

1. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The subject “student body” is used in the sentence as one unit and is therefore considered singular requiring a singular form of verb (i.e., *continues*).

2. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The subject is plural (i.e., pictures) hence the plural form of the verb, *have received*, must be used.

3. **Answer:** D

Explanation: *Everyone* is an indefinite pronoun that must be treated as singular so the singular form of the verb (i.e., needs) should be used. To remember this key rule, you can convert “*Everyone*” in your mind into “*Every single one*” as in “*Every single one needs...*”

4. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The location of AIM most likely remains in Makati unless it moved recently. Therefore, the present tense of the verb is more logical.

5. **Answer:** E

Explanation: The sentence contains no errors.

6. **Answer:** A

Explanation: Although *grapes* are in and of itself plural, in this case, it is part of the title of a single book. As per rules of subject-verb agreement, a singular subject requires the singular form of the verb.

7. **Answer:** D

Explanation: “*Had nurtured*” implies that you nurture a plant before you even plant it which is impossible. You can only nurture the flowers once they are already planted. Therefore, a compound verb, “*I planted and nurtured*” is a more logical replacement.

8. **Answer:** B

Explanation: If used as a subject, the phrase “*a number of*” must follow a plural verb. Hence it should be “*remain*” instead of “*remains*”.

9. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The indefinite pronoun “*no one*” is a singular pronoun that requires a singular verb so it should be “*pursues*” instead of “*pursue*”. The adjectives “*wicked*” and “*righteous*” are both used as nouns in the sentence and therefore require plural verbs.

10. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The correct pronoun is *his* since a widower is a male.

11. **Answer:** C

Explanation: The subject, “*drivers*”, is plural but the pronouns “*he or she*” are both singular (and is considered as one unit because of the use of “*or*”) and therefore not congruent with the former. In order to correct the sentence, “*he or she is*” should be replaced with “*they are*”.

12. **Answer:** E

Explanation: The sentence contains no errors.

13. **Answer:** A

Explanation: When you object or disapprove of someone or something, you either “*protest against*” or “*protest about*” it. In this test item, the verb “*protest*” takes the preposition “*against*”. “*Protest on*” is not grammatically correct nor is it suitable for this sentence.

14. Answer: D

Explanation: The pronoun “*their*” must correspond to or agree with the noun to which it refers. In this case, the noun “*committee*” is considered as a single unit and is therefore singular that requires a singular pronoun as well. Hence, the sentence can be corrected as follows: *After hours of futile debate, the committee has decided to postpone further discussion of the resolution until **its** next meeting.*

15. Answer: C

Explanation: The noun “*right*” is singular so it must be followed by “*is*” instead of “*are*”.

16. Answer: E

Explanation: The sentence contains no errors.

17. Answer: D

Explanation: The sentence is making a comparison between letter-writing campaigns and public demonstrations. This comparison is introduced using the adverb “*more*” and should have been accompanied by the conjunction “*than*” instead of “*and not*”. The sentence can be corrected as follows: *The students have discovered that they can address issues more effectively through letter-writing campaigns **than** through public demonstrations.*

18. Answer: D

Explanation: This is a case of illogical comparison because it compares two completely different things: *Mohammed’s insightful interpretation and the other performers*. The first part of the statement specifically mentions “Mohammed’s insightful interpretation” and not Mohammed himself. So, to correct the statement, Mohammed’s interpretation should be compared to other performers’ interpretations, as in *At the music recital, Alexandra enjoyed listening to her friend Mohammed’s insightful interpretation, which she thought was more sophisticated **than the interpretations of the other performers.***



Verbal Ability Answer Key

Set 1: *Identifying Errors*

19. Answer: C

Explanation: The singular noun “*quality*” must be followed by an equally singular verb “*was*” instead of “*were*”.

20. Answer: C

Explanation: “*Heavy*” in this sentence is used to modify the participle “*veiled*” so it should be in the form of an adverb instead of an adjective. The sentence can be corrected as follows: *Maude Adams, after her spectacular triumph as the original Peter Pan, went about **heavily veiled** and was accessible to only a handful of intimate friends.*



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