ACT English 2, Set 2
Answers & Explanations

1. D  This is the best answer because when speaking of general truths, the present tense is used.

2. F  This is the best answer because the modifying phrase “once they reach puberty” should be as close to the subject “girls” as possible; this avoids ambiguity.

3. B  This is the best answer because the use of hyphen separates secondary information about depressed kids.

4. H  This is the best answer because it is the only option that directly relates to the text.

5. A  This is the best answer because it uses the proper connector “instead”; the other options contain connectors which completely change the meaning.

6. J  This is the best answer because it describes why some have expressed concerns about anti-depressants.

7. A  This is the best answer because it avoids wordiness and maintains the tone of the essay.

8. G  This is the best answer because it represents the results of a study conducted in the past.

9. C  This is the best answer because it avoids a run-on sentence; it also maintains proper punctuation by using a comma to separate the subject from its modifier.

10. G  This is the best answer because it accurately reflects the content of the article.

11. A  This is the best answer because the parallel ideas in the sentence are expressed in the same way, with verb infinitives.

12. F  This is the best answer because the essay narrates the ways teen depression manifests itself and possible solutions.

13. B  This is the best answer because it represents the appropriate subordinating conjunction.

14. H  This is the best answer because it separates the initial clause from the rest of the sentence.

15. D  This is the best answer because it is the present tense, passive voice and consistent with the rest of the sentence.

16. J  This is the best answer because it keeps the tone of the passage and avoids wordiness.

17. A  This is the best answer because it explains that the essay takes a closer look at two film representations of the play.

18. J  This is the best answer because the other examples do not show consistency of tense. In the subordinate clause, the verb is eliminated and the preposition “of” is used as a continuation of the phrase “example of”.

19. D  This is the best answer because it is the most efficient and effective way to express the phrase. It avoids wordiness.
20. **F** This is the best answer because it effectively summarizes the main point of the paragraph and contrasts it with the previous film mentioned.

21. **B** This is the best answer because it is the present tense verb (subject is “love”) and consistent with the rest of the paragraph.

22. **H** This is the best answer because Paragraph 1 is an introduction to the film.

23. **A** This is the best answer because it represents the possessive form.

24. **G** This is the best answer because it effectively and efficiently distinguishes the two films’ representation of their love.

25. **C** This is the best option because it appropriately explains the main topic of the essay in a succinct manner.