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I. Revise the following sentences to get rid of any errors or weaknesses: (30%)

1. Plays don't have the advantages of camera angles and editing techniques that film directors have.
2. Perhaps the chief cause of or reason for obesity in people who are overweight is lack of exercise.
3. The tray is rectangular in shape and predominantly blue in colour.
4. As to AIDS, it is upsetting for all Americans with a sense of social responsibility.
5. The sociologists from the U.K. answered all the questions german to the highly controversial issue.
6. Wars on nations change maps, wars on poverty map changes.
7. A college education enables the graduate to meet the snares and pitfalls of life with a broader point of view.
8. Leaving him the next morning, we felt that he had led a happy, useful, and rewarding life. A fact that we spoke of at odd moments most of that day.
9. We were acquainted with his brother, and his eighty-year-old father was also well known to us.
10. The library, old and dusty and well lit with hundreds of high-wattage bulbs, was a melancholy place to work.
11. The boy is one of the best, if not the best full back on the team.
12. She did not say a word, but took me to the backyard in what seemed to me a bit hurriedly.
13. At an early age, my parents explained the difference between right and wrong.
14. Success in life, they say, requires two principal qualities, they are perseverance and innate talent.
15. What I am interested in regard to this matter has nothing to do with the topics prevalent in the neighborhood.

II. Writ in approximately 700 words an essay on the moral of the following fable. Give a title to your essay. (70%)

THE MILLER, HIS SON AND THEIR ASS

A Miller and his Son were driving their Ass to a neighboring fair to sell him. They had not gone far when they met with a troop of girls returning from the town talking and laughing. "Look there!" cried one of them, "did you ever see such fools, to be trudging along the road on foot, when they might be riding!" The old Man, hearing this, quietly bid his Son get on the Ass, and walked along merrily by the side of him. Presently they came up to a group of old men in earnest debate. "There!" said one of them, "it proves what I was a-saying. What respect is shown to old age in these days? Do you see that idle young rogue riding, while his old father has to walk? Get down, you

scapegrace! and let the old man rest his weary limbs." Upon this the Father made his Son dismount, and got up himself. In this manner they had not proceeded far when they met a company of women and children. "Why, you lazy old fellow!" cried several tongues at once, "how can you ride upon the beast, while that poor little lad there can hardly keep pace by the side of you." The good-natured Miller stood corrected, and immediately took up his Son behind him. They had now almost reached the town. "Pray, honest friend," said a townsman, "is that Ass your own?" "Yes," says the old Man. "Oh! One would not have thought so," said the other, "by the way you load him. Why, you two fellows are better able to carry the poor beast than he you!" "Anything to please you," said the old Man: "we can but try." So, alighting with his Son, they tied the Ass's legs together, and by the help of a pole endeavored to carry him on their shoulders over a bridge that led to the town. This was so entertaining sight that the people ran out in crowds to laugh at it; till the Ass, not liking the noise nor his situation, kicked asunder the cords that bound him, and, tumbling off the pole, fell into the river.