

Grammatical Rules and Systems- Exercises

1 - Identify the type of each of the following sentences.

a. statement b. question c. command d. exclamation

1. How often do you come here?

b. question

2. How interesting this article is!

d. exclamation

3. Hurry up before the train's departure!

c. command

4. How interesting is this article?

b. question

5. This article is very interesting. **a. statement**

2 - Identify whether the underlined verb is the main verb or the helping verb of each sentence below:

a. main verb b. helping verb

1. Students like fast food.

a. main verb

2. He has enough money for the trip.

a. main verb

3. Khaled does not want to go to school today.

b. helping verb

4. He is helping me wash the dishes.

a. main verb

5. He will arrive shortly.

b. helping verb

3 - Decide whether the underlined verbs are:

a. intransitive

b. monotransitive

c. ditransitive

1. The student needs a pen.

b. monotransitive

2. Ali told his friend a joke.

c. ditransitive

3. Students study.

a. intransitive

4. Students study books.

b. monotransitive

4 - Identify the type of the underlined NP.

a. noun

b. nominal group

c. pronoun

d. pronominal group

1. The children went to bed late.

b. nominal group

2. I made this cake myself.

c. pronoun

3. Ahmed owns an expensive car.

b. nominal group

4. Khaled bought a book.

a. noun

5. The book is his.

c. pronoun

6. Someone in our office forgot to lock the door.

d. pronominal group

5 - Identify whether the underlined noun is:

a. a common noun (example of a class)

b. a common noun (generic)

c. a proper noun

1. Mohammed gave me a pen.

a common noun (example of a class)

2. A pen is an instrument used for writing.

b. a common noun (generic)

3. Khaled's car is new.

a common noun (example of a class)

4. Khaled has a new car.

c. a proper noun

5. Fruit is good for you.

b. a common noun (generic)

6 - Decide whether the following NPs can be followed by:

a. a singular verb b. a plural verb c. both are possible

1. Ahmed's young brother

a. a singular verb

2. his family

c. both are possible

3. juice

a. a singular verb

4. the company

c. both are possible

5. men

b. a plural verb

7 - In the following phrases, decide which of the underlined words is:

a. the head b. a post-modifier c. a pre-modifier

1. a big store

a. the head

2. the store manager

c. a pre-modifier

3. the leader of the group

b. a post-modifier

4. the group leader

c. a pre-modifier

5. someone in my office

a. the head

8 - Identify the type of the underlined determiner in the following sentences:

a. article b. demonstrative c. possessive d. quantifier

1. This exercise is easy.

b. demonstrative

2. Their friend is here.

c. possessive

3. The visitor came early.

a. article

4. Many people watch the show every week.

d. quantifier

5. These sentences are interesting.

b. demonstrative

9 - Choose the appropriate pronoun:

1. 1st person plural pronoun

a. he **b. we** c. they d. you

2. 3rd person singular masculine pronoun

a. they b. it c. you **d. he**

3. 2nd person singular pronoun

a. you b. I c. we d. she

10 - What is the form of the finite verb in each sentence?

a. base form **b. 3rd person singular form** **c. past form**

1. The manager **talked** to the employees.

c. past form

2. **He** drinks coffee every morning.

b. 3rd person singular form

3. Ahmed and Khaled usually **study** together.

a. base form

4. I **went** to the mall yesterday.

c. past form

5. At eight o'clock every morning, my father **goes** to work.

b. 3rd person singular form

11 - Decide whether the underlined verbs are:

a. finite **b. non-finite**

1. He was able to walk after physical therapy.

b. non-finite

2. He is making a chair out of wood.

b. non-finite

3. He made a chair yesterday in his workshop.

a. finite

4. You should spend more time studying.

b. non-finite

5. They spend time together every Thursday morning.

a. finite

12 - Choose the correct order for each verbal group:

1. a. have seen could b. could seen have

c. **could have seen** d. seen could have

2. a. have should been doing b. doing should have been

c. have been should doing d. **should have been doing**

3. a. **has been studying** b. studying has been

c. been studying has d. studying been has

13 - Decide whether the type of the verbal group in each sentence is:

- a. Type 1 (modal +infinitive) b. Type 2 (have +past participle)**
c. Type 3 (be +present participle) d. Type 4 (be +past participle)

1. The machine was fixed.

d. Type 4 (be +past participle)

2. He can fix any machine.

a. Type 1 (modal +infinitive)

3. He is fixing the machine.

c. Type 3 (be +present participle)

4. He has fixed the machine.

b. Type 2 (have +past participle)

14 - Decide whether the underlined verb is:

- a. a main verb operator b. a helping verb operator c. not an operator**

1. They do not come here often.

b. a helping verb operator

2. I have not seen this movie yet.

b. a helping verb operator

3. Do you have a copy of the movie?

c. not an operator

4. He is not here.

a. a main verb operator

5. He isn't going, is he?

b. a helping verb operator

15 - Choose (a) if the given term refers to a form and (b) if it refers to a function.

a. form b. function

1. pronominal group

a. form

2. indirect object

b. function

3. complement

b. function

4. subject

b. function

5. noun phrase

a. form

16 - Choose the correct function for the underlined NPs:

a. Subject b. Object c. Complement d. Appositive

1. His father gave him some important advice.

b. Object

2. Ahmed's uncle lives in Riyadh.

a. Subject

3. Ahmed's uncle is a successful businessman.

c. Complement

4. Khaled has a lot of books in his room.

b. Object

5. The teacher gave the students exercises.

b. Object

6. My brother Saleh studies at King Faisal University.

d. Appositive

7. The manager found him a hard working employee.

c. Complement

17 - Decide whether the appositive in the following sentences is restrictive or non-restrictive:

a. restrictive b. non-restrictive

1. The shopkeeper Othman is a hard working man.

a. restrictive

2. Dr. Omar, my Linguistics professor, published a book.

b. non-restrictive

3. Majid and Saleh, my cousins, will visit us tomorrow.

b. non-restrictive

18 - Choose the meaning expressed by the Prepositional Phrase in the following sentences:

a. place b. time c. manner d. instrument

1. My office is located on Riyadh Road.

a. place

2. He graduated college with a good GPA.

c. manner

3. He fixed the door with a hammer.

d. instrument

4. They will visit us on Monday.

b. time

5. The artist finished the sculpture with great talent.

c. manner

19 - Choose the correct function for the underlined PP.

a. complement of subject+BE

c. adjunct

b. complement of an adjective

d. post-modifier in an NP

1. We finished our exam in 2 hours.

c. adjunct

2. We visited the big shop in the mall.

d. post-modifier in an NP

3. Mohammed is fluent in English.

b. complement of an adjective

4. Ahmed was in his uncle's house.

a. complement of subject+BE

5. Ahmed's uncle has a big TV in his house.

c. adjunct

20 - Decide whether the underlined adjective can be used only attributively, only predicatively or both.

a. only attributively b. only predicatively c. both

1. He is a smart student.

c. both

2. The child is asleep.

b. only predicatively

3. One of the main causes of lung cancer is smoking.

a. only attributively

4. Are you afraid of the dark?

b. only predicatively

5. This runner is fast.

c. both

21 - Identify the function of each of the underlined adjective phrases below.

a. complement b. modifier in NP c. head of NP

1. The driver responsible for the accident paid the fine.

b. modifier in NP

2. The driver was careless.

a. complement

3. He is a careless driver.

b. modifier in NP

4. The police found the driver guilty.

a. complement

5. The elderly must be respected.

c. head of NP

22 - Identify the form of the underlined adverbials.

a. NP b. PP c. finite clause d. non-finite clause

1. He visited me in my house.

b. PP

2. He is studying to pass the exam.

d. non-finite clause

3. Ali has an exam this morning.

a. NP

4. I will give you my homework after it is done.

c. finite clause

5. They walked together, smiling widely.

d. non-finite clause

23 - Choose the type of the underlined adverbials.

a. adverbial of frequency c. adverbial of degree

b. adverbial of manner d. adverbial of relative time

1. He always drinks tea in the morning.

a. adverbial of frequency

2. The climbers barely made it to the top of the mountain.

c. adverbial of degree

3. He finished the exam quickly.

b. adverbial of manner

4. My friends just arrived from their trip.

d. adverbial of relative time

5. They bravely climbed the mountain.

b. adverbial of manner

24 - Identify the function of each of the underlined adverbials.

a. adjunct b. complement c. object d. modifier

1. Are you absolutely sure?

d. modifier

2. The child followed his father very closely.

a. adjunct

3. He told him when to come.

c. object

4. The show ended very quickly.

d. modifier

5. It was all right.

b. complement

25 - Which of the underlined elements is NOT a necessary element of the following clauses? If all elements are necessary, then choose "d".

a. (1) b. (2) c. (3) d. all elements are necessary

1. He was in my home yesterday.

(1) (2) (3)

c. (3)

2. Maha is a good student.

(1) (2) (3)

d. all elements are necessary

3. The angry man waited impatiently.

(1) (2) (3)

a. (1)

26 - Identify the basic clause structure type for each of the following simple sentences.

a. BE + C b. Vt+ dO c. Vt +iO +dO d. Vt +dO +C

1. Faisal wrote a book.

b. Vt+ dO

2. He is a good writer.

a. BE + C

3. He gave me the book.

c. Vt +iO +dO

4. I found the book interesting.

d. Vt +dO +C

5. The book is in my library.

a. BE + C