

ANSWER KEY – GRAMMAR EVALUATION

1. I asked the doctor if my mothers test results were back from the laboratory. (apostrophe)
mother's
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 it's 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 presentwith 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