ANSWER KEY – GRAMMAR EVALUATION 1

1. The little girl spoke so quiet that I could hardly hear her. (adjective – adverb form)
   . . . so quietly that . . .

2. Each driver should check the oil level in their car every three months. (pronoun-antecedent agreement)
   . . . in his or her car . . .

3. I hated to ask Anita who is a very stingy person to lend me money. (commas nonessential interrupter)
   . . . Anita, who is a very stingy person, to . . .

4. She decided to quit her high-pressured job, she didn't want to develop heart trouble. (comma splice)
   . . . job; she . . . / . . . job, for she . . . / . . . job. She . . .

5. The flakes in this cereal tastes like sawdust. (subject-verb agreement)
   . . . flakes (in this cereal) taste . . .

6. Much of my boyhood was devoted to getting into rock fights, crossing railway trestles, and the hunt for rats
   in drainage tunnels. (parallelism) . . . and hunting for . . .

7. Turning on the ignition, the car backfired. (dangling modifier)
   When I turned on the ignition, the car backfired.
   Turning on the ignition, I made the car backfire.

8. I asked the clerk if the store had Stevie Wonders latest CD. (apostrophe)
   Wonder's

9. The decisions of the judge seems questionable. (subject-verb agreement)
   . . . decisions (of the judge) seem . . .

10. Earlier in the day, she took a taxi to the airport. Knowing that her time was limited. (fragment)
    Earlier in the day, she took a taxi to the airport, knowing . . .

11. Anybody who wants more dessert should give their order to the pastry chef. (pro.-antecedent agreement)
    . . . give his or her order . . .

12. You must observe all the rules of the game, even if you do not always agree with it. (pronoun reference)
    . . . with them.

13. I first spotted the turtle playing tag on the back lawn. (misplaced modifier)
    Playing tag on the back lawn, I first . . .

14. Because he never fully realized how important a college education could be. (fragment)
    He never fully realized . . .
    Because . . . could be, he enlisted in the army.

15. Her and I have been good friends now for many years. (pronoun case)
    She and I . . .

16. Lola looks more better than Gina in a leather coat. (comparative adjective)
    . . . looks better than . . .
ANSWER KEY – GRAMMAR EVALUATION 1 (CONTINUED)

17. When he asked for a raise his boss fired him. (comma needed – introductory clause)
   ... raise, his ...
18. Ruth begins each day with warm-up exercises, a long run, and taking a hot shower. (parallelism)
   ... and a hot shower.
19. When only three years old, my father taught me to play baseball. (dangling modifier)
   When I was only three ...
20. Trying to get outside quickly, the poor dog caught it’s tail in the door. (apostrophe)
   ... its ...
21. I bought a beautiful blouse in a local store with long sleeves and striped cuffs. (misplaced modifier)
   In a local store, I bought a beautiful blouse with long sleeves and ...
22. No one in the class is better at computer programming than him. (pronoun case)
   ... than he.
23. Luckily someone offered me a ride to class, otherwise, I would have been late. (comma splice)
   ... class; otherwise, ...
24. He started taking pictures in college, which led to commercial photography after he graduated. (pronoun reference)
   ... in college. This hobby led ...

ERROR ANALYSIS FOR GRAMMAR EVALUATION

Faulty adjective/adverb form – 1, 16
Faulty pronoun-antecedent agreement – 2, 11
Comma(s) needed – 3, 17
Comma splice – 4, 23
Faulty subject-verb agreement – 5, 9
Faulty parallelism – 6, 18
Dangling modifier – 7, 19
Apostrophe error – 8, 20
Sentence fragment – 10, 14
Faulty pronoun reference – 12, 24
Misplaced modifier – 13, 21
Faulty pronoun case – 15, 22