ANSWER KEY – GRAMMAR EVALUATION

1. I asked the doctor if my mother’s test results were back from the laboratory. (apostrophe)
2. The safety of the children concern their high school teachers. (subject-verb agreement)
   . . . safety (of the children) concerns . . .
3. Harold Chester who first started playing the guitar at age seven is considered to be an excellent performer by music critics. (commas nonessential interrupter)
   . . . Chester, who first started playing guitar at age seven, is . . .
4. I’ll admit that I should have asked you, however, you never returned my calls. (comma splice)
   . . . you; however, . . . / . . . you. However, . .
5. Arriving late for the meeting, the president glared at me. (dangling modifier)
   When I arrived late for the meeting, the president glared at me.
   Arriving late for the meeting, I noticed the president glaring at me.
6. Having become distrustful of her late night outings. Angela’s husband hired a private detective. (fragment)
   Having become distrustful of her late night outings, Angela’s husband hired . .
7. Everyone has their own opinion about the true meaning of Christmas. (pro-antecedent agreement)
   . . . has his or her own opinion . . .
8. My mother was forceful and domineering. This led to my sister’s rebellion. (pronoun reference)
   . . . domineering. These traits led . .
9. The young dog licked its wounded paw. (apostrophe)
   . . . its . .
10. If the salesman wanted to sell us a new sofa. (fragment)
    The salesman wanted to sell . . .
    If . . . new sofa, he should have listened to what we wanted.
11. Marie is a responsible person who follows her heart and with great enthusiasm. (parallelism)
    . . . who follows her heart and who has great enthusiasm.
12. I am hoarse from trying to talk as loudly as her. (pronoun case)
    . . . as she.
13. I cannot tell you how the movie ended, I fell asleep after the first hour. (comma splice)
    . . . ended ; I . . . / . . . ended, for I . . . / . . . ended . I . .
14. I noticed the beautiful colors of the autumn leaves walking down the street. (misplaced modifier)
    Walking down the street, I noticed . . .
15. Our chores are to take out the trash, to dust the furniture, and vacuuming the carpet. (parallelism)
   . . . and to vacuum the carpet.

16. It is finally over between Mark and I. (pronoun case)
   . . . Mark and me.

17. Having failed her history exam, the teacher suggested she get a tutor. (dangling modifier)
   Because Ruth failed her history exam, her teacher . . .

18. One of the history students know the correct answer. (subject-verb agreement)
   One (of the history students) knows . . .

19. After Harold signed the contract his boss took the staff out for lunch. (comma needed –
   introductory clause)
   . . . contract, his boss . . .

20. Each person who wants to go to the play should buy their ticket now. (pro.-antecedent agreement)
   . . . buy his or her ticket . . .

21. I put the birthday present in the car with the yellow ribbon. (misplaced modifier)
   I put the birthday present with the yellow ribbon in the car.

22. He set the letter on the table so that he would remember to mail it. (pronoun reference)
   . . . to mail the letter.

ERROR ANALYSIS FOR GRAMMAR EVALUATION

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