

## VIU Grammar and Punctuation Practice Assessment

**Part A – Pronouns: Choose the correct pronoun for the underlined word(s) and rewrite in the space provided:**

Subject pronouns: I, you, he, she, it, we, they.  
Object pronouns: me, you, him, her, it, us, them.

1. Sarah made dinner for the whole family.

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2. Tyler played tag with Miguel and Ramon.

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3. Mr. Cane went to the movies with Mrs. Cane.

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4. The house needs a fresh coat of paint.

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5. Mary and Bob work much harder than \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. he and I
- b. him and I
- c. me and him
- d. him and me

6. Could you read that short story to \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. she and I
- b. her and I
- c. her and me
- d. she and me

7. Do you think it could have been \_\_\_\_\_ who appeared in that news clip?

- a. he and I
- b. him and I
- c. me and him
- d. him and me

**For more information about pronouns, see Grammar Study Guide 1**

**Part B – Subjects and Verbs: Underline the subjects and Circle the verbs in the following sentences:**

8. The man with the roses looks like your brother.
9. The football players run five miles every day.
10. That red-haired lady in the fur hat lives across the street.
11. He cooks dinner for his family.
12. Your friend talks too much.
13. The weather on the coast appears to be good this weekend.

**For more information about subjects and verbs, see Grammar Study Guide 2**

**Part C – Capitalization and Punctuation: For items 11 to 15, choose the sentence that is written with correct capitalization and punctuation.**

14. In terms **of physical size Quebec** is the largest province in Canada.  
A. physical size, Quebec  
B. Physical size. Quebec  
C. Physical size; Quebec  
D. Correct as it is
15. The capital of **New Brunswick is Fredericton, its largest city is Saint John.**  
A. New Brunswick is Fredericton- Its largest city is Saint John.  
B. New Brunswick is Fredericton: Its largest city is Saint John.  
C. New Brunswick is Fredericton; its largest city is Saint John.  
D. Correct as it is
16. **“Can you tell me,” asked the visitor, how I** can get to Robson Street?”  
A. tell me,” asked the visitor, “how I  
B. tell me? “ asked the visitor, “how I  
C. tell me, “ asked the visitor: “how I  
D. Correct as it is
17. People complain **about the cities traffic**, but no one does anything about it.  
A. about the citys’ traffic,  
B. about the city’s traffic,  
C. about the Citys traffic,  
D. Correct as it is

18. A. By 1996, the number of people calling Canada home was close to thirty million.  
B. By 1996, the number of people calling Canada home was close to thirty million.  
C. By 1996, the number of people calling Canada home was close to Thirty million.  
D. By 1996, the number of people calling Canada home was close to Thirty Million.  
Circle

**Correctly punctuate the following paragraph using capital letters, periods, commas and semi-colons.**

#### **Good Health**

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**For more information about capitalization and Punctuation, see Grammar Study Guide 3**

**Part D – Spelling: The following piece of writing has six spelling errors. Underline the incorrectly spelled words and write them out correctly below the text.**

#### **Conflict Resolution**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**For more general information about spelling rules, see Grammar Study Guide 4**

**Answers on the next page**

## Answers:

### Part A

1. She
2. Them
3. Her
4. It
5. a
6. c
7. a

### Part B

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### Part C

14. A
15. C
16. A
17. B
18. B

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| 1. individuals | 2. Themselves | 3. feelings  |
| 4. peacefully  | 5. mediator   | 6. agreement |