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1Their new house was smaller than their old one. 2However, Jana did not really mind sharing her room with Marie. 3Jana had her own room in the old house, but here she had to share one with her younger sister. 4What Jana did mind was leaving behind all her friends in the old neighborhood, which was too far away to visit more than a few times a year. 5All of her friends had promised to write, but she knew that would not be enough. 6She would not be able to visit them very often. 7Now she was expected to make new friends as if the old ones had never existed. 8The day they moved, Jana refused to speak to her parents, though she knew that was not fair to them.

1. Which two sentences in the passage are in the wrong order?
 - A. 1 and 2
 - B. 2 and 3
 - C. 6 and 7
 - D. 4 and 6
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On our field trip, we did a lot of fun things at the zoo. First, we saw the monkeys and gorillas. Next, we got to pet some sheep and goats. Finally, we saw the snakes, and I got to touch one. We did a lot of fun things at the zoo. We saw a lot of different animals at the zoo.

2. Which sentence in this paragraph is redundant?
 - A. First, we saw the monkeys and gorillas.
 - B. Next, we got to pet some sheep and goats.
 - C. We did a lot of fun things at the zoo.
 - D. We saw a lot of different animals at the zoo.
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Tetras, which come primarily from South America, can be found in a wide variety of colors. The cardinal tetra has neon blue and red stripes, while the lemon tetra is a semi-transparent yellow. Tetras are freshwater fish and are relatively strong and easy to keep. They are very peaceful, undemanding fish and can be kept with other non-aggressive fish of the same size. Most tetras need a diet of live food, preferably fruit flies, although some will also eat vegetables, such as lettuce. All tetras need plenty of open space in the tank to swim. Lighting in their aquarium should be moderately bright.

3. Which sentence would NOT add new information to the paragraph above?
- A. The bleeding-heart tetra has a red spot on its side.
 - B. Other fish in the tank should not be bigger or smaller.
 - C. If no other food can be found, they will eat dried food.
 - D. The water in the aquarium should be about 75 degrees.
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Each spring our school schedules a field day. Every spring every class has a special event. Kindergarten and first-grade students run relay races. Second and third graders compete in sack races and tug-of-war. The upper grades challenge each other in volleyball. All students enjoy the day of fun.

4. Which would be a supporting sentence for the passage?
- A. It is fun to learn to swim.
 - B. The rain cancelled all of the events.
 - C. The teachers made us all stay inside.
 - D. My brother and I always win the three-legged race.
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5. Which sentence in the passage is used as a transition?
- A. Hannah took dance lessons on Tuesdays.
 - B. While most of the children loved the recitals, Hannah was simply terrified every time.
 - C. She felt she could never learn to enjoy dancing in front of others.
 - D. She was so afraid of dancing in the recitals.
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Mary went to the beach with her friends. Mary and her friends are members of the church choir. They picked up shells as they walked along the shore. The girls ate ice cream after they left the beach.

6. Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph above?
- A. Mary went to the beach with her friends.
 - B. Mary and her friends are members of the church choir.
 - C. They picked up shells as they walked along the shore.
 - D. The girls ate ice cream after they left the beach.
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Amy and Roger wanted very much to go to the beach. After much begging, Mom and Dad decided to take them. Amy, Roger, Mom, and Dad built sandcastles and swam all day long. Last night we had chicken for dinner. It was the last day of summer vacation. The family enjoyed their day at the beach.

7. Which phrase in the paragraph above is repetitive?
- A. very much
 - B. day long
 - C. the beach
 - D. their day
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Every morning I get ready for school in one hour. The key to getting ready for school in one hour is preparation. First of all, I pack my book bag for school before I go to bed. Next, I lay out the clothes that I am going to wear to school the next day. Then, in the morning when I wake up, I follow the same routine each day. I brush my teeth, wash my face, shower, get dressed, and comb my hair. Sometimes I sleep with the light on. I have a daily breakfast menu that I follow, so I look on the menu and then eat an instant breakfast before I go to school. Finally, I am ready for school. It is hard to believe that I do it all in just an hour!

8. Which sentence is NOT related to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Then in the morning when I wake up, I follow the same routine every day.
 - B. I brush my teeth, wash my face, shower, get dressed, and comb my hair.
 - C. Sometimes I sleep with the light on.
 - D. Finally, I am ready for school.
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Their new house was smaller than their old one. Jana had her own room in the old house, but here she had to share one with her younger sister. However, Jana did not really mind sharing her room with Marie. What Jana did mind was leaving behind all her friends in the old neighborhood, because she would not be able to visit them very often. All of her friends had promised to write, but she knew that would not be enough. She would not be able to visit them very often. Now she was expected to make new friends as if the old ones had never existed. The day they moved, Jana refused to speak to her parents, though she knew that was not fair to them.

9. Which sentence or phrase from the paragraph is redundant?

- A. Their new house was smaller than their old one.
 - B. but here she had to share one with her younger sister.
 - C. She would not be able to visit them very often.
 - D. though she knew that was not fair to them.
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Selena went shopping with her mom at the grocery store. First, they picked out some vegetables and fruits. After that, they stopped at the frozen dinners section. Her mom bought some milk, bread, and eggs.

They checked out and went home to put the groceries away.

10. Which are transition words and phrases in the paragraph above?

- A. out, away
 - B. first, away
 - C. first, after that
 - D. stopped, checked
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By lunchtime, Steve began to think he was going to make it through the day without seeing Mark, the school bully. After social studies, he was crossing the hall to Mrs. Peterman's room. He had started to feel safe so he looked down at the papers that were slipping from his hands. When he looked up, boom! There was Mark Steedleman standing by the boys' bathroom. He knew that his friends, Chris and John, were already in the computer room. John had really loved computers ever since third grade. Steve froze in his tracks, smiled to Mark, and turned around, running all the way to his seat in Mrs. Peterman's room.

11. Which does not belong in the paragraph?

- A. He had started to feel safe so he looked down at the papers that were slipping from his hands.
 - B. When he looked up, boom! There was Mark Steedleman standing by the boys' bathroom.
 - C. John had really loved computers ever since third grade.
 - D. Steve froze in his tracks, smiled to Mark, and turned around, running all the way to his seat in Mrs. Peterman's room.
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12. Which sentence does not belong with the rest of the paragraph?

- A. Are you having fun at camp this summer?
 - B. I hope you are.
 - C. I wanted to write you and ask you a question.
 - D. Write to me when you have time.
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Every summer Shannon’s family would go to the beach as often as they could. They knew several other families that went to the beach often too, so Shannon and her brothers had friends to play with. They spent most days playing in the sand and water, building sandcastles and tunnels, and swimming in the ocean. If it rained they stayed home and played games or cards. After dinner they often took long walks on the beach. During these walks, Shannon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother. Spending time at the beach was Shannon’s favorite part of the summer.

13. The word *after* is used as a transition word in the paragraph above. Which BEST describes the purpose of the transition word?
- A. to show a progression over time
 - B. to show a contrast between two ideas
 - C. to give an example of a particular idea
 - D. to make a comparison between two ideas
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Later, after my papers were delivered, I went to the bike store. I checked the price tag on a shiny green bike. It was exactly like the one my brother had shown me in his bike magazine, but the price was higher. The store bike was \$229.00. That was \$25.00 more than the same bike in the magazine. I checked the price tag, sighed softly, and turned to head home.

14. Which phrase in the paragraph is redundant?
- A. the price was more
 - B. I checked the price tag
 - C. my brother had shown me
 - D. after my papers were delivered
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It was Mary's birthday, and Laurie was going to learn how to make a cake for the party. First, Mom told her to get out a large mixing bowl, a measuring cup, two eggs, and something to stir the batter with. When she had everything in place, Laurie began to put all the ingredients together. After stirring up the batter, Mom showed Laurie how to turn the oven on to 350 degrees. Next, she emptied the batter into a large cake pan that she had buttered and floured. Laurie put the pan in the oven, set the timer for 40 minutes and waited for it to be done. Forty minutes later, she took out a beautiful, golden-brown birthday cake.

15. Identify all the transition words and phrases that indicate the sequence in the paragraph above.

Every summer Sharon's family spent two weeks at the beach, renting a house right on the water. In addition, they knew several other families that went to the beach at the same time, so Sharon and her brothers had friends to play with. They spent most days playing in the sand and water, building sandcastles and tunnels, and swimming in the ocean. However, when it rained they stayed home and played games or cards. Afterwards, they often took long walks on the beach. During these walks Sharon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother. Spending two weeks at the beach was Sharon's favorite part of the summer.

16. Which is NOT a transitional word or phrase used in the passage above?

- A. in addition
 - B. however
 - C. afterwards
 - D. in contrast
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17. Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph above?

- A. Ann went on an evening picnic with her next door neighbors, the Mercers.
 - B. The Mercers had two children.
 - C. They had hot dogs and roasted marshmallows.
 - D. Afterwards everyone told stories around a campfire.
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Use the paragraph below to answer question 18.

1It was a place where chocolate drinks were served. **2**In 1657, a house in England was built called the Chocolate House. **3**Princes and princesses liked to go to the house to drink chocolate out of golden cups and talk with friends. **4**Sometimes a guest could see the King and Queen of England drinking chocolate drinks out of golden cups.

18. In the paragraph above, sentence 2 is out of order. Where should sentence 2 BEST be placed?

- A. before sentence 1
 - B. before sentence 4
 - C. before sentence 5
 - D. before sentence 2
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Jim had several chores to do. He had to finish them before he could play with his friends. Cleaning his room was the first job on his list. Jim also had to wash the dishes and put them away.

19. Which could also make a good closing sentence for the paragraph?

- A. Jim's room is always a mess, especially all of the clothes on the floor.
 - B. Jim does not like sweeping the pine needles off of the driveway.
 - C. Jim's chores did not take him long and he was back outside.
 - D. Jim had to take out the trash.
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20. Which of the following BEST describes the underlined sentence as it is used in the passage?

- A. a topic sentence
 - B. a run-on sentence
 - C. a closing sentence
 - D. a supporting sentence
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21. Which sentence from the paragraph is out of sequence?

- A. Hassan went to his friend's birthday party at the skating rink.
 - B. He had not been skating in a long time, so he fell down a lot!
 - C. One time he even fell down in front of a girl that he really likes.
 - D. In spite of that, he still had a great time.
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