Coordinating Conjunctions
At the Hospital...

Reading Level 3

Directions: Read each sentence. Determine which one of your answer choices is being used as a coordinating conjunction. Circle your response.

1. Nurse Kelly and Nurse Cole disinfected the patient's wound.
   a) the                               b) disinfected
   c) patient's                         d) and

2. Mrs. Rose needs to take special pills due to her illness but she can't afford them because they are too expensive.
   a) can't                             b) because
   c) but                               d) to

3. Dr. Kelly wasn't entirely sure how to perform the operation yet she knew that she needed to try.
   a) the                               b) that
   c) to                                d) yet

4. Dr. Stevens did not perform the experimental treatment on the patient for it was too late to save her.
   a) to                                b) for
   c) not                               d) too

5. Neither Mr. Shaw nor his children were able to understand Dr. Kelly's complex explanation of Mr. Shaw's disorder.
   a) were                              b) his
   c) nor                               d) to

6. Mr. Shaw told the nurse brusquely, "Either you make that beeping sound stop or I leave this hospital."
   a) or                                b) to
   c) that                              d) you
7. Dr. Stevens rushed to the hospital so he could perform an emergency surgery.
   a) to  
   b) during  
   c) an  
   d) so  

8. Mrs. Rose didn't want to eat the odoriferous hospital food but she forced it down.
   a) it  
   b) didn't  
   c) to  
   d) but  

9. Nurse Cole went to the cafeteria, ordered an onion soup, and slurped it down as fast as she could.
   a) it  
   b) and  
   c) an  
   d) as  

10. Mr. Shaw wanted to go home yet he knew how important it was to treat his debilitating illness.
    a) go  
    b) it  
    c) yet  
    d) was  

11. Mr. Shaw couldn't operate the TV controller successfully so he paged the nurse.
    a) the  
    b) couldn't  
    c) so  
    d) he  

12. Dr. Kelly could neither cure the disease nor comfort the disgruntled patient.
    a) nor  
    b) could  
    c) cure  
    d) the  

13. We were hoping that Dr. Stevens or Dr. Kelly were available to perform the surgery.
    a) would  
    b) that  
    c) the  
    d) or  

14. Dr. Stevens came to the painful realization that it was too late to treat the patient for the disease had run its course.
    a) to  
    b) for  
    c) too  
    d) had  

15. Mrs. Rose wanted to open the window and let some fresh air into the stuffy hospital room.
    a) the  
    b) into  
    c) and  
    d) to
16. They moved the patient to a larger hospital in the city for Dr. Kelly was out of treatment options.
   a) for  b) out  c) in  d) of

17. Neither Dr. Stevens nor Dr. Kelly had ever seen a combination of symptoms such as the patient displayed.
   a) as  b) the  c) had  d) nor

18. Some thought that it was too late to help the grievously wounded patient but Dr. Kelly refused to quit trying.
   a) to  b) but  c) it  d) that

19. "Either call the surgeon immediately or get prepped for surgery," said Dr. Kelly to Dr. Stevens.
   a) get  b) the  c) or  d) said

20. Neither Nurse Cole nor Nurse Brady had enough time to issue a warm welcome the new patient.
   a) the  b) nor  c) had  d) to

21. When her patient's status worsened, Nurse Brady ran to find a doctor yet all of them were busy treating other patients.
   a) them  b) a  c) were  d) yet

22. The patient was airlifted to the city so that the specialists could treat her.
   a) so  b) was  c) that  d) the

23. They family resignedly took the patient home for there was nothing else to be done.
   a) for  b) be  c) was  d) there
24. Nurse Cole restrained the delusional patient and Nurse Brady cleaned her wound.
   a) her   b) the
   c) and   d) wound

25. Dr. Kelly wanted to transfer the patient to another floor but Dr. Stevens disagreed.
   a) but   b) to
   c) another   d) the

26. Mrs. Rose could not decide whether she wanted to eat the chicken cacciatore or the fish sandwich.
   a) to   b) or
   c) not   d) whether

27. Dr. Stevens knew that he had lost the patient yet he kept trying to resuscitate her.
   a) that   b) he
   c) the   d) yet

28. Nurse Cole ran to get a fresh pair of latex gloves so she could safely clean the contaminated surface.
   a) she   b) to
   c) so   d) could

29. Mrs. Rose and Mr. Shaw did not like sharing a room with one another after they got into an argument over the TV.
   a) did   b) a
   c) not   d) and

30. It was past visiting hours so Mrs. Rose's children had to leave the intensive care floor.
   a) had   b) the
   c) to   d) so