

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

One day while flipping through a magazine, Kenny saw photos of some artwork that fascinated him. After researching the artist, he wrote this paper. Read Kenny's paper and look for any revisions he should make. Then answer the questions that follow.

Pencil-Tip Art

(1) Dalton Ghetti is a carpenter by trade. (2) He spends most of his time at work remodeling homes. (3) He spends his free time, however, on a very unusual hobby. (4) He creates sculptures from the tips of pencils.

(5) When Ghetti was a child growing up in São Paulo, Brazil, he and his friends used pocketknives to sharpen their pencils. (6) Ghetti learned how to carve his friends' names into pencils. (7) He would then give the pencils to his friends as gifts. (8) As he grew older, he carved large pieces from wood, but he was always much more interested in small pieces. (9) One day he decided that into the tip of a pencil he would carve a miniature sculpture. (10) Ghetti's unique hobby was born!



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Some Examples of Art That Ghetti Has Created on the Tips of Pencils

(11) Today Ghetti uses only three tools to create his sculptures: a razor blade, a sewing needle, and a sculpting knife. (12) He now lives in Bridgeport, Connecticut. (13) Among Ghetti's many creations are a tiny chair, a shoe, a mailbox, and a church. (14) He has even carved a miniature Elvis Presley into the tip of a pencil. (15) Most sculptures take several months for Ghetti to create. (16) However, some projects take longer. (17) Ghetti once carved a pencil into a series of 23 interlocking chain links. (18) That project took two and a half years!

(19) Ghetti doesn't sell his work. (20) He just enjoys making things for himself and his friends. (21) Occasionally, though, some of his miniature art is displayed in museums. (22) This pleases Ghetti because he wants people to notice small things.

(23) Ghetti used to get frustrated when they would break. (24) But a change in attitude has helped him. (25) Now he accepts the fact that delicate pieces are sometimes going to break. (26) As soon as he begins each project, he thinks, "I wonder how far I can get before it breaks!"

13 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 6 and 7?

- A** Ghetti learned how to carve his friends' names into pencils, which he would then give to his friends as gifts.
- B** Ghetti learned how to carve his friends' names into pencils, he would then give the pencils to his friends as gifts.
- C** Ghetti learned how to carve his friends' names into pencils after he would give the pencils to his friends as gifts.
- D** Ghetti learned how to carve his friends' names into pencils that would then give the pencils to his friends as gifts.

14 What is the **BEST** way to revise sentence 9?

- F** One day he decided to carve into the tip of a pencil, he would carve a miniature sculpture.
- G** One day he decided that he would carve into the tip of a pencil where he carved a miniature sculpture.
- H** One day he decided to carve a miniature sculpture into the tip of a pencil.
- J** The sentence does not need to be revised.

- 15** Kenny realizes that there is a sentence in the third paragraph (sentences 11–18) that does not belong. Which sentence should Kenny delete from this paragraph?
- A** Sentence 12
 - B** Sentence 13
 - C** Sentence 14
 - D** Sentence 17

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- 16** The meaning of sentence 23 is unclear. Kenny can clarify the meaning of this sentence by changing *they* to —
- F** the stuff he worked on
 - G** this and that
 - H** items and things
 - J** his pencils and pencil tips