Chapter 6 Practice Test: Fragments

In the spaces provided, write C if the sentence is correct or FRAG if the group of words is a fragment. Then make the fragments into complete sentences.

1. Let us begin at the beginning.
2. After the party was over.
3. The concert lasting all night.
4. Hurriedly and ineffectively tried to smother the small fire.
5. The discussion continued far into the night.
6. The silhouetted figure standing in the doorway.
7. The long-haired dog in the pen on the corner of the row.
8. When the storm was over and the sun had broken through.
9. My nephew is a smart child, of course.
10. Locked file cabinets seem to arouse a busybody’s curiosity.
11. Since she was operated on a year ago.
12. Slowly but confidently, opened the locked door.
13. The space shuttle had been tested several times before.
14. The rain swelling the waters behind the dam.
15. The dam on the third-largest river in the state, a technological and engineering wonder.
16. Until you decide to accept responsibility for your own actions and for the consequences of your actions.
17. She accepting the invitation to the ball.
18. The insects hatching on the Schoharie, a stream famous for its trout fishing.
19. When she stepped onto the loose front step.
20. After the child developed a rash, the school nurse sent her home.
Chapter 6 Practice Test: Comma Splices and Run-Ons

In the spaces provided, mark correct sentences C, run-ons RO, and comma splices CS.

CS Example: In Hartford, Wisconsin, there is a small Chrysler plant, it makes outboard motors.

1. In 1781, the Revolutionary War ended when General Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington at Yorktown.

2. I did not understand that we were to go skiing this weekend, I have a book report due on Monday.

3. Ray sold his house he moved to Santa Fe, where he was offered a job as a systems analyst.

4. Derrick was not as bright as some of his classmates, however, because he worked so diligently, he did better than those who had more ability.

5. James Webb, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, is a former Secretary of the Navy he has written several books about his experiences in the Marines and as a midshipman.

6. Many Russian and French choreographers wrote ballets; some of those ballets became popular in America.

7. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivered his often-quoted Gettysburg Address, he was assassinated two years later in 1865.

8. Once Anita had decided to go back to school, she felt relieved that the decision had been made however, she was a little apprehensive about attending classes with students so much younger than she.

9. Geraldo hurried into the house; he took his coat off and hung it up, then he yelled, “I’m home.”

10. The desire to complete a job is frequently the key to completing it; someone told me that truth a long time ago.

11. Acid rain is damaging our national forests and polluting our lakes it also is ruining the paint on my car.

12. Many homeowners are learning to do their own repairs, some are finding the experience rewarding.

13. We ate barbecue at Zeb’s last night on the way home I saw a falling star, a sign of good luck.

14. Climbing, hiking, and backpacking are Natasha’s favorite pastimes, she is not interested in any indoor sports.

15. The acrid smell of cigarettes may become offensive to nonsmokers; smoke can be a hazard to their health.

16. Wearing extra-large pants is a current fad it will be something else someday.

17. The police were called when the next-door neighbors got into an argument over the boundary line the police persuaded them to discuss the matter calmly.

18. I don’t have time to cook a turkey for Thanksgiving, therefore, I ordered one with all the trimmings from The Gourmet Cook.

19. Every year Ed and Romina Phillips have a New Year’s Eve celebration at their home this year it is a costume party.

20. Garry, shifting from one foot to another, waited patiently for Maria to finish work he wanted to take her to dinner.
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