**Revising and Editing: Grammar in Context**

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| **Directions**  **Read the essay and answer the questions that follow.** |

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| (1) Unlike most people my age, I am not counting the days until I can get my own car. (2) I would rather have a horse on my sixteenth birthday. (3) Please do not misunderstand me. (4) I want to drive as much as any teenager. (5) I also know that there is nothing better than a car when it comes to moving things or people. (6) However owning a horse is cheaper, better for your health, and much more enjoyable than owning a car.  (7) Firstly, the average horse costs less to buy and maintain than the average car. (8) A young, trained saddle, or pleasure, horse costs between $2,000 and $3,000. (9) The average car is much more expensive than that. (10) People say that the purchase price of a horse is the smallest expense and that it’s feeding and caring for a horse that cost too much. (11) This claim is baloney. (12) Feed, bedding, vet supplies and care, and shoeing services run an average of $2,000 a year. (13) Furthermore, much of the maintenance can be handled by the rider. (14) He or she does not need the specialized and expensive care of professionals. (15) Cars are much more expensive to maintain than horses are. (16) If you factor in insurance, parking, maintenance, and the high cost of gas, you can pay well over $8,000 to maintain your wheels. (17) Horses don’t lose their value, and riders are not required to have insurance.  (18) A horse is also a better choice because horseback riding improves a rider's health. (19) A rider uses up calories contracting and relaxing muscles to stay balanced. (20) A person burns about five calories a minute while riding a horse. (21) Trotting and cantering get up the heart rate. (22) Trotting and cantering also build leg muscles. (23) Furthermore, these activities build back muscles. (24) Granted, driving a car requires coordination, especially with a manual transmission. (25) In addition to coordination, riding a horse requires balance and flexibility. (26) Perhaps most significant, though, is the accident rate. (27) Crashes are far more likely to occur in a car than on a horse.  (28) The benefits of riding a horse are just as important though less tangible. (29) On horseback, the rider can explore places where cars cannot go. (30) The rider experiences nature up close, but the car driver observes it from a distance. (31) There is no sound of engines to cover the thick clop-clop of the horse’s hooves or the soft snuffles of its breath. (32) Instead of admiring new landscapes, the driver sits in bad traffic, sees construction, and experiences parking restrictions. (33) The car driver often wishes that he or she have a horse. (34) Finally, one cannot discount the bond that a horse and rider share. (35) Cars certainly have their advantages, but horses offer so much more. |

1. What is the prepositional phrase in sentence 2?

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| A. | I would rather have a horse |
| B. | have a horse |
| C. | on my sixteenth |
| D. | on my sixteenth birthday |

2. What is the correct way to punctuate sentence 6?

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| A. | However, owning a horse is cheaper, better for your health, and much more enjoyable than owning a car. |
| B. | However owning, a horse is cheaper, better for your health, and much more enjoyable than owning a car. |
| C. | However owning a horse, is cheaper, better for your health, and much more enjoyable than owning a car. |
| D. | However owning a horse is cheaper, better for your health and much more enjoyable, than owning a car. |

3. Choose the BEST way to combine sentences 20 and 21 to create a compound sentence.

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| A. | Trotting and cantering get up the heart rate, trotting and cantering build leg muscles. |
| B. | Trotting and cantering get up the heart rate, they also build leg muscles. |
| C. | Trotting and cantering get up the heart rate, and they also build leg muscles. |
| D. | Trotting and cantering get up the heart rate and trotting and cantering build leg muscles. |

4. Choose the BEST way to add an adjectival phrase to sentence 34.

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| A. | Finally, one cannot discount the fact that a horse and rider share a bond. |
| B. | Finally, one cannot completely discount the bond that a horse and rider share. |
| C. | Finally, one cannot discount the emotionally fulfilling bond that a horse and rider share. |
| D. | Finally, one cannot discount the bond that a horse has for its rider. |

5. What change, if any, should be made in sentence 33?

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| A. | Change ***have*** to **has** |
| B. | Change ***have*** to **had** |
| C. | Change ***have*** to **were** |
| D. | Make no change |

6. Which precise verb would BEST replace *cover* in sentence 31?

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| A. | ruin |
| B. | imitate |
| C. | replace |
| D. | obscure |

7. What is the correct way to make sentence 22 an imperative sentence?

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| A. | Please consider me for an internship. |
| B. | I am hoping for an internship. |
| C. | Your internship would be a consideration for me. |
| D. | I wish you would consider me for an internship. |

8. What is the BEST way to combine sentences 23 and 24?

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| A. | My background is adequate for your program, and I would appreciate receiving an application. |
| B. | My background is adequate for receiving an application. |
| C. | If my background is adequate for your program, I would appreciate receiving an application. |
| D. | I would appreciate receiving an application for background for your program. |

9. What is the correct way to make sentence 25 an imperative sentence?

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| A. | The address above is the place to send an application. |
| B. | The application should be sent to the address above. |
| C. | Send an application to the address above. |
| D. | I hope you will send an application to the address above. |

10. What is the BEST way to combine sentences 26 and 27?

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| A. | I look forward to trying out for this internship experience which would be so valuable for me. |
| B. | I look forward to trying out for this internship experience and it would be so valuable for me. |
| C. | I look forward to trying out for this internship experience, it would be so valuable for me. |
| D. | I look forward to trying out for this internship experience, which would be so valuable for me. |