Quiz – Parallel Structure Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Part 1: Determine if each sentence is PARALLEL in structure or NOT PARALLEL in structure.

1. Pancakes dripping with syrup, coffee steaming in big mugs, and bacon frying on the stove make

breakfast at Grandma’s house a real treat.

PARALLEL NOT PARALLEL

2. Lorenzo scowled at the teacher, was muttering under his breath, and sighed heavily, but in truth he loved taking algebra tests.

PARALLEL NOT PARALLEL

3. Skipping the directions, hurrying to finish first, and neglecting to recheck her work have caused

Claudia to fail every math test this semester.

PARALLEL NOT PARALLEL

4. At the family reunion, we ate Grandma’s barbecued ribs, Aunt Sally’s potato salad, and heaping

plates of jiggling banana Jell-O prepared by Cousin Sue.

PARALLEL NOT PARALLEL

5. Claude glanced at his watch, took a last sip of coffee, and began his trek to Dr. Grayson’s three

-hour snooze fest on the French Revolution.

PARALLEL NOT PARALLEL

Part 2: Underline or highlight the part or parts of the sentence that are parallel in structure to each other.

6. Vacuuming under the furniture, dusting the ceiling fans, and scrubbing the tile grout with a

toothbrush, Jordan prepared the house for his ultra-picky mother-in-law.

7. The sky grew pink, seagulls began to cry, and waves rolled onshore as Madison took her morning stroll on the beach.

8. During the exam, Rachel sucked the ends of her hair, chewed the top of her pencil, and picked

at a scab on her elbow, but she could not remember the third cause of the French Revolution.

9. Laura packed an orange soda not only for herself but also for Colby.

10. Josh thinks Veronica is the most beautiful girl ever, so he has no interest either in dating Solita or going out with Reva.

Part 3: Choose which letter correctly completes the sentence.

11. Thomas searched the car trunk, the pantry shelves, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but he

could not find the box of Cap’n Crunch he remembered buying.

A. the top of the refrigerator

B. on the top of the refrigerator

C. searched on the top of the refrigerator

12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, chanting monks, and chirping birds are the sound files

Aaron enjoys on his iPod.

A. Waves crashing

B. Waves that crash

C. Crashing waves

13. Filled with holiday spirit, Jennifer bought a Christmas present not only for her boyfriend Andre but also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. for his obnoxious younger brother Pierre.

B. for his younger brother Pierre.

C. for Pierre his younger brother.

14. Eli held the phone on his lap, trying to work up the courage to call Melinda, the beautiful girl new girl at school. All the while, his foot jiggled, his nostrils flared, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. sweat was collecting on his forehead.

B. his forehead sweated.

C. sweat collected on his forehead.

15. On school mornings, Nicole can sleep through anything, even the alarm clock buzzing at her head or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. when her mom is banging at her door.

B. Mom banging at her door.

C. her mom banging at her door.

16. On vacation, Patrick can trust neither his roommates nor the veterinary staff with Squeeze, his

9-foot albino python, so he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sneaks him into hotel rooms.

A. hid him in a suitcase

B. is hiding him in a suitcase

C. hides him in a suitcase

Part 4: Rewrite the part of the sentence that DOES NOT have parallel structure.

17. Victoria brewed espresso, steamed milk, and joked incessantly as she prepared Mike’s latte.

18. Hannah tried holding her breath, chewing a piece of gum, and was poking her belly, but she could not quiet her empty stomach, which rumbled during the chemistry exam.

19. For his first date with Malinda, Juan bought not only a dozen roses but he also purchased a box of chocolates.

20. Alana had to paddle past a school of jellyfish, kicked a small sand shark in the nose, and

untangle seaweed from her surfboard before she reached her favorite point break.

21. Spiders that bite, hissing snakes, and squealing rodents fill the aquariums in Zach’s basement.

22. Class with Dr. Rogers was a nightmare: the clock seemed stuck in place, the air conditioner blew

minimally cool, and an overhead buzzing fluorescent bulb.

23. Anthony is too noisy as a seatmate. Crunching on apple slices, slurping hot coffee, and the rings of his notebook snapped open and shut all contribute to the cacophony.

24. Until the Clays arrived home at 5 p.m., the clock ticked, the refrigerator hummed, and the dogs snoring in the otherwise quiet house.

25. Brooke has found that neither background music nor eating potato chips make writing her

research essay any easier.

I predict my score on this quiz will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of 25. ☺

BONUS: Unscramble the words below to create a **sensible** sentence with parallel structure. Include correct punctuation for full credit. (up to 2 points)

Natalia her small the presentation at blinked text the not her crammed the decipher could screen glasses eyes slide wiped but and she onto squinted.

Natalia blinked her eyes, wiped her glasses, and squinted at the screen, but she could not decipher the small text crammed onto the presentation slide.