

Wordiness, Redundancy, and Ambiguity (Basic)

1. It is the duty of the veteran players to show the rookies how they are falling behind and what they should do about it.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) should address their weaknesses.
 - C) ought to deal with their deficiencies and shortcomings.
 - D) need to attempt to figure out what they are not very good at.
2. It's impossible to predict which people will have fun or if they were to stay silent, and I've stopped trying to guess.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) would have stayed
 - C) stay
 - D) might be staying
3. They met regularly at the mill and Ellicott's home, where they met to discuss debates in agriculture.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) at Ellicott's home, meeting
 - C) Ellicott's home
 - D) Ellicott's home, meeting
4. Unfortunately, the soldiers often faced risky peril from their own side.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) dangerous
 - C) extreme
 - D) DELETE the underlined portion.
5. The document regarding the inherent rights of humanity stated that barons had natural rights and could not be taxed by the king without their permission.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) that was the same one that described how taxation in England work
 - C) about natural rights
 - D) DELETE the underlined portion.
6. A team led by Harvard University professor Robert Langdon is studying ancient religious texts in order to discover heretofore unknown secrets.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) in order for discovering
 - C) so that one is discovering
 - D) so to discover

7. Businesses have succeeded in minimizing and keeping down costs.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) minimizing costs associated with employees' coursework.
 - C) being effective at keeping down costs.
 - D) keeping down costs.
8. In 2016, electricians' wages averaged \$27.63 per hour, comparable to solar installers.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) wages earned by a solar installer.
 - C) those of solar installers.
 - D) a solar installer.
9. New practices, new ideas too, and technologies are rapidly transforming the country.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) also new ideas,
 - C) in addition to ideas,
 - D) ideas
10. There is certainly a wide variety of benefits and advantages to recycling.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) advantageous benefits
 - C) beneficial advantages
 - D) benefits
11. By weight, the automobile is the most recycled product, but this wasn't always a true fact.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) a truth, in fact.
 - C) truly factual.
 - D) true.
12. If your car stopped running properly and you could no longer repair it, there was no good method that existed for you to get rid of it.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) no method in which you could get rid of it that was good.
 - C) no good method to get rid of it.
 - D) none of it.
13. Giotto Bondone became one of history's most influential painters of all time to ever live.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) living of all time ever.
 - C) of all time.
 - D) DELETE the underlined portion and adjust the punctuation as necessary.

14. Giotto was instrumental in connecting the ideas and visual schemes of the medieval world with the Renaissance, which was yet to come in the future.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) coming yet in the future.
 - C) yet to come.
 - D) yet.
15. About twenty people a day ride the bus, and I think maybe I might possibly have met them all.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) perhaps I've
 - C) I've possibly
 - D) I've