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Chapter 11 Practice Test: Commas

In the space provided, write **C** if the sentence is correctly punctuated. Write **P** if there is a comma error, and **correct the error**.

- _____ 1. My mother the lady in the pink suit is the president of this club.
- _____ 2. The Restoration poets who were most popular during the eighteenth century are famous for their wit and command of the English language.
- _____ 3. You must understand young fellow that a child's place is to be seen and not heard.
- _____ 4. "You're the thief" said the detective with astonishment.
- _____ 5. She decided to shift the responsibility onto Harry an ambitious young man.
- _____ 6. Phoenix a growing metropolis is developing pollution problems.
- _____ 7. The city that has the largest population of senior citizens is Miami.
- _____ 8. The tallest building in the world is now I believe the Sears Tower in Chicago.
- _____ 9. The Empire State Building which held first honors in height for more than forty years is now in third place.
- _____ 10. Mr. President the reporters are waiting.
- _____ 11. "Let them wait" he replied.
- _____ 12. Recitation although it is a required part of the course is a bore.
- _____ 13. The pine tree overbearing and wild cast a gloom over the whole house.
- _____ 14. The depressed teenager whispered "Life should be better."
- _____ 15. Mr. Wildermuth a tall and distinguished-looking man served as one of the ushers.
- _____ 16. Parrots colorful and exotic birds are subject to import restrictions.
- _____ 17. The price of gold moreover has fluctuated wildly in recent years.
- _____ 18. Mental strength is a treasured possession in times of hardship and adversity.
- _____ 19. Jogging is enjoyable and worthwhile.
- _____ 20. Because today is such a beautiful day let's get out the Frisbee.

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Chapter 11 Practice Test: Commas and Semicolons

In the space provided, write **C** if the sentence is correctly punctuated, and **correct other sentences with a comma or a semicolon**. Each sentence has **no more than one error**.

- _____ 1. The road was slick in fact, my car lost traction numerous times.
- _____ 2. I tried to obtain a loan however, all my friends said they had no money.
- _____ 3. They said they had no money because they had problems with cash flow.
- _____ 4. I said that I had no cash to flow under any circumstances I needed a friend with funds.
- _____ 5. Paul was a pilot but most of us were afraid to fly with him.
- _____ 6. His aircraft was an old Cessna that sounded like a large lawn mower.
- _____ 7. Once I traveled with him to Palm Springs, California; Phoenix, Arizona and Taos, New Mexico.
- _____ 8. After we landed in a farmer's field I returned home by bus.
- _____ 9. The party started late and it ended just before sunrise.
- _____ 10. If I had really understood the situation I would not have joined that club.
- _____ 11. The late Steve Allen, who was a well-known actor, musician, and comedian, was active in show business but his main activity was writing books.
- _____ 12. One of his popular books is *The Talk Show Murders* a novel in which Allen fictionalized some experiences of real-life talk-show hosts.
- _____ 13. People of different backgrounds are killed on talk shows in front of live audiences, and the murderer is sought therefore, the book is classified as a detective novel.
- _____ 14. The business implications of these wicked and shocking acts are tremendous however, no one can solve the crimes.
- _____ 15. The talk-show industry is on the verge of collapse because future guests start canceling their appearances.
- _____ 16. Elmo Finstetter is the first to perish he leaves behind a grieving agent, a legion of distraught fans, and a silver-gray Lamborghini.
- _____ 17. He is very thirsty while being interviewed therefore, he takes a drink from a glass on the set.
- _____ 18. That drink is his last as Toni Tennille, the host, looks at him in horror.
- _____ 19. By the time a few others (from celebrities to members of the audience) die all show business feels at the mercy of this psychopath.
- _____ 20. In the midst of the confusion, Roger Dale, super sleuth, has little evidence to work with however, he has millions of witnesses from the collective TV audience.

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3. P understand, young fellow,
4. P thief,”
5. P Harry,
6. P Phoenix, a growing metropolis,
7. C
8. P now, I believe,
9. P Building, . . . years,
10. P President,
11. P wait,”
12. P Recitation, . . . course,
13. P tree, overbearing and wild,
14. P whispered,
15. P Wildermuth, . . . man,
16. P Parrots, colorful and exotic birds,
17. P gold, moreover,
18. C
19. C
20. P day,

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2. loan;
3. C
4. circumstances;
5. pilot,
6. C
7. Arizona;
8. field,
9. late,
10. situation,
11. business;
12. *Murders*,
13. sought;
14. tremendous;
15. C
16. perish;
17. interviewed;
18. last,
19. die,
20. with