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PRACTICE TEST #1

1. James Clark, who is known for his stamina, will lead the race on July 4, 2001.

2. Despite his parental influence, the young man chose to attend Harvard, the rival of his father's alma mater.

3. The meeting, I believe, will be held on Veteran's Day, despite the efforts of Tom, Karen, and Susan to change the date.

4. John Smith, the school editor, will make the proposal; however, it is Mr. James, who is the school principal, that will make the final decision.

5. No, Sarah, you may not go to the dance; he is a rude, snobbish young man, the kind of individual that you should not date.

6. You should, therefore, avoid him at school, but I don't want you to be cruel to him.

7. If you act like a foolish, pompous jerk, she won't go out with you, for she will think that you are an idiot.

8. Be strong, brave, and confident if you intend to compete with John Smith, the keenest man on the team.

The tired deer, besieged by the pack of dogs, traveled five miles without rest, food, or water.

10. That is the most illogical, crazy play in the world, or I am the President of the United States!

11. The plan for the company merger, on the bargaining table for four consecutive weeks, is now ready for final approval, a process that will take another 2 weeks.

12. It was blind, violent passion, not the force of hatred, that separated the two lovers, Romeo and Juliet.

13. After the party on Monday, July 4, I will need someone to help me plan the Labor Day picnic, the Thanksgiving buffet, and the Valentine dance.

14. He failed the test; consequently, he was unable to receive certification in time for the job interviews, the biggest events of his life.

15. I hope, Susan, that you will win the competition, not just the first event.

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16. I will not bow to such a stupid, humiliating order, nor will I agree to exclude Sarah, the finest friend in the world.

17. If, for any reason, you find the job requirements too difficult, you can resign, and I will take over your position on Thursday, January 10, the last day of our budget year.

18. Roses, tulips, and daffodils are my favorite flowers, but I prefer them living, not cut.

19. John is, as far as I can tell, the man most likely to win the election, if he can establish a strong, hard-working campaign base.

20. Drop and destroy one more crystal glass, and I will demand your resignation, report you to the restaurant manager, and insist that you pay for replacements.