Grammar Mastery Test

Unit 12 Adjectives and Adverbs

A. Identifying Adjectives and Adverbs (4 points each)

Select the letter of the term that identifies each italicized word.

- a. predicate adjective
- b. indefinite article
- c. definite article
- d. proper adjective
- e. demonstrative adjective
- f. intensifier

1. Jeremy found the filmstrip rather dull and boring.
   - _____
2. A movie would have been more fun.
   - _____
3. Jeremy fell asleep at the end.
   - _____
4. The filmstrip was narrated by a Canadian professor.
   - _____
5. He spoke too softly.
   - _____
6. That visitor enjoyed the filmstrip.
   - _____
7. He is very enthusiastic about photography.
   - _____
8. I think he really liked those pictures at the end of the filmstrip.
   - _____

B. Adjectives and Adverbs as Modifiers (4 points each)

Select the letter of the word or phrase that each italicized word modifies.

9. There is a great new video game at the arcade.
   - a. There
   - b. new
   - c. game
   - _____
10. It looks quite challenging but fun.
    - a. It
    - b. looks
    - c. challenging
    - _____
11. Starblaster is the name of this game.
    - a. Starblaster
    - b. name
    - c. game
    - _____
12. Tommy can play the game better than I can.
    - a. Tommy
    - b. can play
    - c. game
    - _____
13. He goes to the arcade and practices hard every weekend.
    - a. goes
    - b. practices
    - c. weekend
    - _____
14. I almost never beat Tommy when we play Starblaster.
    - a. never
    - b. beat
    - c. play
    - _____

C. Comparative and Superlative Forms (4 points each)

Select the letter of the form that correctly completes each sentence.

15. Jim Thorpe was one of the _____ American athletes of all time.
    - a. most great
    - b. greater
    - c. greatest
    - _____
16. Thorpe competed _____ in the 1912 Olympics.
    - a. successfully
    - b. successful
    - c. most successful
    - _____
17. He ran _____ than most of the other runners of his day.
   a. well  b. better  c. best

18. People were _____ in other athletes than in Jim Thorpe that year.
   a. interested  b. less interested  c. least interested

19. Thorpe taught American runners to work _____ than they had before.
   a. diligently  b. more diligently  c. most diligent

20. Jim Thorpe is one of the _____ admired of all American athletes.
   a. widely  b. more widely  c. most widely

D. Adjectives, Adverbs, and Double Negatives (5 points each)

Select the letter of the sentence that is written correctly.

21. a. Johanna is the better writer in our class.
   b. She writes the most wonderful stories.
   c. Have you read these stories she wrote for the school magazine?

22. a. When Johanna is writing, you can’t hardly get her attention.
   b. She is the hardest worker I know.
   c. That girl is a writing fanatic.

23. a. Johanna writes particularly good mystery stories.
   b. I can’t never figure out how she’s going to solve the mystery.
   c. Her latest mystery is more tenser than many of her others.

24. a. Last winter Johanna broke her hand bad.
   b. She couldn’t write for near two months.
   c. It was the least happy time of her life.