Punctuation Practice

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which mark should finish the direct question Where did you leave the bag?
   A. Question mark
   B. Colon
   C. Comma
   D. Apostrophe

2. Which spelling correctly contracts do not?
   A. don’t’
   B. dont
   C. don’t
   D. do’nt

3. One teacher owns the notebook. Which phrase shows that ownership?
   A. the teachers’ notebook
   B. the teacher’s notebook
   C. the teachers notebook
   D. the teacher notebook’s

4. Which sentence uses a comma to show that Jo is being addressed directly?
   A. Jo please close the, door.
   B. Jo please, close the door.
   C. Jo please close, the door.
   D. Jo, please close the door.

5. Which mark goes around a speaker’s exact words in ordinary written dialogue?
   A. Square brackets
   B. Quotation marks
   C. Apostrophes alone
   D. Parentheses

6. Which punctuation fits after ends in When practice ends we will meet outside?
   A. A comma
   B. An apostrophe
   C. A colon
   D. A period

7. Which sentence correctly joins two independent clauses with the conjunction but?

A. The hall was crowded, but, we found a seat.
B. The hall was crowded but, we found a seat.
C. The hall, was crowded but we found a seat.
D. The hall was crowded, but we found a seat.

8. The bikes belong to several riders. Which phrase shows that the riders are the owners?

A. the riders bikes
B. the rider’s bikes
C. the riders’ bikes
D. the riders bike’s

9. Which mark best fits after items in I packed three items a mug, a towel, and a notebook?

A. Colon
B. Apostrophe
C. Question mark
D. Closing quotation mark

10. Which U.S.-style sentence places the marks correctly when the quoted words form a statement?

A. “I saved a seat” Ren, said.
B. “I saved a seat”, Ren said.
C. “I saved a seat.” Ren said.
D. “I saved a seat,” Ren said.

11. Which punctuation can replace the comma in Noor packed her bag, Ellis locked the door while keeping both complete thoughts in one sentence and adding no words?

A. A pair of quotation marks
B. An apostrophe
C. A semicolon
D. A question mark

12. The phrase who collects old radios adds extra information about Vera. Which version sets it off correctly?

A. Vera who collects, old radios restored this one.
B. Vera, who collects old radios, restored this one.
C. Vera, who collects old radios restored this one.
D. Vera who collects old radios, restored this one.

13. Which phrase uses a hyphen to group the words that describe the workshop’s length?

A. a two day workshop
B. a two day-workshop
C. a two-day-workshop
D. a two-day workshop

14. Which punctuation best separates these three stops when each stop already contains a city and state separated by a comma: Albany, New York, Boise, Idaho, and Salem, Oregon?

A. Semicolons between the stops
B. Apostrophes between the stops
C. Question marks between all the parts
D. No punctuation anywhere in the list

15. Which sentence correctly shows that the exact words Are you ready form a question?

A. “Are you ready,” Ellis asked?
B. “Are you ready”? Ellis asked.
C. “Are you ready?” Ellis asked.
D. “Are you ready?” Ellis asked?