EXERCISE 12-4

Parts of the Sentence: Identifying (12a-3)

The following sentences are grouped by pattern. Within each group, identify subjects, verbs, objects, and complements by writing the appropriate abbreviation above the word. Disregard modifiers.

Pattern 1: S, V

1. Bats live a long time.
2. Bamboo plants grow for many years without flowering.
3. Some varieties of fish cluck, croak, or grunt.
4. Sound waves must travel through a medium.
5. Some unanswered questions about quark matter still remain.

Pattern 2: S, V, DO

6. Some foods may increase chances of getting cancer.
7. However, other foods may provide an effective means of preventing the disease.
8. Pandas eat almost nothing except bamboo.
9. Computer camps offer computer training in a camplike setting.
10. Scientists group butterflies into families according to their physical features.

Pattern 3: S, V, SC

11. Freon is a common cooling agent.
12. Bats are intriguing creatures because of their unusual characteristics.

13. The Doppler effect is an apparent change in pitch.

14. *Infrasound* means sound with frequencies below the range of human hearing.

15. The sun’s rays are strongest between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

**Pattern 4: S, V, IO, DO**

16. A male frog sends a female frog a hoarse mating call.

17. Zoo officials sometimes must feed baby animals milk from a bottle.

18. Medical technologists very seldom give people high doses of ionizing radiation.

19. Trilobites have given paleontologists evidence of continent formation.

20. According to some botanists, trees sometimes send other trees chemical messages when under attack by insects.

**Pattern 5: S, V, DO, OC**

21. Scientists call butterflies and moths Lepidoptera.

22. They sometimes call computers “artificial intelligence.”

23. Some botanists consider the Cretaceous period the time of the first flowers.

24. Environmentalists have declared the spread of airborne pollutants a major environmental concern.

25. Physicians have named some birth defects “fetal alcohol syndrome.”