Fact or Opinion

Directions: Read each statement and then circle whether it is a fact or opinion. If it’s a fact, explain how it can be proven. If it is an opinion, simply write that it cannot be proven.

1. Basketball is a much more exciting sport than golf.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

2. Tiger Woods is still the top earning athlete in the world, despite the issues he’s had with his marriage.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

3. In general, professional athletes are overpaid.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

4. There are more head and spinal injuries each year from cheerleading than all other sports combined.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

5. Athletes are role models and should conduct themselves accordingly in the public eye.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

6. According to the MLB rule book, there are nine innings in a game of baseball.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

7. The Dallas Cowboys have a terrible defensive line.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

8. Statistically speaking, the 1976 Buccaneers have the worst record in the NFL having gone 0-14.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

9. With dark blue mesh and bright orange text, the Chicago Bears have the ugliest uniform in the NFL.
   Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

10. Aroldis Chapman threw the fastest pitch recorded in a major league game at 105 MPH.
    Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

11. Spitting in your hand before you pick up a baseball bat gives you good luck.
    Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________

12. Mary Lou Retton was the first American to win the gold medal in the Women’s All-Around event.
    Fact or Opinion   How can this be proven? ________________________________________________
13. The New York Yankees have won more World Series titles than any other team in baseball.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

14. NASCAR racing is not a real sport since you don’t use your muscles to compete.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

15. Women’s basketball games are not as aggressive or exciting as men’s basketball games.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

16. Football is a more physical game than soccer because it requires more upper body strength.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

17. Playing football is one of the most dangerous things that a high school student can do.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

18. Barry Bonds holds the record for most home runs in a season.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

19. The average salary for a quarterback in the NFL in 2009 was 15 million dollars.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

20. John Elway is still the greatest quarterback in NFL history.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

21. Cheerleading is not a sport.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

22. Soccer is more difficult to play than other sports because you cannot use your hands.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

23. The average salary for a player on the Yankees is over six million dollars.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

24. Large salaries and overpaid athletes are spoiling the purity of sporting competitions.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 

25. Since they make the most money, NBA players are the most spoiled of all athletes.
Fact or Opinion  How can this be proven? 