

Major Errors

Exercise 2

Directions: Each of the following sentences is correct or contains **one** of the listed errors. Place the symbol in the blank.

Fr	=	Fragment
CS	=	Comma Splice
Fus	=	Fused Sentence
Ag	=	Agreement (either Subject-Verb or Pronoun-Antecedent)
//	=	Faulty Parallel Sentence Structure.
C	=	Correct

- _____ 1. The city of Rome was said to have been founded in 753 BCE by twin brothers. Romulus and Remus.
- _____ 2. Although Romulus killed his brother during the construction of the city; he was later elevated to a god.
- _____ 3. According to myth, the two brothers were raised by a she-wolf a famous bronze statue of the wolf and the two brothers was set up in the Roman Forum.
- _____ 4. Rome began as a small city, however, it had conquered most of modern day Italy by the third century BCE.
- _____ 5. Rome's greatest challenge, the North African city of Carthage, was its greatest enemy.
- _____ 6. The second Punic war, which began in 218 BCE; brought Rome to the brink of destruction.
- _____ 7. When only a young boy, Hannibal, the son of a Carthaginian general, vowed eternal hatred of Rome and he also wanted vengeance.
- _____ 8. Since Hannibal defeated every army that the Romans sent out against him.
- _____ 9. Hannibal's greatest victory came at Cannae; there, in the bloodiest day of battle of ancient times, Hannibal's army killed 50,000 of Rome's finest citizens.
- _____ 10. Rome exacted a terrible vengeance when, in 146, her army burned Carthage to the ground, destroyed its port, and kills over 500,000 men, women, and children.
- _____ 11. Grammar is a serious subject; but most students do not like it.
- _____ 12. English grammar is complex, some sentences can never be adequately explained by it.

- _____ 13. Syntax describes the order in which words are placed in the sentence.
- _____ 14. Inflections are changes in word forms that signal such things as case, number, and gender, and tense is also reflected in verbs.
- _____ 15. Good sentences are crafted by the writer balance and concord are not achieved easily.
- _____ 16. The paragraph is the basic unit of the essay.
- _____ 17. Every paragraph must have a clear topic sentence; they also need coherence and development.
- _____ 18. Anemic paragraphs are like anemic bodies, they are sick.
- _____ 19. Although clarity is a major quality of all good writing, one should never compromise the complexity of your subject by pandering to your audience.
- _____ 20. Logic is a method of separating good arguments from bad, most people fail to learn it.