Pronoun-Antecedent Exercises

In the following sentences, label all pronouns and their antecedents. Some of the sentences may not contain an error. (Answers p. 159, Official Guide question list p. 141)

- 1. Not until the early twentieth century did the city become capable of maintaining their population and cease to be dependent on rural areas for a constant stream of new inhabitants.
- 2. Cleota Davis, the mother of jazz legend Miles Davis, was an accomplished pianist in her own right, but she hid that fact from her son until he was an adult.
- 3. Pain doesn't show up on a body scan and can't be measured in a test, and as a result, many chronic pain sufferers turn to art in an effort to depict that.
- 4. The nitrogen cycle describes its movement from the air into organic compounds and then back into the atmosphere.
- 5. If you exercise to prevent diabetes, one may also want to avoid vitamins C and E since these antioxidants have been shown to correlate with it.
- 6. With the price of art lower, collectors for the most part don't want to part with a prized painting or sculpture unless they are forced to do it.
- 7. Once common across southwest Asia, the Indian cheetah was driven nearly to extinction during the late twentieth century and now resides in the fragmented pieces of their remaining suitable habitat.
- 8. Although Alice Sebold does not write her books with any particular age group in mind, it has proven popular with middle and high school students.
- 9. Some critics of the Internet have argued that it is a danger to people because its vastness, often heralded as a benefit, threatens our intellectual health.
- 10. The woolly mammoth and the saber-toothed tiger might have survived as late as 10,000 B.C., although it went extinct fairly abruptly right around that time.
- 11. When the auditorium closes next year for renovations, the theater company will probably hold their productions at another location.
- 12. While most editors are concerned with how accurate a biography is, others are more interested in how rapidly it can be published.
- 13. One measure of a society's openness to newcomers is the quality of the space they create for people of unfamiliar cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- 14. Though recipes for yeast-free muffins were commonly found in nineteenth-century cookbooks, by the twentieth century most muffin recipes were calling for it.
- 15. Although the jury spent many hours arguing over the details of the trial, it was ultimately unable to reach a consensus.
- 16. The Egyptian temple complex at Karnak, situated on the eastern bank of the Nile, was their sacred place of worship.

- 17. The city's economy has weakened significantly over the past decade, and this has led to an overwhelming loss of manufacturing jobs.
- 18. In the announcement, the school committee stated that they would substantially overhaul the eleventh grade curriculum at some point during the next year.
- 19. The world's population could climb to 10.5 billion by 2050, which raises questions about how many people the Earth can support.
- 20. Paul and Julio had just returned from a long and exhausting hike along the Appalachian Trail when he stumbled and hit his head.
- 21. In order to become truly great at a sport, players must spend most of his or her free time practicing.
- 22. Japan's status as an island country means that they must rely heavily on other countries for the supply of natural resources that are indispensable to national existence.
- 23. The Marquesa islands were among the first South Pacific islands to be settled, and from its shores departed some of the greatest navigators of all time.
- 24. Google's dominance as an Internet search function has allowed the company to expand their ambitions to include virtually all aspects of the online world.
- 25. Autobiographies are often structured differently from memoirs, which follow the development of an author's personality rather than the writing of his or her works.

Pronoun Case Exercises

In the following sentences, fix any pronoun case error that appears. Some of the sentences may not contain error. (Answers p. 160, Official Guide question list p. 143)

- 1. Although our parents have little difficulty distinguishing between my twin sister and I, our teachers are much more easily fooled by our seemingly identical appearance.
- 2. For we voters, it is exceedingly difficult to choose between the two candidates because their positions on so man issues are so similar that they are virtually indistinguishable.
- 3. After listening patiently to our admittedly flimsy excuses, the principal decided to sentence Akiko and I to a week detention.
- 4. Along with our project, the professor handed Shalini and I a note requesting that we remain after class in order to discuss our research methods with her.
- 5. Evidently moved by the strength of their testimony, the jury awarded Tom and him a two million dollar settlement for the injuries they had sustained in the accident.
- 6. The conversation between my supervisor and me went surprisingly well despite the numerous disputes we have engaged in over the past several weeks.
- 7. When the gubernatorial candidate arrived at the auditorium to give a speech, we found it nearly impossible to distinguish between she and her assistant, so similar were they in height and appearance.
- 8. My lab partner and myself were awarded first prize in the science fair for our work on the breakdown of insuli production in people who suffer from diabetes.
- 9. Walking through Yellowstone National Park, Jordan, Sam, and me were so astonished by our surroundings that we found ourselves at a loss for words.
- 10. An unfamiliar subject when the class began, Roman history became increasingly fascinating to he and Alexis over the course of the semester.