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EXERCISE 5 COMPLEMENTS

Identify the complements in each of the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

d.o. (direct object) i.o. (indirect object) p.n. (predicate nominative) p.a. (predicate adjective)
o.p. (object of preposition)

- _____ 1. Such a portentous and mysterious monster roused all my curiosity.
- _____ 2. Abominable are the tumblers into which he pours his poison.
- _____ 3. For all his tattooings he was on the whole a clean, comely looking cannibal.
- _____ 4. After supper, and another social chat and smoke, we went to our room together.
- _____ 5. Fishest of all fishy places was the Try Pots, which well deserved its name; for the pots there were always boiling chowders.
- _____ 6. Mrs. Hussey wore a polished necklace of codfish vertebrae; and Hosea Hussey had his account books bound in superior old shark-skin.
- _____ 7. Like Captain Peleg, Captain Bildad was a well-to-do, retired whaleman.
- _____ 8. His own person was the exact embodiment of his utilitarian character.
- _____ 9. Seeing a light, we went down, and found only an old rigger there, wrapped in a tattered pea-jacket.
- _____ 10. For many years past the whale-ship has been the pioneer in ferreting out the remotest and least known parts of the earth.
- _____ 11. She has explored seas and archipelagoes which had no chart, where no Cook or Vancouver had ever sailed.
- _____ 12. To the credulous mariners it seemed the same silent spout they had so long ago beheld in the moonlit Atlantic and Indian Oceans.
- _____ 13. Now these three mates – Starbuck, Stubb, and Flask, were momentous men.
- _____ 14. Captain Ahab stood erect, looking straight out beyond the ship’s ever-pitching prow.
- _____ 15. A well-fed, plump Huzza Porpoise will yield you one good gallon of good oil.

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- _____ 16. But the fine and delicate fluid extracted from his jaws is exceedingly valuable.
- _____ 17. “How many barrels will thy vengeance yield thee even if thou gettest it, Captain Ahab?”
- _____ 18. He piled upon the whale’s white hump the sum of all the general rage and hate felt by his whole race from Adam down; and then, as if his chest had been a mortar, he burst his hot heart’s shell upon it.
- _____ 19. Human madness is oftentimes a cunning and most feline thing.
- _____ 20. He steered away from it; but the savage craft bore down on him; and soon the voice of Steelkilt hailed him to heave to, or he would run him under water.
- _____ 21. Thus, while in life the great whale’s body may have been a real terror to his foes, in his death his ghost becomes a powerless panic to a world.
- _____ 22. A short space elapsed, and up into this noiselessness came Ahab alone from his cabin.
- _____ 23. He became a nameless terror to the ship.
- _____ 24. Nevertheless, any one’s experience will teach him that though he can take in an indiscriminating sweep of things at one glance, it is quite impossible for him attentively, and completely, to examine any two things . . .
- _____ 25. From his slouched hat Ahab dropped a tear into the sea; nor did all the Pacific contain such wealth as that one wee drop.