AHSGE Skills Test

Underline the predicate nominative or predicate adjective in the following sentences. Then write *PREDICATE NOMINATIVE* or *PREDICATE ADJECTIVE* on the space provided to identify it.

1. Uncle Paul is your father’s brother.
2. The party was dull without a band.
3. Mr. Thomas is our new coach.
4. Li is very popular.
5. Ed became anxious about the noise.

Identify the indirect object and the direct object in the following sentences. Write the objects in the chart. Not all sentences will have an indirect object.

Indirect objects Direct Objects

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6. We recycle newspapers.

7. My friend Janet bought chips for the party.

8. He gave us coins from his collection.

9. I found a penny on the ground.

10. The teacher assigned Kim a report.

11. Mike gives baseball all of his time.

12. The restaurant had burritos on the menu.

13. Nathaniel told Chris the best idea.

14. Vince bought his dad a new wallet.

15. The newscaster reported an accident on Main Street.

16. Sentences 6-15 on this test all contain what type of verb? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. The sentences below contain a misplaced modifier. Select the sentence that is rewritten correctly.

*The tourists were safe from the piranhas in the raft.*

a. The tourists in the piranhas were safe from the raft.

b. The tourists in the raft were safe from the piranhas.

c. From the piranhas, the tourists were safe in the raft.

d. The piranhas were safe from the tourists in the raft.

*He works two places so he can pay his bills at night.*

a. So he can pay his bills at night, he works two places.

b. He works two places at night, so he can pay his bills.

c. Paying his bills at night, he works two places.

d. In two places, he works so he can pay his bills.

*Brad and his friend, Stephanie, served the seven course meal looking well-dressed to the guest.*

a. Looking well-dressed to the guests, the seven course meal served Brad and his

friend, Stephanie.

b. Looking well-dressed, Brad and his friend, Stephanie, served the seven course

dinner to the guests.

20. The sentence below contains a dangling modifier. Select the sentence that is rewritten correctly.

*After a few years of playing music, medicine became his chosen course of study.*

a. Medicine became his chosen course of study after a few years of playing music.

b. While playing music, medicine became his chosen course of study.

c. After he played music for a few years, medicine became his chosen course of study.

d. He played music a few years after medicine became his chosen course of study.   
 *Driving to the bank, the family cat meowed at the approaching cars.*

a. Out family cat, driving to the bank, meowed at approaching cars.

b. As we were driving to the bank, our family cat meowed at the approaching cars.

c. While meowing at the approaching cars, our family cat was driving to the bank.

d. As our family cat meowed at the approaching bank, we were driving to the cars.

*Unable to endure the damp, cold weather, the sunny South seemed like a good place to live.*

a. The damp, cold weather in the sunny South seemed like a good place to live.

b. Living in the sunny South seemed like a good place to endure the damp, cold

weather.

c. Although we were unable to endure the sunny South, staying in the damp, cold

weather seemed like a good place to live.

d. Because we were unable to endure the damp, cold weather, the sunny South

seemed like a good place to live.

Identify the word in the sentence that has a capitalization error.

23. Portugal is a nation located west of the spanish border.

a. spanish b. nation c. west d. border

24. The bill passed both houses of Congress because of the efforts of senator Dole.

a. bill b. Congress c. houses d. senator

Identify the total number of underlined words in the sentence requiring a capital letter.

25. In the south, many people enjoy barbecue pork.

a. one b. two c. three d. four

26. Eileen Jacobs wrote to general motors corporation to ask about the safety features on their 1995

line of vehicles.

a. one b. two c. three d. four

YOU MAY ELIMINATE ONE QUESTION. TO ELIMINATE THE QUESTION PLACE AN **X** OVER THE NUMBER OF THAT PROBLEM. **NO** EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE AWARDED FOR NOT ELIMINATING. THE QUESTIONS ARE WORTH FOUR POINTS EACH. GOOD LUCK!