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The Hilltop **ANSWERS**

**I. RECOGNIZING SENTENCE PARTS**

Please find the simple subject and underline it once; underline only the significant subject word or words. Also, find the simple verb and underline it twice; underline only the main verb and its helping verbs. All sentences 3 pt.

- 1) The young couple teetered on a spongy tuft of ground encircling an old hoary cedar.
- 2) The man and woman, friends for quite a long time, contemplated their next steps.

Below find the complete subject and underline it once; underline the subject plus any modifiers. Find the complete predicate and underline it twice; underline the main verb plus helpers plus objects or complements plus any associated modifiers. Every part of the sentence should be underlined one way or another (unless there is an interjection). If a word or phrase washes adverbially across the entire sentence, underline that phrase twice.

- 3) The two had been hiking in the area since the time of the last derecho.
- 4) The big, dank, humid, cedar bog, vaguely oppressive in nature, had always blocked their path in one direction.
- 5) Today, they were making the effort to cross to the other side.

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II. FOCUSING ON VERBS

Tell whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive. If a sentence has a dependent clause (marked in square brackets) tell whether the verb of that clause is transitive or intransitive.

6) This particular spot <sup>LV</sup> was tricky.

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7) Jerry held Addison's hand <sup>DO</sup> and, together, they jumped <sup>AV</sup> (toward the next fairly solid ground.)

Trans.

Int.

8) The murky, reddish channel at their feet had been carved into a sinuous Pine Barrens creek bed of indeterminate depth. <sup>Passive voice</sup> Tricky

Trans

Always trans.

Identify whether the main verb in the following sentences is in the active or passive voice. Rewrite the sentence using the opposite voice. You do not have to use all of the words in the original sentence, but the meaning must remain substantially unchanged.

9) At one point, the two chose differing paths across the swampy bog.

Voice: Active

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Differing paths across the swampy bog were chosen by the two.

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10) Jerry held slender cedar saplings along the way; Addison’s path was more free style.

Voice of first clause: **Active**      Voice of second clause: **LV, no voice**

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Slender cedar saplings were held by Jerry along the way.

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III. *PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES*

Place parentheses around the prepositional phrases in the following sentences.

11) A slight stirring **(** in the tree tops **)** was caused by a breeze **(** from the opposite side **)** of the bog. **)**

12) Nearly **(** at the far side **)**, the two simultaneously slipped and sank **(** to the knees **)** in the warm, slick water. **)**

Please draw arrows that show what other word(s) in each sentence are modified by the identified prepositional phrases.

13) Clambering **←** (onto the shore), they laughed **←** (at their predicament) and began to walk **←** soggily (into an unfamiliar forest).

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14) An old sugar sand road led (from the bog's edge) (up a gentle slope) (toward the crest) (of a hill).

15) [AS they walked], the breeze (from the north) freshened and the forest rustled (in an otherworldly manner) (around them).

IV. VERB OBJECTS AND COMPLEMENTS

Underline and identify any direct objects (DO), indirect objects (IO) or object complements (OC) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these objects in each of the clauses.

16) S AV Addison saw DO an interesting fallen tree AV (on the ground) and AV laughed.

17) S LV PA "Does that look familiar?"

18) S AV DO "It reminds me (of a dragon) (from olden times.)"

19) S AV DO Jerry saw many dragons (on their walks) and AV IO often left them DO small offerings (of jewels or copper pennies.)

20) S AV DO OC "I will name it Toby; I will give it a gift," she said. IO DO

2 extra points if totally correct.

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Underline and identify any predicate nouns (PN) and/or predicate adjectives (PA) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these complements in each of the clauses.

21) Addison's reaction to this was typical; he smiled and stood [AS Addison felt (in her pocket ~~X~~ for a gemstone)].

*Handwritten annotations: S, LV, PA, S, AV, S, AV = Intran.*

22) [WHILE she knelt and spoke (to the dragon)], the wind kicked up and became swirly.

*Handwritten annotations: AV, LV, PA*

23) Suddenly, the air smelled sweeter and somehow more wholesome.

*Handwritten annotations: LV, PA, PA*

Underline and identify any direct objects (DO), indirect objects (IO), object complements (OC), predicate nouns (PN) and/or predicate adjectives (PA) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these objects and complements in each of the clauses.

24) From the top ~~X~~ of the hill a curious whistling could be heard.

*Handwritten annotations: S, AV, Verb in passive voice*

25) The couple joined hands and began walking (in that direction).

*Handwritten annotations: AV, DO, AV, DO, Walking is a Gerund.*

26) [AS they approached the crest (of the hill)], the whistling became more complex and alluring.

*Handwritten annotations: S, AV, DO, S, LV, PA, PA*

27) Someone was producing fantastic notes, a song (of longing).

*Handwritten annotations: S, AV, DO, OC*

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28) At the top of the hill, Jerry and Addison saw a man sitting on a large outcropping of stone [which was unusual for the Pine Barrens].

*Handwritten annotations: S, LV, PA, AV, DO, X*

29) Addison squinted at the oddly familiar man but he could not remember his name.

*Handwritten annotations: S, AV, AV, DO*

Part: phrase 30) Reaching into her pocket for another trinket, Jerry had a smile on her face [AS she walked to the man and gave him the small treasure.]

*Handwritten annotations: S, AV, DO, S*

31) It was a charm (for a bracelet) [that was shaped like a Lincoln log].

*Handwritten annotations: LV, PV, S, AV*

V. CASE

Circle or otherwise mark the appropriate case of the pronouns in question.

32) "I didn't expect to find you here, a person [who/whom had departed from friends long ago]."

*Handwritten annotations: S, X*

33) [Whoever/whomever people love] always remains with them to the end, and perhaps beyond.

*Handwritten annotations: DO, S, AV*

34) "Between you and we/us," said Addison, "we/us are well met."

*Handwritten annotations: S, S, AV, DO, S*

35) "It is I/me [who/whom enjoy this meeting]," spoke Vern [who/whom once again began whistling].

*Handwritten annotations: S, AV, DO, S*

*There are three separate cases to decide in this sentence.*