doing so again this year.
- B. We went fishing in Colorado for several years, and it appears that we will be doing so again this year.
- C. We went fishing in Colorado for several years, and it appears that we will be doing so again, this year.
- D. We went fishing, in Colorado, for several years, and it appears that we will be doing so again this year.
- E. We went fishing in Colorado, for several years and it appears that we will be doing so again.

37. Sentence L rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. Series
- C. CC
- D. Nonessential
- E. Direct Address

13. Sentence M:

- A. Is it true, Anna and Christina, lived in Chicago, Illinois and Paris, France during their childhood?
- B. Is it true Anna and Christina, lived in Chicago, Illinois and Paris France during their childhood?
- C. Is it true Anna and Christina lived in Chicago, Illinois, and Paris, France, during their childhood?
- D. Is it true Anna and Christina lived in Chicago, Illinois and Paris France during their childhood?
- E. Is it true, Anna and Christina, lived in Chicago Illinois and Paris France, during their childhood?

38. Sentence M rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. CC
- C. Nonessential
- D. Dates & Addresses
- E. 2+ADJ

14. Sentence N:

- A. "It's not over, until it's over" the coach replied.
- B. "It's not over until it's over", the coach replied.
- C. "It's not over until it's over," the coach replied.
- D. "It's not over until it's over" the coach, replied.
- E. "It's, not over until it's over" the coach replied.

39. Sentence N rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. DQ
- C. Nonessential
- D. Direct Address
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

15. Sentence O:

- A. Mike have you, seen Sneakers?
- B. Mike, have you seen Sneakers?
- C. Mike, have you seen, Sneakers?
- D. Mike have you seen, Sneakers?
- E. Mike have you seen Sneakers?

40. Sentence O rule is:

- A. Series
- B. Nonessential
- C. Direct Address
- D. 2+ADJ
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

16. Sentence P:

- A. I wish I could go, but they are charging six dollars a head, to hear the band.
- B. I wish, I could go but they are charging, six dollars a head to hear the band.
- C. I wish I could go, but they are charging six dollar a head to hear the band.
- D. I wish I could go but they are charging six dollars a head to hear the band.
- E. I wish I could go but, they are charging six dollars a head to hear the band.

41. Sentence P rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. CC
- C. Nonessential
- D. Direct Address
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

17. Sentence Q:

- A. Brian, the expert bodybuilder eats nothing but high protein foods.
- B. Brian the expert bodybuilder eats nothing but high, protein foods.
- C. Brian, the expert bodybuilder, eats nothing but high, protein foods.
- D. Brian, the expert bodybuilder, eats nothing but high protein foods.
- E. Brian the expert bodybuilder eats nothing but high protein foods.

42. Sentence Q rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. APP
- C. Direct Address
- D. Title
- E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

18. Sentence R:

- A. Mike's favorite diet, on the other hand, consists of french fries, and oysters.
- B. Mike's favorite diet on the other hand consists of french fries, and oysters.
- C. Mike's favorite diet on the other hand, consists of french fries and oysters.
- D. Mike's favorite diet on the other hand, consists of french fries and oysters.
- E. Mike's favorite diet, on the other hand, consists of french fries and oysters.

43. Sentence R rule is:

- A. Intro
- B. Series
- C. Nonessential
- D. 2+ADJ

19. Sentence S

- A. You must learn how to write well, so that you will be ready for college.
- B. You must learn how to write well so that you will be ready for college.
- C. You must learn how to write well, so, that you will be ready for college.
- D. You must learn how to write well so that, you will be ready for college.
- E. You must learn how to write well so, that you will be ready for college.

44. Sentence S rule is:

- A. Series
- B. CC
- C. Nonessential
- D. Dates & Addresses
- E. No comma needed or none of the choices applies.

20. Sentence T:

- A. Besides my interest, in lacrosse I don't like most sports.
- B. Besides my interest in lacrosse, I don't like most sports.
- C. Besides, my interest in lacrosse I don't like most sports.
- D. Besides my interest, in lacrosse, I don't like most sports.
- E. Besides my interest in lacrosse, I don't like, most sports.

45. Sentence T rule is:

- A. Nonessential
- B. Date & Addresses
- C. Direct Address
- D. 2+ADJ
- E. Intro

21. Sentence U:

- A. He went to the grocery store, because he needed to buy some tomatoes for his evening meal.
 B. He went to the grocery store, because he needed to buy some tomatoes, for his evening meal.
 C. He went to the grocery store because he needed to buy some tomatoes for his evening meal.
 D. He went to the grocery store because he needed to buy some tomatoes, for his evening meal.
 E. He went to the grocery store because he needed to buy some tomatoes for his evening, meal.

46. Sentence U rule is:

- A. CC
 B. Nonessential
 C. Direct Address
 D. Intro
 E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

22. Sentence V:

- A. Marcus Welby M.D. is the least favorite program, at the retirement manor.
 B. Marcus Welby M.D. is the least favorite program at the retirement manor.
 C. Marcus Welby M.D., is the least, favorite program at the retirement manor.
 D. Marcus Welby M.D. is the least favorite program at the retirement manor.
 E. Marcus Welby M.D. is the least favorite program at the retirement manor.

47. Sentence V rule is:

- A. Intro
 B. CC
 C. Title
 D. Direct Address
 E. 2+ADJ

24. Sentence W:

- A. Chuck went jogging yesterday, and lifted weights.
 B. Chuck went jogging, yesterday, and lifted weights.
 C. Chuck went jogging yesterday and lifted weights.
 D. Chuck, went jogging, yesterday, and lifted weights.
 E. Chuck, went jogging yesterday and lifted weights.

48. Sentence W rule is:

- A. Intro
 B. CC
 C. Nonessential
 D. Dates & Addresses
 E. No comma needed or none of the above rule choices applies.

24. Sentence X:

- A. Let's do your routine, over again Liz.
 B. Let's do your routine over again, Liz.
 C. Let's do your routine over again Liz.
 D. Let's do your routine, over again, Liz.
 E. Let's, do your routine over again Liz.

49. Sentence X rule is:


- A. Intro
 B. CC
 C. Nonessential
 D. 2+ADJ
 E. Direct Address

25. Sentence Y:

- A. The rowdy aging Rolling Stones are still dynamite, in concert.
 B. The rowdy aging, Rolling Stones are still dynamite in concert.
 C. The rowdy aging Rolling Stones are still dynamite in concert.
 D. The rowdy, aging, Rolling Stones are still dynamite in concert.
 E. The rowdy, aging Rolling Stones are still dynamite in concert.

50. Sentence Y rule is:

- A. Series
 B. CC
 C. Nonessential
 D. 2+ADJ
 E. No comma needed or no rule of the above applies.

 You are done? Oops! You have two more tasks before you are really done!

Take out a blank sheet of notebook paper.

Write several sentences addressing these two questions:

- a. your opinion of this test (fairness, effectiveness, format, how you think you did, etc.)
 b. assess your understanding of commas at this point of study

(if given)

Now, turn in your Comma Rules Exam sentences sheet, your scanner sheet, your copy of the exam, and your assessment on the sheet of notebook paper.

