



Descriptive Analysis Worksheet for SENTENCE COMPREHENSION OF SYNTAX

Record the examinee's response for each pair of sentences using S for Same (yes) and D for Different (no).

Item	Response	Meaning	Explanation
1A		Same	Possessive form (<i>Mary's</i>) spelled out in dependent clause in second sentence.
1B		Different	Second sentence has additional subject.
2A		Same	Second sentence is inverted form of first sentence.
2B		Different	Subject interchanged with object of preposition changes the meaning in second sentence.
3A		Same	Adjective (<i>big</i>) and predicate adjective (<i>barking</i>) simply reversed in second sentence.
3B		Same	Adjective (<i>big</i>) contained in dependent clause in second sentence.
4A		Different	Second sentence does not contain the negative.
4B		Different	Different subjects mean different speakers of the message.
5A		Different	Subject interchanged with object of preposition changes the meaning in second sentence.
5B		Same	Second sentence is inverted form of first sentence.
6A		Same	Second sentence is passive form of first sentence.
6B		Different	Different subject and direct object of verb <i>kissed</i> in second sentence.
7A		Same	Possessive form (<i>girl's</i>) spelled out in participial phrase in second sentence.
7B		Different	Subject interchanged with object of preposition changes the meaning in second sentence.
8A		Different	Adjective (<i>angry</i>) modifies two different words; <i>girl</i> is acted upon (<i>was chased by the angry cat</i>) in first sentence and performs the action (<i>that chased the cat</i>) in second sentence.
8B		Same	First sentence is passive form of second sentence; adjective (<i>angry</i>) becomes predicate adjective in second sentence.
9A		Different	Subject and object of verb <i>help</i> are different in each sentence.
9B		Same	Second sentence is passive form of first sentence.
10A		Same	Dependent clause in second sentence is passive form of dependent clause in first sentence.
10B		Different	Adjective (<i>happy</i>) modifies two different words.
11A		Same	Both sentences include negation.
11B		Different	Correlative conjunctions in second sentence do not include negation.
12A		Different	Adjective (<i>pretty</i>) modifies two different words.
12B		Same	Dependent clause in second sentence doesn't change meaning; adjective (<i>pretty</i>) becomes predicate adjective in second sentence.
13A		Same	Possessive form (<i>dog's</i>) spelled out in prepositional phrase in first sentence. First sentence is inverted form of second sentence.
13B		Different	Subject switches from singular (<i>one</i>) in first sentence to plural (<i>pictures</i>) in second sentence.
14A		Different	Subject (<i>tall boy</i>) is two different people-- <i>John</i> in the second sentence and <i>John's brother</i> in the first sentence.
14B		Same	Subject (<i>tall boy</i>) interchanged with predicate noun (<i>John's brother</i>) does not change meaning.
15A		Different	Each sentence has a different speaker. Each direct quotation has a different subject.
15B		Different	Indirect quotation has different subject.
16A		Different	Second sentence includes negation.
16B		Different	Dependent clauses about eagerness for a win modify different subjects; <i>even though</i> clause in second sentence contradicts <i>in spite of</i> clause in first sentence.
17A		Same	First sentence is passive form of second sentence.
17B		Different	Second sentence changes tense of verb.
18A		Different	Dependent clause (<i>who was in the car</i>) modifies two different words.
18B		Same	First sentence is passive form of second sentence.
19A		Different	Infinitive phrase modifying <i>difficult</i> is different for each sentence.
19B		Same	Both dependent clauses about homework (<i>if</i> and <i>unless</i>) are semantically equivalent.
20A		Same	Second sentence has same meaning given in different order and in different clauses.
20B		Different	Prepositional phrase (<i>in the car</i>) modifies two different words.
21A		Different	Possessive (<i>baby's</i>) modifies two different words.
21B		Same	Use of antonym verb inverts second sentence but doesn't change meaning; possessive spelled out in second sentence.