ANSWERS:

I. The following are ways you could’ve rewritten the sentences:

1. “The Budget Information System is a query system with a small database and an unacceptably long response time, which fact we need to recognize.”
2. “She likes reading the latest novels and listening to music.” OR “She likes to read the latest novels and listen to music.”
3. “Either you will listen to your father, or negative results will occur.”
4. “Declining trees have a higher probability both of branch failures and of dying prematurely.”
5. The last sentence should be changed to, “It commits no significant errors in grammar, usage, spelling, or punctuation.” Do not change forms of address or the way you phrase similar ideas while in the middle of a series of ideas.

II. Identify if there is parallel structure in the following sentences. State whether it is at the WORD, PHRASE, or CLAUSE level.

1. Without good pitching, the Marlins can be expected to lose more than eighty games, to draft early in next year’s draft, and to suffer greatly in attendance. PARALLEL - word
2. Andrew was both an industrious student, and he was also an excellent athlete. NOT PARALLEL
   a. PARALLEL: Andrew was both an industrious student and an excellent athlete.
3. Doctors say I should run, swim, and walk. PARALLEL - word
4. The meal was tasty, quick, and the food was good for you. NOT PARALLEL
   a. PARALLEL: The meal was tasty, quick, and good for you.
5. The qualities I admire most in a man are honesty, courageous, and compassion. NOT PARALLEL
   a. PARALLEL: The qualities I admire most in a man are honesty, courage, and compassion.
6. In the rain I drive slowly, carefully, and defensively. PARALLEL - word
7. The store is good for fruit, meat, and cheese. PARALLEL - word
8. Eating the right foods will help you feel healthier, more attractive, and strongly. NOT PARALLEL
   a. PARALLEL: Eating the right foods will help you feel healthier, more attractive, and stronger.
9. Fruits, vegetables, and grains are an important part of a well-balanced diet. PARALLEL
10. They provide vitamins, minerals, and are low in fat. NOT PARALLEL
    a. PARALLEL: They provide vitamins, minerals, and little fat.
11. Meat, fish, and poultry are good sources of zinc, iron, and B vitamins. PARALLEL - word
12. Fiber, which is good for digestion, is found in plant foods like beans, peas, and whole grain cereals. PARALLEL - word
13. To lose weight, eat smaller portions and limiting second helpings. NOT PARALLEL
a. PARALLEL: To lose weight, eat smaller portions and limit second helpings.
14. Eat slowly and be careful; be sure to chew your food well. NOT PARALLEL
   a. PARALLEL: Eat slowly and carefully; be sure to chew your food well.
15. Monica brewed espresso, steamed milk, and told jokes as she prepared Mike’s latte. PARALLEL - word
16. Natasha tried holding her breath, chewing a piece of gum, and poking her belly, but she could not quiet her empty stomach, which rumbled during the chemistry exam. PARALLEL - word
17. In the restroom, Tishena was brushing her hair, freshened her lip-gloss, and took deep breaths, trying to work up the courage to walk to her first speech class. NOT PARALLEL
   a. PARALLEL: In the restroom, Tishena brushed her hair, freshened her lip-gloss, and took deep breaths...
18. Celine looked behind the toilet, in the laundry basket, and checked under the bed, but she could not find Squeeze, her nine-foot albino python. NOT PARALLEL
   a. Celine looked behind the toilet, in the laundry basket, and under the bed, but she could not find Squeeze, her nine-foot albino python.
19. Not only did Dennis apply an extra layer of deodorant to his armpits, but he also polished each teeth with special care. He did not want to offend Malinda with any unpleasant odors. PARALLEL - clause
20. For his first date with Malinda, Dennis bought not only a dozen roses but he also purchased a box of chocolates. NOT PARALLEL
   a. PARALLEL: For his first date with Malinda, Dennis not only bought a dozen roses, but he also purchased a box of chocolates.