**AP Literature/Composition**

**Producing Effective Writing**

**Test**

**Obstacles to Producing Effective Writing**

* **Empty Sentences**
  + **Circular Reasoning**
  + **Stating the Obvious**
  + **Unsupported Opinion**
* **Overloaded Sentences**
  + **Unrelated details**
  + **Too many ideas**
  + **“Stringy” sentence**
* **Wordiness**
  + **Redundant**
  + **Requires reduction**
* **Awkward Beginnings**

**Write the reason why each sentence is incorrect (empty, overloaded, wordy, or awkward beginning), and then revise the sentence.**

1. The first ball-point pens were introduced in 1945, and more than 25.000 were solid in the first week, but most were returned, because the pens leaked badly, and because the ball-points stuck.

2. There are many people who enjoy living in large metropolitan areas because of their ethnic, social, and cultural diversity.

3. The pamphlet that was sent to me discussed remedies to the problems of water conservation and solutions to the problems of water pollution, offering practical answers to these problems.

4. Students should try to save money because thriftiness and frugality are important where money is concerned.

5. We shared in the excitement of her finishing first place, which had not been expected.

6. The fact of the matter is that Justin Bieber is a cultural icon.

7. Students are currently reading books, which are bound bundles of paper that contain words and sometimes even pictures.

8. We will attend a basketball game today, and the start player on our team is going to play, and he is being recruited by Iowa.

9. There are twelve Julia Roberts movies on television today.

10. Lady Gaga is untalented as a musical artist, and she also isn’t very good at singing.