EXERCISE 27   NAME _______________________


PART 1

In the following sentences, write S over subjects, AV over active verbs, PV over passive verbs and LV over linking verbs.

1. The council approved funding for road improvements but rejected plans for a bike path.
2. Most of the improvements will be to roads around Quality Fair Shopping Mall.
3. The new roads will allow easy access to the mall from Route 50.
4. Without the road improvements, the planning board would not approve the expansion.
5. The mall is the largest shopping facility in the county.
6. Mayor Roberta Simms campaigned against the expansion but then voted for it.
7. Simms was widely criticized by voters who thought she had betrayed them.
8. Honesty in government was a theme in her campaign.
9. Traffic around the mall has grown dramatically in the past 10 years.
10. The expansion will make a bad situation even worse, according to many residents.
11. The decision was based on a 3-year-old report, the residents said.
12. Four new lanes will be added to Georgia Street between Kings Avenue and 39th Street.
13. Fifteen years ago the area was a peaceful valley with few homes and quaint shops.
14. Mall owners’ plans include a new department store, specialty shops and a food court.
15. Many shoppers hope that the new stores will offer more selection and that the added competition will bring prices down.

PART 2

Rewrite the following sentences, turning any passive verbs into active ones.

16. Dinosaur bones were discovered on the banks of White River by two hunters.
17. Northern State University President Richard Aster was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the death of the president of the NSU faculty senate.
18. Mississippi beaches were battered for a second straight day Tuesday as Hurricane Lola continued to stir up the Gulf of Mexico.

19. A law has been passed by the City Council that will prohibit the overnight parking of large trucks and recreational vehicles on city streets.

20. Tuesday's concert was canceled after a bomb threat was received by organizers.

PART 3

Use lie/lay correctly.

21. Jimenez refused to (lie, lay) off the workers.
22. Jimenez refused to (lie, lay) on the sofa.
23. The robber ordered the customers to (lie, lay) on the floor.
24. The police officer ordered the robber to (lie, lay) his gun on the floor.
25. Johns (laid, lay) in the morgue until a worker noticed he was breathing.
26. The most important clue (laid, lay) on top of the desk in plain view.
27. The gambler (laid, lay) his cards on the table and claimed his prize.