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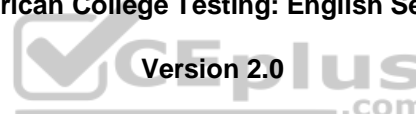
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**Exam A****QUESTION 1**

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. there was no such thing as a bicycle,
- C. bicycles were uninvented,
- D. whoever heard of a bicycle,



**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice has the most appropriate and correct usage and word choice.

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- C. Macmillan, a Scottish blacksmith,
- D. Macmillan, he was a Scottish blacksmith,

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

The phrase a Scottish blacksmith is relevant but nonessential information and needs to be set off by commas.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. could be rode quickly
- C. could have been ridden fast
- D. could ride at a quick pace

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This is correct as is.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. looked not
- C. didn't look
- D. wasn't looking

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The verb needs to be in the past tense.



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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. He made
- C. He had made
- D. He; made

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

There should not be a comma between a subject and a verb.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. putted a gear on
- C. put a gear in
- D. put a gear on

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This choice gives the sentence parallel structure.

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<7>:

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- B. Today there are built,
- C. Today they, are built,D. Today, they are built,

**Correct Answer:** D

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Explanation:

Comma after an introductory word or phrase and they + are contraction.

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- C. Invented by another Englishman, H. J. Lawson,
- D. Another Englishman inventor, H. J. Lawson,

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**Explanation**

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This choice presents the correct word order.

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If the writer were trying to convince readers to buy a bicycle, he would:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Add a paragraph describing the health and environmental benefits of riding a bike.
- C. Add a paragraph comparing the cost and quality of today's best-selling bicycles.
- D. Add a paragraph about the Tour de France and other bicycle races.

**Correct Answer:** B

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**Explanation**

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This choice gives readers reasons to buy a bicycle for themselves.



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Which of the following sequences makes paragraph 4 most logical?

- A. NO CHANGE  
 B. (12), (13), (14), (16), (17), (15)C. (12), (17), (14), (15), (16), (13)  
 D. (12), (14), (15), (16), (17), (13)

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

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This is the most logical sequence. The sentence about Lawson and naming the safety bicycle must come before the details of the safety bicycle. Sentence (13) is the best conclusion for the paragraph.

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#### Industrial Revolution

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[§3] Several key discoveries and inventions enabled the Industrial Revolution to take place included <5> machines and tools like the cotton gin, the radio, the circular saw, the cylindrical press, and the steam engine. Cement, dynamite, and aluminum were invented, as were the bleaching and paper-making processes. At the same time, there was a tremendous growth in population and urbanization. In fact, the population growth in England was so dramatic that the country's population doubled between 1750–1820. This meant a great demand for food, clothing, and shelter, demands that became the driving force behind <6> the Industrial Revolution.

[§4] Mass production of goods was made possible in large part due to <7> the steam engine. The steam engine enabled factories to move from the countryside (where they were by bodies of water, their source of power) into cities and towns, which were becoming increasingly crowded. <8>

The writer changed the underlined text <1> to in how material goods were produced. The result is a sentence that is:

- A. more dramatic  
 B. more concise  
 C. more complex  
 D. more accurate

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

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Explanation:

This change would make the sentence more concise.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. a public education system
- C. systematizing education
- D. public education

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice makes the sentence parallel.

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The most logical sequence for paragraph 2 is:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. (2), (1), (3)C. (3), (2), (1)
- D. (3), (1), (2)

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This is the most logical sequence: first, the sentence giving the overall timeline of the revolution, then the next two sentences in chronological order.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. was quickly spreading
- C. spread with great rapidity
- D. spread fast

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This is the most correct and concise choice.



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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. from the middle of the century eighteen
- C. from the mid-1700s
- D. beginning in the middle of the 1700s, around 1750,

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This is the most concise choice. Choices A and D are redundant; choice B has improper word order.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. place. These included
- C. place. Thus including
- D. place, including



**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the best choice. Choice B is grammatically correct, but D combines the sentences for greater sentence variety.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. which had become the driving force of
- C. that forced the driving of
- D. that drove the force behind

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice presents the correct word order and conveys the correct idea.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. by
- C. from
- D. in regard to

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This is the correct prepositional idiom.

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<8>:

Which of the following alternatives provides the most logical and effective conclusion for paragraph 4 <8>?

- A. Today, we are living in an Information Revolution.
- B. In cities and towns, factories found a ready workforce and large consumer base for their products.
- C. Railroads took goods out of the city back to the countryside.
- D. Overcrowding was a major problem to be dealt with in the cities.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This ties in the issues in the paragraph: mass production, moving into cities and towns, and large populations. Choice A is irrelevant, and choices C and D are related, but off topic.

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The writer wishes to add a fifth paragraph. Which of the following topics would best fit the audience and purpose of this essay?

- A. the work conditions in the factories
- B. child labor
- C. the impact of mass production on the economy
- D. the population explosion and its effects

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**



**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

All of the topics are related to the Industrial Revolution, but this essay focuses on mass production, so this topic would be the most logical to add.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Through the passing of a hundred years
- C. For over a hundred years
- D. In the time of the last century

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most correct and concise choice.

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- C. expeditions; deal with reluctant, companions; survive bad weather; and
- D. expeditions: deal with reluctant companions, survive bad weather, and

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Separate items in a list with commas, unless one or more items already has a comma (then use a semi-colon).

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. thirty's, it
- C. thirties. It
- D. thirties, thus it

**Correct Answer:** A  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is correct as it stands. Choice C would create a sentence fragment.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. an irresistible challenge
- C. and just had to climb it
- D. the one mountain she just had to climb to the top of

**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most concise and appropriate version.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. climbed
- C. proving she climbed
- D. to climb

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**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This gives the sentence parallel structure.



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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. assisting
- C. would assist
- D. who had assisted

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is correct as it stands.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. hacked
- C. put
- D. done

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Hacked is the most precise and vivid word choice.

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. What, a jerk!
- C. He was such a jerk.
- D. OMIT the underlined passage.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This sentence should be omitted; it does not fit the tone and style of the essay.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. angry; she
- C. angry – she
- D. angry. She

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**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This is correct as it stands. Choice D would create a sentence fragment.

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- B. eliminate sentence (4)
- C. combine sentences (3) and (4)
- D. explain why Peck's previous attempts to climb Mt. Huascaran had failed

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Sentence (4) is off topic and should be eliminated to maintain the focus of the paragraph.

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. exception: the
- C. exception; the
- D. exception. The

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The colon is the most correct punctuation mark here. Colons introduce explanations.



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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. a structure that inspires amazement
- C. an amazing structure
- D. OMIT the underlined portion

**Correct Answer: C**

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

This choice has the most appropriate and concise word choice. It could be omitted without ruining the sentence (choice D), but it would take out an idea central to the essay: that the monument is amazing.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. began (in 1961)
- C. had begun in 1961
- D. began in 1961



Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

There are no commas needed here.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. should celebrate
- C. did celebrate
- D. would have celebrated

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the correct helping verb and tense.

### QUESTION 35

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. imposing buildings
- C. buildings that imposed
- D. buildings that are imposed

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Imposing should be a modifier, and using the participial form is the most concise.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. which
- C. who
- D. whom

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Use who when referring to people.



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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. and, in its own way,
- C. and – in its own way;
- D. and in it's own way

**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:  
Put commas around transitional phrases.

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Covered with sleek stainless steel all over its body
- C. Covered with a skin made of steel that is stainless
- D. Covered with a sleek skin of stainless steel

**Correct Answer:** D  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:  
This is the most concise and effective version.

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The most logical sequence of paragraphs for this essay is:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. 1, 3, 2, 4C. 4, 1, 3, 2
- D. 1, 2, 4, 3

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most logical choice. The first paragraph introduces the topic and main idea; the third paragraph then describes the background of the Arch and establishes a chronological order; the second paragraph continues the chronology; and the fourth paragraph returns to the idea of the Arch's remarkable design, as established in the introduction.

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The writer has been asked to write a short essay describing in detail a national monument and what the monument honors. Would this essay fulfill that assignment?

- A. Yes, because it focuses on the design of the Arch.
- B. Yes, because the writer describes the Arch and tells why it was commissioned.
- C. No, because the writer does not tell us enough about the designer of the Arch and what he was trying to accomplish.
- D. No, because the writer does not tell us enough about St. Louis' role as a gateway to westward expansion.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The writer discusses the design of the monument, but does not describe how the city and monument honor St. Louis's role as a gateway to westward expansion. It simply mentions this fact.

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Tennessee. She weighed
- C. Tennessee, who weighed
- D. Tennessee, when born weighing

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice corrects the sentence fragment.



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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. she needed
- C. needed by Wilma
- D. OMIT the underlined portion

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice makes the sentence consistent in tense and is more concise than choice C.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Wilma, wanting to be
- C. Wilma who wanted to be
- D. Wilma; who wanted to be

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is correct as it stands. The who clause is non-essential and should be set off by a comma.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. She for scoring broke the state records
- C. She broke the state records for scoring
- D. She breaks the state records of scoring

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the correct word order.



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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. After graduating from high school,
- C. Since high school graduation,
- D. OMIT the underlined portion.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most correct and concise version. The transition here should not be omitted as it makes the passage of time easier to follow.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. trials. Then;
- C. trials – then –
- D. trials; then,

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Choice A is a run-on; choice B incorrectly uses a semi-colon; and choice C incorrectly uses the dash.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. however
- C. as a result
- D. therefore

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

However is the most appropriate transition here.



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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. made illegal
- C. struck down
- D. removed

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice offers the most precise and vivid word choice.

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While revising, the writer realizes the passage needs an introduction to convey the main idea of the essay. Which of the following sentences should he use as the first sentence to best achieve that purpose?

- A. No one would have guessed that Wilma Rudolph, a crippled child, would someday become an Olympic track star.
- B. Wilma Rudolph owes a great deal to her family, who helped her survive several severe illnesses.
- C. Wilma Rudolph was a famous Olympic athlete who had a lot of health problems as a child.
- D. Wilma Rudolph suffered from diseases that few children contract today.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice best conveys the main idea of the passage. Choice B focuses only on Rudolph's family; choice C understates the physical handicaps she overcame; and choice D does not mention her athletic accomplishments.

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The writer wishes to add the following sentence to highlight how impressive Rudolph's achievements are:

She was the first American woman ever to win three gold medals at a single Olympics.

The most logical place to insert this sentence would be:

- A. After the new introductory sentence.
- B. At the end of paragraph 3.
- C. At the end of paragraph 4.
- D. At the beginning of paragraph 5.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The most logical place is after the sentence that lists the three gold medals that Rudolph won.

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<1>:



- A. NO CHANGE
- B. career; but,C. career, but
- D. career, and

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This choice corrects the sentence fragment and keeps the not only ... but also construction intact.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. literature: science fiction
- C. literature, that was, science fiction
- D. literature (science fiction)

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Choice A incorrectly uses being; choice C includes superfluous commas and uses the past tense, though the genre still exists; and choice D sets off what is important in the sentence – the name of the new genre – in parentheses, indicating that it is not important.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. are attacked by Martians.
- C. faced attacks from Martians.
- D. being attacked by Martians.

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This version gives the sentence parallel structure.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Wells like Shelley,
- C. Wells who was like Shelley
- D. Wells, like Shelley,

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

# Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

This correctly sets off the transitional phrase with commas.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. magazines that churned out for the masses science fiction stories
- C. magazines, that, churned out science fiction stories, for the masses
- D. magazines that churned out science fiction stories for the masses



**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

# Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

This choice presents the correct word order, placing what was churned out immediately after the verb and then the prepositional phrase after, to show who received those stories.

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The writer wishes to use a much stronger word or phrase to convey this idea. <6> Which of the following choices achieves that purpose and maintains the tone of the essay?

- A. criticizes
- B. takes to task
- C. is a scathing indictment of
- D. rips apart

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most strongly worded choice and is consistent with the tone of the essay.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. there are
- C. their
- D. whose

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The possessive pronoun should be used here.

#### QUESTION 58

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. handling bad
- C. do not handle well
- D. are badly handling

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This version is correct as it stands. The other versions have incorrect or awkward word order or usage.

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Which of the following revisions would most improve paragraph 4?

- A. Adding a sentence about the issues today's science fiction writers are addressing.
- B. Adding a quotation from Frankenstein.
- C. Adding a brief summary of Mary Shelley's life.
- D. Answering the questions in the paragraph.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:



This is relevant and would show the current direction of the genre. This is appropriate since the paragraph is about looking ahead to the future of science fiction and humankind. The quotation from Frankenstein might or might not be relevant; a summary of Shelley's life would be out of place in this paragraph; and the author is unable to answer the questions in the paragraph – he can only make an educated guess.

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The writer wishes to add a brief summary of the plot of Frankenstein. The most logical place for this addition would be:

- A. to add it to the end of paragraph 1
- B. to create a new paragraph between paragraphs 1 and 2
- C. to add it after the third sentence in paragraph 1
- D. to create a new paragraph between paragraphs 2 and 3



**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

#### Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The introduction is too general to include a focus on the plot of Frankenstein, and because this novel marked the beginning of science fiction, it is entitled to its own paragraph. It would be out of chronological order to place it anywhere after that.

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. father (and originator) of
- C. father, and originator of,
- D. father of

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most concise choice. The other options are all redundant.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. ourselves as creatures with
- C. ourselves, being like creatures with
- D. ourselves. As creatures with

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The commas here are superfluous. Choice D would create a sentence fragment.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. likewise
- C. unfortunately
- D. thereby

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most appropriate transitional phrase for this sentence.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. we are not aware of which thoughts and impulses. C. thoughts and impulses of which we are not aware.
- D. which we are not aware of, these thoughts and impulses.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This is the most correct word order.

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<5>:

Upon revising this essay, the writer would be wise to:

- A. Leave this sentence exactly as it is.
- B. Delete this sentence from the paragraph.
- C. Move this sentence to the end of the paragraph.
- D. Use a better phrase than “related to.”



**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This sentence is related, but not within the focus of the paragraph. It is best omitted.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. would be
- C. has been
- D. is

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The simple present tense is correct here.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. unconscious of which
- C. unconscious so that
- D. unconscious, for

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This corrects the sentence fragment.

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The most logical sequence of sentences for paragraph 2 is:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. (1), (3), (4), (2) C. (3), (4), (1), (2)
- D. (2), (1), (3), (4)

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This should be clear from the transitions and the simile comparing the mind to an iceberg.

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The author’s use of italics is designed to do which of the following?

- A. indicate that a foreign language is being used
- B. call attention to Freud’s genius
- C. create a more emotional tone
- D. highlight key terms that are defined in the text

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

# Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

A definition is offered after each italicized term.

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Which of the following choices provides the most logical and effective transition from the third to the fourth paragraph?

- A. Sometimes the impulses for our behavior come from repressed desires.
- B. Another theory of Freud’s is repression.
- C. Freud also believed in repression.
- D. Neurosis can be caused by repression to the unconscious.



**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

# Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

This connects the main ideas in each paragraph: the impulses that control behavior and repression.

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. hooked on
- C. devoted to
- D. practitioners of

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most appropriate and precise word choice.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Done correctly
- C. To do it correctly
- D. OMIT the underlined portion

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The introductory phrase is most effective with the verb do, and this is the correct form to use.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. that
- C. whom
- D. which

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The reference is to people, so who is correct.



#### QUESTION 74

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. one's
- C. your

D. these

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

The possessive pronoun is required here. One's is incorrect because that creates a shift in pronoun (from you to one).

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. are only holding
- C. can only be holden
- D. can only be held

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the correct word order.

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The writer wishes to improve the sentence structure here by combining sentences. <6> Which of the following choices is the most effective option?

- A. I am still relatively new to yoga. Practicing only for one year, I am addicted to yoga...
- B. Still relatively new to yoga, I have been practicing for only one year. But I am addicted to yoga...
- C. I am still relatively new to yoga – I have been practicing for only one year – but I am addicted to yoga...
- D. Although I am relatively new to yoga, I have been practicing for only one year. Still, I am addicted to yoga...

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most correct and effective combination of sentences. The other versions misuse transitions.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. knotted belly
- C. knots within the belly
- D. aching within the stomach area

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

This choice makes the sentence parallel and is the most concise.

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The writer would like to add some figurative language to the essay. Which of the following images would be most effective and appropriate?

- A. I feel like a million bucks after doing yoga.
- B. Yoga is like a warm blanket.
- C. Yoga is like a drug.
- D. Yoga is a peaceful journey.

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most appropriate metaphor. Choice A is a cliché. Choice B is ineffective; it is unclear what emotion the simile is trying to convey. Without further explanation, choice C is an inappropriate comparison.

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If the writer were to combine two paragraphs, which two paragraphs would it be most logical to connect?

- A. paragraphs 1 and 2
- B. paragraphs 2 and 3
- C. paragraphs 3 and 4
- D. paragraphs 4 and 5

**Correct Answer:** A  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The second paragraph continues to explain why yoga is different and expresses the main idea of the essay.

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The writer would like readers to do some basic yoga poses after reading this essay. To achieve this goal, the writer should:

- A. list the best yoga videos, so readers can purchase them.
- B. compare and contrast yoga to another fitness activity, such as aerobics.
- C. tell readers how to get into those basic positions.
- D. describe the benefits of deep breathing exercises.

**Correct Answer:** C  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the best way to achieve the goal of getting readers to do poses. The writer needs to provide some instruction.

**QUESTION 81**

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. superhero, created in 1939, and known worldwide continues
- C. superhero, created in 1939 and known worldwide, continues
- D. superhero; created in 1939, and know worldwide continues

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The phrase created in 1939 is relevant but not essential information and should be set off by commas.

**QUESTION 82**

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Kane; who was
- C. Kane, who was

D. Kane, being

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The phrase who was just 22 years old must be connected to an independent clause; it is not a complete sentence. A period here makes the sentence a fragment. Semicolons can only go between two independent clauses (two complete thoughts).

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. with bat, like wings
- C. with bat like wings
- D. with wings that are like a bat's

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Bat and like work together to form one modifier, so they should be connected by a hyphen. This is also the most concise choice.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. was a really successful character whom everyone liked a lot
- C. was liked a lot by a lot of people
- D. was an overwhelming success

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Overwhelming is a more powerful and precise word than big. This version is also more concise than versions B and C.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. bring criminals to justice
- C. criminals being brought to justice
- D. finding justice to bring to criminals

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This version gives the sentence parallel structure and is the most logical word order.

#### QUESTION 86

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. has devoted
- C. did devote
- D. devoted

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This answer gives the sentence consistent verb tense (all verbs in the simple past tense).



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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Accordingly,
- C. For instance,
- D. Furthermore,

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This is the most appropriate transition.

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. one who has
- C. which
- D. OMIT the underlined portion

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This version gives the sentence parallel structure and consistent verb tense.

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The writer introduces the passage with "Pow! Bam! Zap!" This is most likely done to:

- A. set a light-hearted, silly tone for the essay.
- B. demonstrate the effect of onomatopoeia and exclamation points.
- C. establish a connection to the topic of a comic book hero.
- D. show that in Batman episodes, there was typically a lot of fighting.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The introduction uses a comic book convention to make a connection between topic and structure. The tone is light-hearted, but not silly. The introduction does demonstrate the effect of onomatopoeia and exclamation points, but it has a more meaningful purpose. It is not intended to show that there is a lot of fighting in a typical Batman episode, as this is not a theme of the essay.

#### QUESTION 90

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The author wishes to add the following sentence in order to show why people like Batman and provide readers with more information about the plot of a typical Batman episode:

People loved seeing Batman rush in and save the day whenever a villain threatened Gotham City.

In order to accomplish this goal, it would be most logical and appropriate to place this sentence:

- A. at the end of paragraph 2.
- B. after the first sentence in paragraph 3.
- C. after the second sentence in paragraph 3.
- D. at the end of paragraph 3.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

In this spot the sentence follows the general statement that Batman was a success; since the sentence provides a reason why the show was successful, this is a logical place to insert it.

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#### Haiti

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[§2] When me and my roommate <3> landed at the airport in the capital Port au Prince, the chaos inside the airport was frightening. Dozens of men approached us while gesturing to our luggage, and yelling at us in Creole. They wanted us to select their taxis. I was thrilled <4> when my roommate smiled at someone who called our names through the crowd.

[§3] Papi, our designated transporter, was a Haitian man in his early twenties who works <5> for the physician. He warmly welcomed us to his country, and seemed to have a great sense of humor. <6> He laughed nonstop during our ride through the capital city. Once we were on the open highway, Papi taught us basic Creole greetings to pass the time during our excessively long four-hour commute. <7>

[§4] The mountainous town where we would spend the week was beautiful, and I immediately fell in love with the place and its people. The views rocked! <8> Even though I could not fluently speak Creole, I made the most of my time with the land and its inhabitants. Several daily tasks kept me busy that week. The medical clinic was a modest two-room building, and their <9> staff needed help reorganizing the supply pantry. I removed, counted, sorted, and restocked supplies, <10> before adding the additional resources we brought from the United States. After I cleaned and organized the supply pantry, I assisted a visiting nutritionist with distributing vitamins to the locals. <11>

[§5] Each evening, two dozen young children would sit on the porch where my roommate and I stayed. They laughed constantly, they <12> always found joy in the simplest of things. They did teach <13> us to count in Creole and read children's stories to us in French. They invited us to kick balls with them and chase yard chickens. Even though they did not have many toys, the children entertained one another with conversation, laughter and storytelling.

[§6] When it was time to leave Haiti and return to New York, I was sad to say goodbye. Although my roommate and I delivered medical supplies to their community, the people gave us memories that will last the rest of our lives. <14>

<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. convinced that
- C. doubting the very likelihood
- D. not worried at all that

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because of clarity and wordiness. B and D are incorrect because their answers do not fit with the context of the sentence. C is incorrect because the answer is wordy.

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<2>:



- A. NO CHANGE
- B. (place before I)
- C. (place before boarded)
- D. (place before in)

**Correct Answer:** C  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is the correct answer because of modifiers. A single word modifier is placed next to the word it modifies. A, B, and D are incorrect because the answers place the modifier in the incorrect position.

**QUESTION 93**

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. I and my roommate
- C. my roommate and me
- D. my roommate and I

**Correct Answer:** D  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct because of subject pronoun. When two subjects of the verb are joined together with and, "I" is the correct form of the first person singular pronoun. A, B, and C are incorrect.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. satisfied
- C. concerned
- D. uncertain

**Correct Answer: A**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct choice because of clarity. The context suggests that the writer had a positive reaction to being recognized in the midst of a chaotic and crowded airport. B, C, and D are incorrect because their answers do not fit the context.

#### QUESTION 95

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. worked
- C. will work
- D. work

**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of verb tense. A and D are incorrect because the answers are present tense. C is incorrect because the answer is future tense.

**QUESTION 96**

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. great sense about humor
- C. great sense on humor
- D. great sense in humor

**Correct Answer:** A  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct because of idioms. B, C, and D are incorrect because the answers are not the correct form of the idiom.

**QUESTION 97**

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. pass the time during our excessively long commute
- C. pass the time during our excessive four-hour commute
- D. pass the time during our commute

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of wordiness and redundancy. A, B, and C are incorrect because "excessively," "long," and "four-hour" are redundant when combined. In addition, the lengthy description is wordy. Although longer sentences may be grammatically correct, short sentences are the best choice to minimize wordiness.

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. I wish my girlfriend could have seen the views!
- C. Pictures don't do it justice, man!
- D. OMIT the underlined portion

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is D because of style and redundancy. A, B, and C are incorrect because the sentence does not fit with the tone of the passage. In addition, the previous sentence addressed the geographical beauty.

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. it's
- C. its
- D. ones

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is C because of case and number and personal pronouns. Collective nouns, such as medical clinic, are institutions, not people.

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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. sorted, and restocked, supplies
- C. sorted and restocked supplies
- D. sorted and restocked, supplies

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct because of commas. B, C, and D are incorrect because the answers contain inaccurate comma placement when separating items in a list.

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If the writer wanted to add an additional sentence to the end of paragraph 4 <11>, its content would logically:

- A. provide details about the nutritionist
- B. contain information about appropriate vitamin intake for adults
- C. include another task that was performed during that week
- D. mention the physician's gratitude at the help that the writer provided

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is the correct answer because of purpose. The passage contains information about how the writer spent his time in Haiti. A, B, and D are incorrect because the answers do not fit with the purpose of the passage.

### QUESTION 102

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<12>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. constantly; they
- C. constantly: they
- D. constantly they

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **semicolons**. Semicolons separate two independent clauses, which this sentence contains. A and C are incorrect because the answers contain inaccurate punctuation marks. D is incorrect because it needs a semicolon.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. taught
- C. teached
- D. had been teaching

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **irregular verbs**. "Teach" is an irregular verb that requires "taught" as the simple past tense verb. A, C, and D are incorrect because the answers are the inaccurate past tense form of "teach."

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Which choice most effectively concludes the sentence and the essay? <14>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. were glad to see us leave.
- C. were thankful that we came.
- D. gave us money to help offset costs from the trip.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because of **context**. B, C, and D do not fit with the context of the sentence, nor the expressed sentiments by the writer about his time in Haiti.

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Which choice most strongly suggests that the experience in Haiti was a positive one for the writer?

- A. thrilled when my roommate smiled
- B. they laughed constantly
- C. I was sad
- D. memories that will last

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct choice because of **emphasis**. In his conclusion, the writer emphasized that what he received from the community was greater than what he delivered to the community.

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The underlined portion <1> most likely means:

- A. Rowling gave birth to a child who she named Harry Potter
- B. Rowling created a story about a boy named Harry Potter
- C. Rowling was the puppeteer for a marionette called Harry Potter
- D. Rowling resuscitated a child named Harry Potter who was riding a train

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **idioms**. Idioms are phrases with meanings that are not apparent based on dictionary definitions. A, C, and D are incorrect because their answers do not fit with the context.

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Which of these sentences would most logically be added to the end of paragraph 1 <2>?

- A. Even though children do not speak Latin or Ancient Greek, it is important that the book be translated into classical languages.
- B. These numbers show how incredibly successful J. K. Rowling really is!
- C. Rowling's international success has made her one of the most prolific writers of all time.



D. Rowling is a great example of how successful one can be when they use their time wisely, even when waiting for a train.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is the correct answer because of **writing strategy**. The author's purpose in paragraph 1 is to highlight the success of Rowling's books. A and D are incorrect because the answers do not fit with the author's purpose. B is incorrect because of tone.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. had published
- C. was publishing
- D. had been publishing

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because of **verb tense**. A demonstrates simple past tense, which is completed action in the past. B is incorrect because the answer is past perfect. C is incorrect because the answer is past progressive. D is incorrect because the answer is past perfect progressive.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. It is
- C. Its'
- D. Its

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **possessive pronouns**. *Its* is the correct form of the third person singular possessive pronoun. A is incorrect because it is the contraction for "it is." B is incorrect because the sentence does not require the third person singular with the "to be" verb. C is incorrect because the apostrophe is unnecessary.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Hollows, the final installation has
- C. Hollows the final installation, has
- D. Hollows (the final installation) has

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because of **commas**. Commas separate modifying elements that establish a qualification. B is the incorrect answer because it is missing the second comma. C is the incorrect answer because it is missing the first comma. D is the incorrect answer because parentheses are used to enclose nonessential data. This passage includes information about The Harry Potter series, and therefore the fact that the final installation was a successful edition to the entire series is essential.

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The most appropriate sentence to place at the end of paragraph 2 <6> as a transition to paragraph 3 is:

- A. Although Rowling's legacy in children's literacy is profound, she recently discovered a new passion for children's causes.
- B. Rowling's legacy as a children's writer will likely be forgotten because of her new work with children who are orphans.
- C. Rowling's books are not as important as the new work she is doing to help children in orphanages.
- D. Someday, people will only remember the Harry Potter movies, and not Rowling's books.

**Correct Answer: A**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because of **transitions**. A correctly refers to the information in paragraph 2, while foreshadowing the information in paragraph 3. B, C, and D are incorrect because their answers are not supported in the passage.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. most
- C. many
- D. more

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **qualifiers**. A and C are incorrect because their answers are used with uncountable nouns. D is incorrect because the answer is used before a countable noun when comparing to a previous amount.

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If the writer were to omit the underlined portion <8> (adjusting the punctuation as necessary), the sentence would primarily lose:

- A. an unnecessary detail since most readers know the spells in the Harry Potter series
- B. an explanation that is important because the organization's name is linked to its mission
- C. a visual description of a spell in the Harry Potter series
- D. an explanation that is important because most readers will be curious to learn more about Harry Potter

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:



B is the correct answer because of **purpose**. A, C, and D are incorrect because the answers do not fit with the purpose of paragraph 3.

#### QUESTION 114

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The underlined word <9> most closely means:

- A. discovered
- B. created
- C. realized
- D. equipped



**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **clarity**. The context supports B, and eliminates the definitions of found as identified in answers A, C, and D.

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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. image. She
- C. image, that she
- D. image, nevertheless she

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **run-on sentences**. Correctly written sentences have one main subject and predicate. A is incorrect because the answer is a run-on sentence. C and D are incorrect because their answers do not correct the run-on sentence.

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<11>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. relatives that
- C. relatives, which
- D. relatives who

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **relative pronouns**. "Who" is used when referring to a person or persons. A, B, and C are incorrect because "that" and "which" refer to nonhuman objects.

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<12>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. they're
- C. there
- D. their

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct choice because of **case and number** and **they're, there, and their**. A is incorrect because children are plural and require a personal pronoun that is plural in number. B and C are incorrect because their answers are inaccurate spellings of "their."

#### QUESTION 118

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<13>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. light'.
- C. light"!

D. light.”

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **punctuation**. Quotation marks are placed outside the period when completing a sentence. A, B, and C are incorrect answer choices.

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If the writer wanted to add information about research that compares and contrasts child development between children who are raised in their families' homes with children who are raised in institutions, this new material would most logically be placed in:

- A. paragraph 1, because the most important information must be introduced first.
- B. paragraph 4, because this would be a strong conclusion to the passage as a whole.
- C. a separate paragraph, because it would be the only paragraph devoted to a comparison between children raised in homes versus children raised in orphanages
- D. place of paragraph 4, because this information is irrelevant.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is the correct answer because of **sequence**.

#### QUESTION 120

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Would it be logical for the writer to include a paragraph that includes contact information for Lumos? <14>

- A. Yes, because the reader will want to send fan mail to J. K. Rowling at the organization where she works.
- B. Yes, because the reader will want to send money to support a good cause.
- C. No, because that information belongs at the end of paragraph 3.
- D. No, because this passage is about the legacy of J. K. Rowling, and not an appeal for donations to Lumos.

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **purpose**.

#### QUESTION 121

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[§3] (1) Christ the Redeemer stands on the Corcovado Mountain, recently named one of the new seven wonders of the world. (2) With arms outstretched, the concrete Christ was built between 1922 and 1931, to resemble embracing the people of Rio. (3) Millions of tourists recreate the attraction by taking photos on its pedestal with their own arms outstretched. (4) The statue's pedestal is over 26 feet high, while the statue itself is nearly 100 feet <6>

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. It's no wonder
- C. It's not all that alarming, really
- D. It's a surprise



**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **appropriate word choice**. Although C is grammatically correct, B is more accurate in the context of this sentence. A and D are incorrect because they are not accurate in meaning.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Couples always have a great time when visiting Brazil.
- C. When I visit, my boyfriend and I always have a great time.
- D. OMIT the underlined portion.

**Correct Answer:** D  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **irrelevance**. This passage is about the tourist attractions in Rio de Janeiro, and although grammatically correct, the sentence does not contribute to the purpose of this passage.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Tired
- C. Angry
- D. Overheated

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **appropriate word choice**. Travelers can unwind after a busy day. Therefore, the most appropriate word choice is "tired."

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. For instance,
- C. Also,
- D. In fact,

**Correct Answer:** D  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **transitions**. However is a transition word that established contrast. B is a transition word that introduces an example. C is a transition word that adds to the previous statement. D is the correct transition because it provides emphasis.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. near the Atlantic Ocean
- C. close to the vast Atlantic Ocean
- D. at the heart of the Atlantic Ocean

**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **wordiness**. Style questions on the ACT will test on sentences that are grammatically correct, but are needlessly wordy. A and C are incorrect because of wordiness. D is incorrect because it changes the meaning of the sentence.

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Sentence 4 (in paragraph 3) should be placed:

- A. placed where it is now
- B. placed at the beginning of the paragraph.
- C. placed after sentence 1
- D. OMITTED

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is the correct answer because of **ordering sentences**. A is incorrect because the sentence is out of place. B is incorrect because the sentence does not introduce Christ the Redeemer, but rather describes the attraction. D is incorrect because the sentence provides detailed information that contributes to its appeal as a tourist attraction.

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Which of the following sentences is the best transition from paragraph 3 to paragraph 4? <7>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Tourists to Rio can do many engaging things.
- C. In addition to natural attractions, Rio de Janeiro has tourist sites for discovering Brazil's historical legacy.
- D. When I was in Brazil, my favorite places to visit were historical ones.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is the correct answer because of **style and transition**. A is incorrect because of the change in tone. B is incorrect because it is vague. D is incorrect because it lacks transition from previous paragraphs to paragraphs 4 and 5.

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. can explore
- C. will be exploring
- D. have been exploring

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:



B is correct because of **verb tense**. A is incorrect because the verb is past tense. C is incorrect because the verb is future progressive. D is incorrect because the verb is future perfect progressive.

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. amazed
- C. always shocked
- D. only slightly impressed



**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct because of **appropriate word choice**. A is incorrect because of tone. C and D are incorrect because of context.

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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. history;
- C. history—
- D. history,

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct because of **commas**. Independent clauses are used with a conjunction to separate clauses within a sentence.

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Would it fit with paragraph 5 for the author to include a sentence about the types of monkeys that live in the Botanical Gardens? <11>

- A. Yes, because tourists who visit natural settings are always interested in wildlife.
- B. Yes, because more information is always helpful.
- C. No, because this information does not fit with the main topic of the passage.
- D. No, because tourists to Brazil are not interested in what animals live in the country.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is the correct answer because of **purpose**. This passage is about diverse tourist attractions in Brazil. A sentence about the types of animals that live in the country would not fit with the author's intention.

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<12>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. even though
- C. thus,
- D. OMIT the underlined portion

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **transitions**. This sentence does not need a transition word. The comma functions correctly without a transition word.

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<13>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. visitors: who dance
- C. visitors who dance,
- D. visitors, who dance

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **commas**. Commas signal a pause in this sentence between visitors and who. A, B, and C are incorrect.

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<14>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. while listening to the sounds C. to the instrumental sounds
- D. OMIT the underlined portion

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct because of **redundancy**. The sentence has already mentioned the instruments' sounds. Simplest is usually the best option as long as the sentence's meaning is not changed.

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Which of the following sentences most effectively summarizes the passage as a whole?

- A. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil offers tourists a variety of engaging and informative activities that will delight visitors of all ages and interests.
- B. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil is the best place in South America for taking children on vacation.
- C. Although Rio de Janeiro, Brazil has historical attractions, visitors can enjoy sites that are not educational.
- D. The most popular attractions in Rio de Janeiro are two mountains, where visitors can eat lunch at 1300 feet, or take their photo in front of a concrete statue.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because it **summarizes** the passage as a whole. B is incorrect because the passage is not particular to children's vacations in South America. C is incorrect because the essay is not about whether the city's attractions are educational. D is incorrect because the passage includes tourist attractions beyond the two listed: Sugarloaf and Christ the Redeemer statue.

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- A. NO CHANGE
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**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **subject-verb agreement**. The 3<sup>rd</sup> person subject "spine" requires a verb in a singular form. A is incorrect because the verb "support" is plural. C is incorrect because the verbs "protect" is plural. D is incorrect because both of the verbs are plural.

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<2>:



- A. NO CHANGE
- B. regions; cervical,
- C. regions — cervical
- D. regions, cervical,

**Correct Answer:** A  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because of **colons**. Colons are placed at the end of an independent clause. They are used to signal a list of items if there are no additional introductory phrases.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. are born
- C. of us are born
- D. people such as us are born

**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **wordiness**. Strong writing is concise and eliminates more words than are necessary to communicate an idea. A, C, and D are incorrect because additional words are added that are unnecessary to communicate the general idea of the sentence.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. infants'
- C. an infants'
- D. infantile

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct because of **possessive nouns**. Possessive plural nouns add an s + *apostrophe* to indicate possession. In this sentence, the brain and spine development of multiple infants is stunted. A is incorrect because the noun is not possessive. C is incorrect because the article is unnecessary. D is incorrect because the word does not make sense for the context.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE

- B. especially
- C. moreover
- D. nevertheless

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **transitions**. B signals an emphasis in how trauma impacts the spine. A and C are incorrect because they signal an addition. D is incorrect because it signals a contrast.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. has been happening
- C. happens
- D. was happening

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct because of **verb tense**. A is incorrect because the tense is past. B is incorrect because the tense is present perfect progressive. D is incorrect because the tense is past progressive.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. narrow, that
- C. narrow which
- D. narrow,

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is the correct answer because of **which/that function**. "Which" is used in a nonessential clause with a proceeding comma to offset the clause.

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. spines'
- C. spine's

D. spinal

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct because of **possessive nouns**. Spine is singular in this sentence, and requires an apostrophe + s to indicate possession. A is incorrect because the apostrophe is missing. B is incorrect because spines' is plural. D is incorrect because the word does not make sense for the context.

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. the back's
- C. the pillow's
- D. your

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct answer because of **clarity**. The pronoun "its" can refer to either the back or the pillow. The passage is about spine health, and therefore B is the correct choice. A is incorrect because the answer lacks clarity. C and D are incorrect because they are inaccurate for the context.

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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. And, you will look fantastically confident.
- C. Besides, you will look fantastically confident.
- D. OMIT the underlined portion.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is the correct answer because of **consistency**. A, B, and C are incorrect because the informal writing style and the content of the sentence do not fit with the rest of the passage.

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<11>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. health; well-balanced
- C. health: well-balanced
- D. health well-balanced

**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:  
B is the correct answer because of **semicolons**. Semicolons separate two independent clauses; A and C are incorrect because the answers use inaccurate punctuation marks. D is incorrect because the independent clauses are missing a punctuation mark.

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<12>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. fresh fruits, and vegetables, and plenty
- C. fresh fruits and vegetables and plenty
- D. fresh fruits, and vegetables and plenty

**Correct Answer:** A  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:  
A is correct because of **commas**. Commas are used to separate three or more items in a series of related words. B is incorrect because the comma splits fruits and vegetables. C and D are incorrect because a comma is needed to separate this list of three items.

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<13>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. lettuce, the
- C. lettuce, although the
- D. lettuce: the

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is the correct choice because of **sentence fragments**. A is incorrect because the answer is a dependent clause and not a sentence. C is incorrect because the transition word is unnecessary. D is incorrect because colons are not used to join a dependent clause to a new sentence.

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<14>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. day's
- C. daily
- D. today's

**Correct Answer: C**

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

C is the correct choice because of **adjectives**. Adjectives modify nouns and indicate which one, what kind, or how many. A, B, and D are incorrect because their answers are not the correct part of speech.

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This passage would most likely be part of:

- A. a chapter about the human spine that is located in an anatomy textbook.
- B. a personal letter from a doctor to his mother about the importance of taking care of her body.
- C. a pamphlet published by a chiropractor about good spine health.
- D. an entry for Spine in a medical dictionary.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

C is the correct choice because of **purpose**. A is incorrect because the passage is not detailed using scientific jargon about the human body. B is incorrect because the passage is not informal communication between two family members. D is incorrect because the passage is not detailed using medical jargon, nor is it written for an educated medical community.

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#### Mystery Paper Sculptor

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[§2] The first sculpture discovered – at the Scottish Poetry Library – was a tiny tree formed from a book of verse. Library staff dubbed <3> it the “poetree.” The tree sits atop a book. Beneath the tree are the halves of a golden paper egg, each half filled with words clipped from the poem “A Trace of Wings” by Edwin Morgan. At Edinburgh's Filmhouse Cinema, a three-dimensional sculpted scene <4> shows patrons sitting in a movie theater as horse leaps <5> out of the screen. At the Scottish Storytelling Centre, a dragon crafted from the pages <6> of a mystery novel was found nesting in a window. At the National Museum of Scotland, a paper tail was spotted emerging from the spine of

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's book *The Lost World*. Inside, a dinosaur charges through shredded pages of the open book. More creations appeared at more than a few additional places where literature and artifacts are related to <7> books and writing. Therefore, <8> a total of ten sculptures were bestowed on special institutions, whose staff are thrilled by their luck.

[§3] The creator of these sculptures are <9> not known because no one has claimed responsibility. So far, that is. The last gift came with a note in which the mystery artist reveals her gender. Whatever: whoever <10> created the art, your <11> intention is clear. Each gift came with a note expressing special gratitude <12> for "libraries, books, words, ideas." <13>

[§4] Ironically, the creator of these exquisite sculptures who destroyed books <14> – cutting them up with <15> refashioning them into elaborate works of art – as "a tiny gesture in support of the special places." The mystery artist celebrated the magic of those places and, at the same time, made some magic.

Which choice most effectively emphasizes the complexity of the paper sculptures? <1>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. impressively
- C. terrifically
- D. superbly

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Each sculpture was left secretly and later discovered by delighted staff.
- C. Left secretly and later discovered by staff, each sculpture was delighted.
- D. Secretly delighted, each sculpture was discovered by staff.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. specified
- C. adorned
- D. honored

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**Section:** (none)  
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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Cinema, a three-dimensional sculpted, scene

- C. Cinema a three-dimensional sculpted scene,  
D. Cinema a three-dimensional, sculpted, scene

**Correct Answer:** A

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE  
B. movie theaters as horse's leaps  
C. a movie theater as horses leap  
D. movie theater's as horse leap

**Correct Answer:** C

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. dragon – crafted from the pages
- C. dragon, crafted from the pages,
- D. dragon crafted from the pages,

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. a number of additional cultural institutions supporting intellectual endeavors dedicated to promotingC. quite a lot of other cultural institutions characterized by loyalty and dedication to
- D. several libraries and museums devoted to

**Correct Answer:** D

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Eventually,
- C. Of course,
- D. However,

**Correct Answer: B**

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. creators of this sculptures are
- C. creator of these sculptures is
- D. creators of this sculptures is



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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Disregarding the unknown identity of the person who
- C. Without consideration of or concern about whoever
- D. Regardless of who

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<11>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. whose
- C. her
- D. our

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<12>:

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- B. note of gratitude expressing special gratefulness and thanks
- C. thank-you note on each one expressing special thanks
- D. thankful note expressing special thanks

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- B. explains why the artist created the sculptures.
- C. proves the artist is a woman.
- D. indicates the artist is a librarian.

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<14>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. for whom books were destroyed –C. as she destroyed books –
- D. destroyed books –

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 165**

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<15>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. and
- C. nor
- D. so



**Correct Answer: B**

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**Explanation**

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. began, as Pollack is likely to point out,
- C. began, as Pollack is likely to point out
- D. began as Pollack is likely to point out

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. boat (165,231) in all, Pollack convinced the staff of several restaurants,
- C. boat – 165,231 in all – Pollack convinced the staff of several restaurants
- D. boat, 165,231, in all, Pollack convinced the staff of several restaurants

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. donations, from a cork-importing company,
- C. donations, from a cork-importing company
- D. donations from a cork-importing company,

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE



- B. next
- C. first
- D. also

**Correct Answer:** C

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. than a year's
- C. than a years'
- D. then a years

**Correct Answer:** B

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Which choice most effectively introduces the paragraph? <6>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Over the course of many months, Pollack convinced people to help.
- C. Pollack was afraid that he would have to put his cork boat dream on hold.
- D. After a series of trials, Pollack devised a workable strategy.

**Correct Answer:** D

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Which choice provides the most specific description of the assembled groups of corks? <7>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. hexagonal
- C. certain
- D. DELETE the underlined portion.

**Correct Answer:** B

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Binding clusters together and to shape
- C. Binding clusters together and shaping
- D. Binding clusters together and shape



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**Section: (none)**

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Which choice best indicates that constructing the cork boat was challenging? <9>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. authentic
- C. rigorous
- D. grim

**Correct Answer:** C

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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. had seen himself
- C. seen himself
- D. saw him

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. length, of twenty-two feet,
- C. length of twenty-two feet;
- D. length of twenty-two feet

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**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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<12>:

- A. NO CHANGE



- B. most well suited to
- C. better suited for
- D. best suited as

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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<13>:

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- B. company, which
- C. company whom
- D. company, who

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<14>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. River, which is a river in Portugal,
- C. River in Portugal,
- D. River,

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The question asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

The writer wants to add the following sentence to the essay: "Remember," he would say as he made his daily pickups, "every cork counts." The

sentence would most logically be placed at:

- A. Point [A] in Paragraph 1.
- B. Point [B] in Paragraph 2.
- C. Point [C] in Paragraph 3.
- D. Point [D] in Paragraph 5.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. and nearly transparent to the eye almost as the white sands of these dunes.
- C. as these sands.
- D. DELETE the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.



**Correct Answer:** C  
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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. sand heated (by a lightning blast) melts
- C. sand, heated by a lightning blast melts,
- D. sand heated by a lightning blast melts

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. sketches
- C. burns
- D. sends

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. explained, though, that even experts
- C. explained though that, even experts,
- D. explained, though that even experts

**Correct Answer: B**

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Human-made fulgurites are not any easier to excavate than naturally occurring fulgurites.
- C. A fulgurite is not a geode (a crystal-lined stone), though the two are often confused.
- D. Still, pieces of fulgurite can be worked into jewelry.

**Correct Answer: A**



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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. however
- C. so
- D. DELETE the underlined portion.



Correct Answer: D

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- A. Anna told me that there had been a brief rain shower in the area the day before.
- B. I could see bright pink sand verbenas blooming in the distance.
- C. Swift winds were moving the white sands that day.
- D. Dig carefully.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. uncovered, I focused my gaze on the sands in the distance.
- C. uncovered, I looked closely.
- D. had it been uncovered.

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Which choice most effectively concludes this sentence <9> and leads into the information that follows in the paragraph?

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. I focus on looking for seashells, sand dollars, and smooth rocks when I'm walking the sands.
- C. usually, I'm not in the mood for a science project when I'm on vacation.
- D. on their surface, they look like pieces of tree branches.

**Correct Answer:** D

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Which choice makes clearest the light, sporadic arrangement of the bubbles in the glass? <10>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. pointed
- C. speckled
- D. covered

**Correct Answer:** C

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The best placement for the underlined portion <11> would be:

- A. where it is now.
- B. after the word bubbles.
- C. after the word during.
- D. after the word cooling.

**Correct Answer: B**

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<12>:

- A. NO CHANGE



- B. for having unearthed
- C. that would unearth
- D. unearthing

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If the writer deleted the preceding sentence <13>, the essay would primarily lose a:

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- B. mildly scolding response by Anna to the narrator's impatience with the time and attention it might take for them to find a white fulgurite.
- C. light moment in the form of a good-natured joke by Anna about how easy it could be to find a white fulgurite.
- D. moment of excitement when Anna remembers that they could easily find a white fulgurite at the local gift shop.

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<14>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. her
- C. my
- D. their

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Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion <15> would provide the essay with new information?

- A. beaches in Florida, Utah, California, and Nevada,
- B. beaches, but so far not this day in the New Mexico sands,
- C. beaches, in other words, sandy locales,
- D. beaches, even a green fulgurite,

**Correct Answer:** A

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. their
- C. these
- D. it's

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. mountains (Colorado's Pikes Peak,
- C. mountains, (Colorado's Pikes Peak
- D. mountains (Colorado's Pikes Peak



**Correct Answer:** B  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

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Given that all the choices are accurate, which one best uses a comparison to emphasize that the weather on Mount Washington can be extreme? <4>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. is much colder at the summit than at the base of the mountain.
- C. has an average midwinter temperature of 5° Fahrenheit.
- D. has weather that rivals that of Antarctica.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. its steep slopes that force
- C. if its steep slopes force
- D. its steep slopes forcing

**Correct Answer:** A

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<6>:

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- B. speed of 231 mph –
- C. speed of 231 mph;
- D. speed, of 231 mph,

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. In addition, the
- C. Additionally, theD. Also, the

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. furthered our knowledge of ice physics,
- C. as well as ice physics,
- D. ice physics,



Correct Answer: D

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Observers who work
- C. Observers work
- D. Observers, working

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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. winter, of course,
- C. winter, however,
- D. winter,

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<11>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. vehicle while gripping
- C. vehicle that grips
- D. vehicle and grip

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<12>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. research and the
- C. research but the
- D. research, the

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Which choice contrasts most directly with the other ways to get involved at the observatory that are mentioned in the paragraph? <13>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. prefer a warm recliner to an icy peak,
- C. conduct weather research,
- D. love the outdoors,



Correct Answer: B

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The writer is considering adding the following sentence to the essay:

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If the writer were to add this sentence, it would most logically be placed at:

- A. Point [A] in Paragraph 1.
- B. Point [B] in Paragraph 2
- C. Point [C] in Paragraph 4.
- D. Point [D] in Paragraph 5.

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Suppose the writer's main purpose had been to describe how mountain ranges affect weather patterns. Would this essay accomplish that purpose?

- A. Yes, because it discusses how the slopes of Mount Washington increase wind speeds. B. Yes, because it describes the weather conditions on the summit of Mount Washington
- C. No, because it outlines the history of the Mount Washington Observatory.
- D. No, because it provides an overview of the Mount Washington Observatory and its research.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

#### QUESTION 211



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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. its something that's
- C. that something is,
- D. that its

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE

- B. American engineer named
- C. American, engineer named,
- D. American, engineer named

**Correct Answer:** B

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. operations, changing both of these industries fundamentally
- C. operations, so that they would never be the same
- D. operations

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. with that company
- C. during this time
- D. DELETE the underlined portion.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

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In the preceding sentence <5>, the writer is considering revising the phrase “assigned to work on” to “responsible for oiling.” Given that the revised phrase is accurate, should the writer make this revision?

- A. Yes, because the revision specifically describes the procedures McCoy had to follow as he maintained the wheel bearings and axles of trains.
- B. Yes, because the revision provides a clearer connection between McCoy's main task as a railroad worker and his first patented device.
- C. No, because the revision doesn't indicate whether McCoy chose to oil the wheel bearings and axles of trains by hand.
- D. No, because the revision doesn't make clear whether McCoy had worked on trains for other railroad companies.

**Correct Answer:** B

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. lessening the frequency of number
- C. subtracting the amount
- D. lowering the amount

**Correct Answer:** A

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE



- B. and making
- C. helping to make
- D. made

**Correct Answer:** B

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. subsequently,
- C. regardless,
- D. however,

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. the problem being
- C. in that
- D. DELETE the underlined portion.

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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. McCoy would recognize
- C. McCoy, a recognition of
- D. McCoy recognized

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**Section:** (none)

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Which choice offers the clearest and most precise information about how the operation of factory machines changed as a result of McCoy's innovations? <11>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. rethink operations,
- C. run machines continuously,
- D. use machines differently,

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

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The writer is considering deleting the following phrase from the preceding sentence <12> (ending the sentence with a period): and,

as a result, profits.

Should the writer make this deletion?

- A. Yes, because the phrase shifts the focus of the paragraph from the use of McCoy's inventions in factories to factory disputes.
- B. Yes, because the phrase suggests that factory owners were more interested in profits than in which of McCoy's devices would best meet their needs.
- C. No, because the phrase is relevant to the paragraph's discussion of the positive effects that the use of McCoy's inventions had in factories.
- D. No, because the phrase makes clear that the successful use of McCoy's inventions in factories led to higher wages for factory workers.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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#### QUESTION 223

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<13>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. lend itself to superiority
- C. give off the best result
- D. work well

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Which choice best concludes the essay by reiterating its main idea? <14>

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. so, not surprisingly, in 2001 McCoy was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame, located in Alexandria, Virginia.
- C. even having applications in the booming aluminum manufacturing industry of the 1940s.
- D. making this story, for so many reasons, “the genuine article.”

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

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The question asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

The writer is considering adding the following true statement to the essay:

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If the writer were to add this statement, it would most logically be placed at:

- A. Point [A] in Paragraph 1.
- B. Point [B] in Paragraph 2.
- C. Point [C] in Paragraph 4.
- D. Point [D] in Paragraph 4.

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Section: (none)

Explanation

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. a lynch, mob and gangsters
- C. a lynch mob, and gangsters
- D. a, lynch mob and gangsters



Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

C is correct. Commas are supposed to follow each item in a series of three or more.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. became softer
- C. became more soft
- D. became the most soft

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. Answers C and D use the improper form of comparison.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. coldblooded
- C. cold blooded
- D. cold bleeding

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct as “cold-blooded” is a combination of two distinct words into one, thus requiring the use of a hyphen.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. faytalities
- C. fatalitys
- D. fatalities

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

D is correct. The singular, "fatality," contains consonant before the y, thus requiring a change to -ies for the plural.

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Deleting this phrase – “as his adoptive parents raised him to do the right thing” <5> – in the final sentence of paragraph 2 would primarily lose details that:

- A. Superman's biological parents were not very kind people.
- B. Superman was an orphan.
- C. Superman had adoptive earth parents who raised him.
- D. Superman was raised by a supervillain.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

C is correct. The phrase does not disparage Superman's biological parents in any way. Upbringing implies he wasn't just raising himself. There are no mentions of supervillains.

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Based on context clues from the passage, we can assume "dichotomy" <6> means:

- A. butchery
- B. division
- C. contradiction
- D. physician

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

C is correct. Batman is pointing out Clark is the "most human" despite not really being a human or having human limitations. This is the very definition of a walking contradiction.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. loner in that,
- C. loner, in, that,
- D. lonely in that

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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Explanation:

A is correct. The passage as written contains the natural pause between "loner" and "in that."

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. not even his more close friends
- C. not even his most close friends
- D. not even his closest friends

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. The wording here should emphasize that Superman keeps even his most extreme confidantes at arm's length, thus necessitating the fullest comparison, of which "closest" is the choice over "most close" since the root word "close" is a single syllable. Rare exceptions to this rule – good/better/best and bad/worse/worst.

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. momentos C. mentos
- D. mamentos

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. The word is spelled correctly in the passage.

**QUESTION 235**

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**The Personality of Superman**

[§1] In the original Jerry Siegel and Joel Shuster “Superman” stories, Superman’s personality is rough and aggressive. He was seen stepping in to stop wife beaters, profiteers, a lynch mob and gangsters, <1> with rather rough edges and a looser moral code than we may be used to today. In later adventures he became, softer, <2> and had more of a sense of idealism and moral code of conduct. Although not as cold-blooded <3> as the early Batman, the Superman featured in the comics of the 1930s is unconcerned about the harm his strength may cause, tossing villainous characters in such a manner that fatalities <4> would presumably occur, although these were seldom shown explicitly on the page. This came to an end when Superman vowed never to take a life.

[§2] Superman is an extremely moral person, believing it is immoral to kill anyone under any circumstances, and will do whatever he can to avoid it. Clark’s upbringing in the Midwest largely contributes to this, as his adoptive parents raised him to do the right thing. <5>

[§3] In Superman/Batman #3, Batman says, “It is a remarkable dichotomy. <6> In many ways, Clark is the most human of us all. Then... he shoots fire from the skies, and it is difficult not to think of him as a god. And how fortunate we all are that it does not occur to him.”

[§4] Superman is also a bit of a loner, in that, <7> for much of his life, he doesn’t reveal his true identity and powers to anyone, not even his closer friends. <8> Many times they come close to figuring it out on their own, but often he will arrange an elaborate deception to trick them into believing Clark Kent and Superman are entirely separate. He’s known to collect mementos <9> of his adventures and his life in the Fortress of Solitude, and has even been known to have wax statues of all his friends their. <10>

<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE



- B. there
- C. they're
- D. they are

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. "Their" is a possessive pronoun. "They're" is the contraction for "they are." You want the use of the word that refers to a place, hence "there."

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. believes
- C. believed
- D. believing

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. This is a main verb. Its form should match the rest of the passage, and the rest of the passage is in past tense.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. who on Christmas morning found
- C. who on Christmas morning, found
- D. who, on Christmas morning found

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct as the phrase "on Christmas morning" is used as an appositive so it needs to be set apart by commas to break from the main part of the sentence. You can remove it and still get the gist of the passage.

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<3>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. us
- C. those
- D. these

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. Passage is written in first person narration, so the narrator is one of the characters, thus negating C and B as options. While "we" might sound correct here, keep in mind the narrator and her siblings are receiving the action of their father. This makes them objects rather than subjects within the sentence, thus "us" is the correct word choice.

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. favorite star," Dad said.
- C. favorite, star", Dad said.
- D. favorite star, Dad said.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. Commas always go inside the quotation marks when ending a declarative quote.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. "I like it anyway," I said.
- C. "I like it any way" I said.
- D. "I like it any way," I said.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. "Anyway" is used when supporting a previous statement. "Any way" is used when denoting whichever path.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Venus didn’t have any moons or satellites or even a magnetic field but it did have an atmosphere sort of similar to Earth’s except it was super-hot about 500 degrees or more.
- C. Venus didn’t have any moons, or satellites, or even a magnetic field, but it did have an atmosphere, sort of similar to Earth’s, except it was super-hot, about 500 degrees or more.
- D. Venus didn’t have any moons or satellites or even a magnetic field, but it did have an atmosphere sort of similar to earth’s, except it was super-hot – about 500 degrees or more.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. The sentence is written correctly in the passage.

B removes all commas thus making it a run-on. C uses comma splices. D is correct with the exception of “earth’s.” Since you’re talking about the planet, it should be capitalized.

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. God's Creation
- C. Earth
- D. the world

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. The lower-case "earth" is used when referring to soil/dirt/etc. "God's Creation" isn't what the author said, but it also brings in religion unnecessarily. Considering the writer's passage is talking about Santa as a "myth," it's unlikely she would use this language as a descriptor. Lastly, "the world" doesn't refer to the specific planet Earth, which is clearly the place the writer is referencing.

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Deleting this sentence – And they'll have to get permission from your descendants first. <8> – would primarily lose details that:

- A. The author's father wants her to be stingy with her ownership of the planet.
- B. The author's father wants her to shut out the world.
- C. The author's father wants her to be brave when he's gone.
- D. The author's father wants her to feel as special as any other child even though she may not have all the same material things.

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. The author's father, unable to afford "cheap plastic" presents, wants his daughter to feel special and proud of her gift. This sentence best emphasizes the gift's importance – both to the giver and the receiver.

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. kids, who believed in the Santa myth, and got nothing for Christmas but a bunch of cheap plastic toys.
- C. kids who believed, in the Santa myth and got nothing for Christmas but a bunch of cheap plastic toys.
- D. kids, who believed in the Santa myth and got nothing for Christmas but a bunch of cheap plastic toys.

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. The subordinate phrase ("who believed in the Santa myth and got nothing for Christmas but a bunch of cheap plastic toys") needs to be denoted with a natural pause (hence comma).

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What statement most closely fits the sentiment of what the author’s father is telling her in this sentence? <10>

- A. The other children’s parents don’t love them as much as he loves her.
- B. The other children’s parents are superficial, evil people.
- C. The children’s happiness will fade with time, but hers will not.
- D. The father’s love for his daughter will endure even after he and all the material things of the world fade away; in giving her Venus, he is giving her his heart.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. The author’s father is telling her nothing will change this moment between them. Not death or the fading of memories – nothing. What the author’s father is saying goes well beyond jealousy for other people or passing judgment on other children and their parents. Therefore, you can strike A and B right away. C may be true to some extent, but it is still pretty surface-level.

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Excerpted from KnowledgeNuts

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. has been raised
- C. are raised
- D. had been raised

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. The verb choice "have been raised" is awkward because it implies things are significantly different with the raising of the two animals than used to be. Furthermore, B and D are incorrect forms of this verb choice. This leaves "are raised" as the best choice.

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<2>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. its
- C. there
- D. they're

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. The choice of "their" in this setting is awkward because "The alpaca" implies singular and "their" can be plural. The word "its" is a better possessive pronoun choice.

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Identify the one word that could most easily be removed from this sentence without altering the meaning: "very, very soft, and is usually used to make clothing". <3>

- A. very
- B. soft
- C. used
- D. clothing



**Correct Answer:** A  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. You need to know the fleece is soft and that it's used for clothing. On the other hand, you already have one use of "very," which in itself is questionable. Adding a second is redundant.

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Why might the author have placed “recognized” <4> in quotation marks?

- A. She does not agree that any of the colors should be recognized.
- B. She does not believe in the existence of color.
- C. She is a poor writer.
- D. She believes you could make a case for more than 22 when getting into the nuance.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. She later talks about the full spectrum of color with “all points in between,” implying 22 is more a starting point than a final answer.

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- C. The llama, on the other hand, has two layers to its fleece. The inner coat is soft. It provides warmth, while the outer coat – made of stiffer guard hairs – guards against wetness.
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**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. The original sentence has awkward wording and syntax. Answer B possesses a comma splice. Answer D uses the (:) inappropriately.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. utilitarian items like rugs and ropes
- C. the most utilitarian items like rugs and ropes
- D. more utilitarian items unlike rugs and ropes



**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. Use of "more" in the original phrasing is redundant. C draws an unnecessary extreme in its use of "the most." D uses "unlike" instead of the more appropriate "like."

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<7>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Llamas come in fewer colors than alpaca
- C. Llamas come in fewer colors than alpacas
- D. Llamas come in fewest colors than alpacas

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

When making a comparison of two items, use “than.” When sequencing, use “then.” With this rule in tow, you can rule out A. B awkwardly compares plural “Llamas” with singular “alpaca.” D inappropriately uses “fewest.”

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<8>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. and, because of their size they can also be used as pack animals
- C. and because of their size, they can also be used as pack animals
- D. and because, of their size they can also be used, as pack animals

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

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C is correct. There is a natural pause after “size”; therefore, it should get a comma.

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<9>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. kgs
- C. kilograms
- D. kilos

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. Author forgot to pluralize “kilogram,” and you would not use “kgs” because it would contradict the other stylistic choices.

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[§4] Llamas are much larger than alpacas, and because of their size they can also be used as pack animals. <8> An adult llama usually stands around 1.8 meters (6 ft) tall and weighs anywhere between 125 and 200 kilogram <9> (280 and 450 lbs), while an average alpaca only stands about 0.9 meters (3 ft) tall at the shoulder and weighs between 45 and 80 kilograms (100 and 175 lbs).

[§5] While alpacas are mainly kept for their fleece, llamas can serve a few different purposes on a farm. When kept with other animals such as sheep, llamas can serve as guard animals against predators and intruders, although not all llamas have the personality for guard duty. Both are easy to train, and because of their size and strength, <10> llamas can be taught to pull carts and small carriages. Llamas can also be trained to accept a rider, although that rider needs to be fairly lightweight.

<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Both are easy to train, but because of their size and strength
- C. Both are easy to train and because of their size and strength
- D. Both are easy to train but because of their size and strength

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. You do want the comma after “train”; however, the author is talking about llamas and alpacas when referring to “Both.” She is also focusing on llamas here, so to draw the reader back into the context of the paragraph, you need to use the appropriate conjunction – “but,” not “and.”

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- B. Oprah Winfrey, had spent 10 years bringing it to the screen
- C. Oprah Winfrey, which had spent 10 years bringing it to the screen
- D. Oprah Winfrey, who had spent 10 years bringing it to the screen

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:



D is correct. The word “whom” is used to describe the object of an action. The word “who” is used when describing the subject taking the action.

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**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**



**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. It simplifies an unnecessarily complex and awkward sentence. C misuses appositives. D awkwardly uses “but” to set off Thandie Newton’s role in the film.

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What is the author trying to say with the inclusion of this sentence? <3>

- A. The film wasn’t any good.

- B. Most people who saw the film hated it.
- C. The film was not financially successful.
- D. The film had flaws.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. A “flop” at the box office means it didn’t do very well in earning up to financial expectations. It is not a term that acts as an indicator of quality. Lots of good films struggle to find an audience.

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How do you know if the following phrasing – “in her review, “No Peace from a Brutal Legacy,”” – is a correct use of the non-restrictive appositive?

- A. You can remove “No Peace from a Brutal Legacy,” and it won’t change the meaning of the sentence.
- B. You cannot remove “No Peace from a Brutal Legacy,” without changing the meaning of the sentence.
- C. It is a good descriptor of the review.
- D. It is a poor descriptor of the review.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. Non-restrictive appositives can be removed without impeding the meaning and flow of the sentence.

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Why is "television talk show host" <5> necessary to the meaning of this sentence?

- A. It isn't.
- B. Because it details how Oprah's relationship with Morrison began, and how that gave way to a boost in Morrison's sales and popularity.
- C. It isn't necessary as long as you know about Oprah's history.
- D. Because Oprah had to be a talk show host first in order to become a movie star.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. Up until this point, we just get a sense of Oprah as a celebrity and actor/producer. We don't see how her affinity for Morrison's work ties into the author's subsequent success. By including the descriptor of "television talk show host," we get a sense of how Oprah helped Morrison grow her platform.

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By using the words, "As a result," <6> the author of the passage is stating that:

- A. Morrison's book sales success is directly attributed to exposure in Oprah's Book Club.
- B. Without Oprah, Toni Morrison would have never been a successful writer.
- C. Without Toni Morrison, Oprah's Book Club would not have gained 13 million viewers.
- D. Song of Solomon is a really good book.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. It is provable because Oprah already had millions of viewers and that could easily translate to sales. Plus, the sales weren't there before the appearance; they were afterward.

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- A. NO CHANGE
- B. earliest, novel, The Bluest Eye in 2000
- C. earliest novel, The Bluest Eye, in 2000
- D. earliest novel The Bluest Eye, in 2000

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. You don't need "The Bluest Eye" for the sentence to make sense as long as you have "earliest novel." The use of "earliest novel" allows you to easily research for the title.

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What is the implication from this sentence? <8>

- A. Oprah is better at picking books than the Nobel Prize people.
- B. The Nobel Prize people and Oprah don't see eye-to-eye on great literature.
- C. The Nobel Prize people and Oprah do see eye-to-eye on great literature.
- D. In this case, Oprah is a bigger influence on book buyers than the Nobel Prize people.



**Correct Answer:** D  
**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. The statement cannot prove A, B, or C, even if, in the case of C, the Nobel sales aftermath was noticeably less than the appearances on Oprah's show.

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**Section:** (none)  
**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. Rules of quotations dictate Oprah's statement should denote direct quotes with a comma, so you need one before 'Toni Morrison again?' because she is quoting a hypothetical viewer/audience member. However, you would not denote "there would have been..." with a comma or single quotes because it is being used as a subordinate clause, not a direct quote.

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[§3] In 1996, television talk show host <5> Winfrey had selected Song of Solomon for her newly launched Book Club, which became a popular feature on her Oprah Winfrey Show. An average of 13 million viewers watched the show's Book Club segments. As a result, <6> when Winfrey selected Morrison's earliest novel, The Bluest Eye in 2000, <7> it sold another 800,000 paperback copies. John Young wrote in the African American Review in 2001 that Morrison's career experienced the boost of the "Oprah Effect, ...enabling Morrison to reach a broad, popular audience." Winfrey selected a total of four of Morrison's novels over six years, giving Morrison's novels a bigger sales boost than they got from her



Nobel Prize win in 1993. <8> The novelist also appeared three times on Winfrey's show. Winfrey said, "For all those who asked the question 'Toni Morrison again?'...I say with certainty there would have been no Oprah's Book Club if this woman had not chosen to share her love of words with the world." <9> Morrison called the Book Club "a reading revolution." <10>

What does Morrison most likely mean in calling the Book Club a "reading revolution"? <10>

- A. She means it is filled with explosive and controversial literature.
- B. She means it is likely to cause the overthrow of the government.
- C. She means it will give authors, who otherwise might have toiled in obscurity, a chance to reach wider audiences with their words.
- D. She means it will change the way people think about writing.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. When reading Morrison's remarks in the context of the passage as a whole – i.e. discussing the "Oprah Effect" – this is the only answer that makes sense.

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<1>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. Honolulu, Hawaii, two years after the territory was admitted to the Union as the 50th state.
- C. Honolulu Hawaii, two years after the territory was admitted to the Union as the 50th state.
- D. Honolulu, Hawaii, two years after the territory, was admitted to the Union as the 50th state.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. When giving the name of a city and state, always include a comma after the city and a comma after the state.

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What is this error called in the sentence After graduating from Columbia University in 1983. <2>?

- A. Run-on sentence.
- B. Sentence fragment.
- C. Comma splice.
- D. Subordinate clause.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is correct. It is a sentence fragment because it does not convey a complete thought.

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What is the best method for correcting this error? “After graduating from Columbia University in 1983. He worked as a community organizer in Chicago.” <3>

- A. After graduating, from Columbia University in 1983, he worked as a community organizer in Chicago. B. After graduating from Columbia University, in 1983, he worked as a community organizer in Chicago.
- C. After graduating from Columbia University in 1983, he worked as a community organizer in Chicago.
- D. After graduating from Columbia University in 1983, he worked. As a community organizer in Chicago.

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. A and B feature awkward use of (unnecessary) commas. D creates a new fragment.

#### QUESTION 269

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<4>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. with his unexpected March primary win; his well-received July Democratic National Convention keynote address; and his landslide November election to the Senate.
- C. with his unexpected March primary win, his well-received July Democratic National Convention keynote address; and his landslide November election to the Senate, D. with his unexpected March primary win, his well-received, July, Democratic National Convention keynote address, and his landslide November election to the Senate.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

B is complete. Best to use semi-colons in denoting this series since items within the series also use commas as necessary characteristics. Cuts back on confusion.

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<5>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. 2009 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- C. 2009 nobel Peace Prize laureate
- D. 2009 Nobel Peace prize laureate

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. Nobel Peace Prize is the title of the award.

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<6>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. During his first two years in office, Obama signed many landmarks bill.
- C. During his first two years in office, Obama signed many landmark bills.
- D. During his first two years, in office, Obama signed many landmark bills.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. If he signed many, they would have to be plural, so it can't be A or B. D uses unnecessary commas around the words "in office."

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Why are semicolons the best options here for denoting items in a series? <7>

- A. Semicolons are not the best option.
- B. Semicolons require longer pauses.
- C. Semicolons or colons would both work in this case.
- D. Semicolons are a good option because one or more items in the series use commas. Also, the names of these bills are a bit long, so semicolons give you a better “stop” for catching your breath.

**Correct Answer: D**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

D is correct. You would not use colons in a series of items. They also are the best option, so A is false. Lastly, while semicolons do indicate a longer pause, that isn't the main reason in this case. You have Don't Ask, Don't Tell, which would cause confusion if denoting titles with simple commas.

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What would be a better word choice for the word *amidst* <8> in paragraph 2?

- A. among
- B. between
- C. during
- D. over

**Correct Answer: C**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

C is correct. You only use “among” and “between” with comparisons. D might sound okay, but it doesn't fit the meaning of the passage as well.

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As used in paragraph 2, debt <9> is the incorrect word for this sentence. Which word should the writer have used?

- A. debate
- B. demotion
- C. debt
- D. danger

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. Debate is the only response that makes sense in context.



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<10>:

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. He ordered military involvement in Libya in opposition to Muammar Gaddafi. And the military operation that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden.
- C. He ordered military involvement in Libya. In opposition to Muammar Gaddafi, and the military operation that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden.
- D. He ordered military involvement in Libya in opposition to Muammar Gaddafi and the military operation that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

A is correct. All the other choices create fragments of varying lengths.

**QUESTION 276**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

For homes in typically colder geographic regions, it is particularly important to have effective and efficient heating systems.

- A. For homes in typically colder geographic regions
- B. For people in homes in typically colder geographic regions
- C. For homes in typically cold geographic regions
- D. People in typically colder geographic regions
- E. Homes in typically colder geographic regions

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The problem with this sentence is that it makes sense conversationally but not in written English. You cannot just say “colder geographic regions” when there is no object of comparison. Colder compared to what? An area can easily be identified as cold without a prior standard (such as the southern regions or areas near the equator) but not “colder.” Also, it is wrong to refer to people as the subject of this sentence because the second clause states that “it is particularly important to have ... heating system.” People cannot have heating systems usually. Therefore, choice C, which uses a descriptive rather than comparative term, is the best choice.

**QUESTION 277**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Inside the glove compartment were legal documents, pictures, and there were a few napkins from the coffee shop, but no gloves.

- A. and there were a few napkins from the coffee shop, but no gloves.
- B. and there were a few napkins from the coffee shop, but not any gloves.
- C. and napkins from the coffee shop, no gloves were there.
- D. and napkins from the coffee shop, but no gloves.
- E. and napkins from the coffee shop, there were no gloves.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is D. A and B break the parallelism of the list of things in the glove compartment. C and E are run-ons.

**QUESTION 278**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Concerns about global warming have grown into actual efforts sanctioned by non-governmental organizations and governments that not only work to understand global warming and also to prevent it.

- A. understand global warming and also to prevent it.
- B. understand global warming but also to prevent it.
- C. understand global warming yet also to prevent it.
- D. understand global warming but also to prevent its growth.
- E. understand global warming yet also to prevent it's growth.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The original underlined portion is incorrect because of the improper use of the “not only...but also...” structure. Only choice B and choice D use this structure, but choice D accurately adds “to prevent its growth.” The sentence began by discussing growth because global warming is a dynamic problem that has not just stagnated; it continually has changed. Choice D corrects the structure and also uses the proper possessive form of it (i.e. its).

**QUESTION 279**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Even though I have seen the movie countless times, I still laughed when the sheriff throws his mug.

- A. laughed when the sheriff throws his mug.
- B. laugh when the sheriff throws his mug.
- C. laugh when the sheriff threw his mug.
- D. laughed whenever the sheriff throws his mug.
- E. laugh when the sheriff will throw his mug.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. Choice A, C, D, and E have verb tense mismatches.

**QUESTION 280**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

High school reunions are usually looked forward to by alumni that have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful.

- A. High school reunions are usually looked forward to by alumni that have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful.
- B. High school reunions are usually looked forward to by alumni who have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful.
- C. Alumni who have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful usually look forward to high school reunions.
- D. Alumnus that have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful usually look forward to high school reunions.
- E. High school reunions are usually looked forward to by alumni that have worked hard since graduation and now consider yourselves successful.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The problem with this sentence is that it uses the passive voice and a mistaken pronoun to refer to people (i.e. that). Choice C and choice D change the passive voice to the active voice by writing that the alumni commit the action, rather than writing that the action was committed by the alumni. However, choice D mistakenly changes “alumni” (plural) to “alumnus” (singular). Thus, choice C is the best choice because “alumni” is plural as it should be based on the logic of the sentence (not just one person looks forward to high school reunions) and the active voice is properly implemented.

**QUESTION 281**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Yesterday I fell down the stairs and then tried to act like I did so on purpose.

- A. Yesterday I fell down the stairs and then
- B. Yesterday I fell down the stairs, I
- C. I fell down the stairs yesterday, I
- D. After I fell down the stairs yesterday; I

E. Falling down the stairs; I

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is A. B and C are run-ons. D and E misuse their semicolons: the parts before them are not independent clauses.

#### QUESTION 282

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Lockers in schools are often dilapidated, making student's valuables susceptible to theft.

- A. making student's valuables susceptible to theft
- B. which makes student's valuables susceptible to theft
- C. that makes student's valuables susceptible to theft
- D. that makes students' valuables susceptible to theft
- E. making students' valuables susceptible to theft

**Correct Answer:** E

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This sentence is wrong because of a possession error. Not just one student possesses lockers and many valuables. The sentence refers to "lockers in schools," and your typical student doesn't just have a ton of lockers to choose from! Because multiple entities (i.e. people) possess the valuables referred to, the clause needs to become "making students' valuables susceptible to theft." Choices A, B and C all fail to correct this possession error, and choice D mistakenly places "that" after the comma when "which" would be the only appropriate way to begin the descriptive clause. If there was no comma or a replacement semi-colon preceding (coming before) "that" then the sentence would have been okay. Only choice E corrects the possession error and makes a fitting descriptive clause.

#### QUESTION 283

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Fleeing the horde of zombies on foot, an apparently safe building became visible to the terrified couple.

- A. an apparently safe building became visible to the terrified couple.
- B. the terrified couple spotted a building that looked safe.
- C. a safe looking building was spotted by the terrified couple.
- D. the terrified couple's luck changed when they spotted a safe looking building.
- E. their fear subsided somewhat when the terrified couple would spot a safe looking building.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. Choice A, C, D, and E are all dangling modifiers. Who was fleeing the horde? The terrified couple was.

#### QUESTION 284

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Natural disasters have been increasingly effecting nearly every part of the world in the past decade with catastrophic tornadoes, hurricanes and tsunamis.

- A. have been increasingly effecting
- B. has been increasingly effecting
- C. have been increasingly affecting
- D. will be increasingly effecting

E. will be increasingly affecting

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The only problem with the underlined portion of this sentence is the use of the word “effecting” instead of “affecting.” When an object/s undergoes changes, these changes are effects such as in the following sentence: John’s excellent attendance at school has had positive effects on his education. However, in the verb form, “effects” turns into “affects” such as in the following sentence: John’s excellent attendance has affected his education. Noun (effect) vs. verb (affect). Only choice C and choice E properly used “affecting” but choice E uses the future tense when the sentence clearly describes an occurrence of the past (“...in the past decade...”). Choice C is correct.

#### QUESTION 285

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

For every song that is a hit, it is critical to have a quality “beat” and quality lyrics; however, music companies hire professional producers and song writers.

- A. however
- B. therefore
- C. nevertheless
- D. and
- E. yet

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The underlined portion of this sentence is wrong because the conjunction “however” needs to properly reflect the supporting nature of the second clause—NOT a contrasting relationship. Choice A, C and E all reflect a contrasting relationship when a supporting and united relationship should be here. Choice B and D are left. Choice B is best because the initial clause creates a premise (the requirements for a good song) that the second clause needs to support (how these requirements are met); *therefore* is the ideal transition for this type of cause-effect relationship.

#### QUESTION 286

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Firefighters and police officers risk their lives often by stepping into the way of danger physically; therefore, professionals such as doctors and lawyers have an equally significant impact on individuals’ lives medically and legally.

- A. therefore
- B. but
- C. nevertheless
- D. as a result
- E. and

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The first clause (everything before the semicolon) definitely does not cause what is explained in the second clause (everything after the semicolon), so “therefore” is an inappropriate transition. This sentence is presenting contrasting professions (firefighter/police officer and doctor/lawyer) since two are viewed as blue-collar (working class) and the others are white-collar (professional); therefore, a contrasting conjunction is needed. Choice A (“therefore”), choice D (“as a result”) and choice E (“and”) do not present contrasting conjunctions. In this sentence “but” is not your best option for a conjunction. A semicolon is used, so the three simple conjunctions (and/but/yet/etc.) are not as appropriate as the complex conjunctions (therefore/however/nevertheless/etc.). If just a comma was used, then “but” would have been appropriate (i.e. “...into the way of danger physically, but professionals such as doctors...”). So now it’s down to “nevertheless.” Choice C is your best answer.

#### QUESTION 287

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*



In many cultures they consider fish eggs a delicacy.

- A. In many cultures they consider fish eggs a delicacy.
- B. In many cultures fish eggs are considered a delicacy.
- C. In many cultures a delicacy is considered to be fish eggs.
- D. Fish eggs, a delicacy in many cultures.
- E. They consider fish eggs to be a delicacy in many cultures.

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. A is tempting, but the pronoun “they” is vague. E has the same vague pronoun problem. C is just weird all over. D is a fragment.

#### QUESTION 288

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Sports are a significant part of life for people all across the world, as was demonstrated in 2006 when billions of people came together to be involved with the World Cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising.

- A. World Cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising.
- B. world cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising.
- C. World Cup either through playing, watching or through advertising.
- D. World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising.
- E. World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising for it.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**



**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This sentence tests your knowledge of capitalization and awareness of parallelism. The original sentence is incorrect because choice A destroys the parallelism (i.e. thru advertising instead of simply “advertising”) and uses the informal spelling of through (i.e. “thru”). Only choices D and E correct the parallelism error; however, the list should strictly contain gerunds in order to be parallel, so “advertising for it” is not the best choice. By ending with “for it” the author is also implying that one may “play for it” and “watch for it,” and although one may play for the World Cup through a grammar stretch, one cannot possibly “watch for it” and do the same thing as one who simply “watches it.” Choice D uses the appropriate capitalization (because the World Cup is a major sports event it is a proper noun that must be capitalized) and maintains strict parallelism in the concluding list of ways to be involved.

#### QUESTION 289

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

The argument between Paarin and me about the dent in his car continued until the early morning.

- A. between Paarin and me about the dent in his car continued
- B. between Paarin and I about the dent in his car continued
- C. about the dent in his car continued for Paarin and I
- D. on the dent in his car between Paarin and me continued
- E. between Paarin and I on the dent in his car continued

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is A. Choice B, C, and E have pronoun case errors: when the pronoun is the object of a preposition like “between,” you need to use the objective case. D is awkward, especially in its misused idiom: “argument on.”

#### QUESTION 290

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

During the summer many students go away to summer camps that teach them skills about camaraderie, perseverance and integrity.

- A. summer many students go away to summer camps that teach them skills about camaraderie, perseverance and integrity.
- B. Summer many students go away to summer camps that teach them skills about camaraderie, perseverance and integrity.
- C. summer many students go away to camps that teach them skills about camaraderie, perseverance and integrity.
- D. summer many students go away to summer camps that teach them skills about camaraderie, perseverance and maintaining integrity.
- E. Summer many students go away to camps that teach them skills about camaraderie, perseverance and integrity.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Only choice C corrects the redundancy error in this sentence of writing "...summer camps..." after already stating that this event occurs "During the summer..." Choice A, B and D suffer such redundancy. Choice D also breaks the list's parallelism (values such as camaraderie and perseverance that should be followed simply by "integrity"). Choice C and E remain, but choice E makes the same mistake of choice B by capitalizing a season. Although it may look better, seasons are NOT supposed to be capitalized unless they appear in a title or a proper noun.

#### QUESTION 291

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

A consummate gentleman, Stefan's etiquette and social grace was unmatched.

- A. Stefan's etiquette and social grace was unmatched.
- B. Stefan's etiquette and social grace were unmatched.
- C. Stefan's etiquette as well as his social grace were unmatched.
- D. Stefan possessed unmatched etiquette and social grace.
- E. Stefan's social grace was matched only by his etiquette.



**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is D. Choice A, B, C, and E are all dangling modifiers. A has a verb agreement problem, too.

#### QUESTION 292

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

In countries such as China the government is recognizing the advantages of a capitalist market rather than communism and adjust economic policy accordingly.

- A. capitalist market rather than communism and adjust
- B. capitalist market rather than Communism and adjust
- C. capitalist market rather than a communist market and adjust
- D. capitalist market rather than a communist market and adjusting
- E. Capitalistic market nor a Communist market and adjusting

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The problem with this sentence is in parallel structure. The test is very particular about being consistent about the forms of words used. So specifically, since the sentence refers to a capitalist market, then the sentence must refer to a communist market – not communism, which is an ideology rather than a market system in this context. Only choices B, D and E remain. Choice E commits terrible capitalization (neither “capitalist” nor “communist”) mistakes and structure errors (where does the “nor” fit in?! It does not!) Only choice B and choice D remain now, but B mistakenly capitalizes communism and does not change “adjust” to match the parallel verb (i.e. recognizing). Choice D uses the right adjective forms of capitalism and communism, does not make capitalization errors and maintains parallel sentence structure.

**QUESTION 293**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Most of my favorite movies contain slapstick humor, however physical comedy is not the only way to make me laugh.

- A. slapstick humor, however physical comedy is not
- B. slapstick humor, but physical comedy is not
- C. slapstick humor, and physical comedy is not
- D. slapstick humor; physical comedy is not
- E. slapstick humor, but it is not physical comedy that is

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is B. A is a run-on: “however” is NOT a conjunction. C and D are missing contrast. E is not at all concise.

**QUESTION 294**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Learning a new language can be difficult for people after one reaches a certain age; abilities needed to retain and apply new linguistic information deteriorate with time.

- A. after one reaches a certain age
- B. after they reach a certain age
- C. after they reaches certain ages
- D. after it reaches a certain age
- E. after you reach a certain age

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The underlined portion of this sentence is wrong because the sentence refers to people in general. Because a plural third person form of a pronoun is needed (because of the reference to “people”), “one”, “it”, and “you” are all inappropriate responses. Choice A, D and E are all incorrect. Choice B is better than choice C because of the implied logic. People can reach a defined age; it is odd to say that multiple people are simultaneously reaching multiple ages – what is certain then? It’s almost an oxymoron to say certain ages in this context, although it is perfectly fine in other situations (i.e. This board game is only for people of certain ages). Yet the more defining difference is the singular verb form of choice C (i.e. reaches) mistakenly in place of the plural verb form of choice B (i.e. reach). Choice B is the best answer.

**QUESTION 295**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

A growing technology trend is to merge multiple devices with complimentary functions such as a phone, music player and the scheduling features of a planner.

- A. the scheduling features of a planner.
- B. and a planner with scheduling features.
- C. and scheduling features.
- D. scheduling features.
- E. a planner.

**Correct Answer:** E

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

Choice E is correct. The sentence is incorrect because it does not follow parallelism. A list that begins by naming devices (i.e. phone, music player) must continue and finish in that way. Although it is informative to include the details about a planner's features, it should be accompanied by the features of a phone and a music player if that is the way the sentence is being written. Therefore, choices A, B, C and D are incorrect. Choice B and C even add "and" again making the sentence read "...music player and and..." which is clearly wrong! Be careful; the test wants to catch you off guard. Only choice E is direct and maintains parallelism.

**QUESTION 296**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

Jewelry is an accessory used by members of all classes including watches, necklaces and earrings.

- A. Jewelry is an accessory used by members of all classes including watches, necklaces and earrings.
- B. Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, is an accessory used by members of all classes.
- C. Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, are an accessory used by members of all classes.
- D. Jewelry is accessorized by members of all classes including watches, necklaces and earrings.
- E. Jewelry is an accessory used by members of all classes which includes watches, necklaces and wearing earrings.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The problem with this sentence is the misplacement of the clause that describes jewelry. By placing "...including watches, necklaces, and earrings." after "classes" the reader gets the impression that the classes involve different types of jewelry. By moving the clause, choice B and choice C improve the sentence. However, choice C commits the error of using a plural form of "to be" (i.e. are) to refer to a collective noun like jewelry that demands a singular verb (i.e. is). Only choice B places the clause correctly after "jewelry" and ensures that the verb agrees with the subject.

**QUESTION 297**

*Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.*

There are many reasons to see I Heart Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman's performance being one reason.

- A. Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman's performance being one reason.
- B. Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman's performance is only one of them.
- C. Huckabees; Jason Schwartzman's performance, for one.
- D. Huckabees, the performance of Jason Schwartzman is one of them.
- E. Huckabees, including Jason Schwartzman's performance.

**Correct Answer: E**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is E. A has "being" and is redundant to boot. B and D are run-ons. C is semicolon misuse: the semicolon is not followed by an independent clause.

**QUESTION 298**

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

Fraternities are a great way to make friends and learn important lessons of loyalty and compassion.

- A. are a great way to make friends and
- B. is a great way to make friends and
- C. will have been a great way to make friends and
- D. will be a great way to make friends and
- E. is a great way to make friends however

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The original sentence is correct as written. There is no need to change the verb form or tense. Choice A is correct.

#### QUESTION 299

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

Lindsey knows that the reason people dislike her is because of her being a Philadelphia Phillies fan.

- A. is because of her being a
- B. is because she is a
- C. is that she is a
- D. is her being a
- E. is that of her being a

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is C. A, D, and E all use “being” incorrectly. B is redundant and therefore not concise: you don’t need to say “the reason” and “because,” one or the other will do.

#### QUESTION 300

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

Sports commentators often provide informative and witty insight during games that enhance the sports-watching experience.

- A. enhance the sports-watching experience.
- B. enhance the experience.
- C. enhances the sports-watching experience.
- D. enhances the sports-watching experience for fans.
- E. have enhanced the sports-watching experiences for fans.

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The problem with this sentence is that the second action verb (i.e. enhance) needs to be singular (i.e. enhances) because this verb refers to “insight.” Some readers may believe that because there are two characteristics to the insight (i.e. informative and witty) there should be a plural form of the verb. Choice C and choice D correct this agreement error of the verb; however, choice D is wordy. Obviously fans are the ones who watch sports, so why restate this? Choice C therefore is most direct and grammatically sound.



Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

**QUESTION 301**

A shockingly indelible moment, I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when I found out that Kurt Cobain had died.

- A. A shockingly indelible moment,
- B. A shocking, indelible moment,
- C. It was a shocking and indelible moment;
- D. Shocked and indelible,
- E. Shocking and I will never forget it,

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is C. Choice A, B, D, and E have dangling modifier errors, because they aren't describing what comes after the comma. Indelible means not able to be erased; you wouldn't say that about a person in this context.

**QUESTION 302**

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

Since the work force is becoming increasingly competitive in light of technological advances and outsourcing, therefore, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

- A. therefore, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.
- B. moreover, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.
- C. but, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.
- D. so it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.
- E. it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

**Correct Answer:** E

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

This sentence is a run-on sentence and can be fixed with the deletion of one word: "therefore." By beginning with a conjunction such as "Since" the sentence already has a descriptive clause in motion and just needs to be followed by a succinct (brief) statement of what the background of the first clause was describing. All of the choices except choice E use this erroneous second conjunction (i.e. therefore, moreover, but, so), so they must be eliminated. Choice E is grammatically sound.

**QUESTION 303**

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

Study the ancient fighting art of Hapkido and you will learn to avoid directly matching your strength against your opponent's.

- A. your strength against your opponent's.
- B. yours against your opponent.
- C. your strength against your opponent.
- D. your strength with your opponent.
- E. your opponent's strength against one's own.

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The correct answer is A. B doesn't say what's being matched with what. Choice C, D, and E have some sort of parallelism error.

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

#### QUESTION 304

Plenty of high school students spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.

- A. spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.
- B. spend his time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.
- C. spend one's time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.d.
- D. spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and senior citizens.
- E. spend their time involving in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

By breaking the parallelism (continuity of a pattern, in this case), the underlined portion of this sentence must be changed. By simply changing “also helping senior citizens” to “senior citizens” the list is clearly discussing people in the community from various age groups. Each other choice besides D uses incorrect pronouns (i.e. his) and/or parallel structure (i.e. also helping senior citizens).

#### QUESTION 305

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised.

McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States state department.

- A. McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States state department.
- B. McCarthyism was an ideology, an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century, targeted communists in the United States state department.
- C. McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted Communists in the United States state department.
- D. McCarthyism will be an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States.
- E. McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States State Department.

**Correct Answer:** E

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

Explanation:

The original choice is wrong strictly for the lack of capitalization of “State Department.” Choice B complicates problems more than A by deleting certain words that turn the sentence into a run-on sentence. Choice C fails to capitalize “State Department” (it needs to be capitalized because it is a proper noun – the United States State Department, not just “a state department”). Although choice D corrects the capitalization error, it changes “was” to “will be,” which is an illogical verb tense (i.e. future) because later in the sentence it is stated that the ideology arose “in the middle of the twentieth century,” which has already passed. Choice E corrects the capitalization error and leaves the sentence as it is. Sometimes just minor changes are needed!

#### QUESTION 306

Personal accounts of Amelia Earhart suggest that she was a woman of courage, integrity, and she was intelligent.

Which group of words would make a better revision of this sentence?

- A. courage, integrity, and intelligent.
- B. courage, integrity, and she was intelligent.
- C. courage, had integrity, and was intelligent.
- D. courage, integrity, and intelligence.
- E. courageness, integrity, and she was intelligent.

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 307** Smithco's quarterly report indicated that sales were falling, the same report showed a growth in net income.

Which group of words would make a more effective revision to the beginning of this sentence?

- A. Smithco's quarterly report indicating that sales were falling,
- B. Before Smithco's quarterly report indicated that sales were falling,
- C. Although Smithco's quarterly report indicated that sales were falling,
- D. Smithco's quarterly growth in earnings report showed that sales were falling,
- E. Smithco's quarterly report that sales were falling also indicated,

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 308** Coming up on stage, the speaker announced the start of the event.

Which is best way to revise this sentence?

- A. The speaker coming up on stage announced
- B. Coming up, the speaker, on stage announced
- C. No revision necessary
- D. The speaker announced, coming up on stage
- E. Coming up the speaker at the stage announced

**Correct Answer:** C

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 309** Dave and Julie had to work late so that they would finish their project on time.

If the sentence was rewritten to begin with "Tomorrow night," the next words would be:

- A. their project had to be on time
- B. Dave and Julie will have to
- C. their work will have been
- D. their project will have been
- E. Dave and Julie have had to

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 310** If your payment is not received within the next two weeks, you will be assessed a late fee.

Which is the best way to revise this sentence?

- A. No revision necessary

- B. two weeks, you would be assessed
- C. two weeks, you were assessed
- D. two weeks, you have been assessed
- E. two weeks, you will assess

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 311** Ashlee's son, for which my friends bought gifts, is having a graduation party.

Which is the best way to revise this sentence?

- A. son, for whom my friends bought
- B. son, for which my friends bought
- C. son, who my friends bought gifts for
- D. son for which my friends bought
- E. son, for which my friends having bought

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**



**QUESTION 312** Whether to fire an employee is one of managements hardest decisions.

Which revision should be made to this sentence?

- A. insert a comma after fire
- B. change managements to management's
- C. replace Whether with Weather
- D. change managements to Managements
- E. insert a comma after employee

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 313** Our training helps you find a job in a wide range of industries, including nursing information technology, and criminal justice.

Which revision should be made to this sentence?

- A. insert a comma after nursing
- B. insert a comma after job
- C. remove the comma after industries
- D. insert a comma after criminal
- E. change training to training'

**Correct Answer:** A

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 314** Most students at Hudson University enjoy their Chemistry class.

Which revision should be made to this sentence?

- A. insert a comma after University
- B. change Chemistry to chemistry
- C. change students to students'
- D. change class to Class
- E. replace their with they're

**Correct Answer:** B

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**

**QUESTION 315**

*Read the passage and answer the question.*

To: Shawn Organ  
From: Christine DelGaudio  
Subject: Request for additional headcount (accounts payable)



(Paragraph A)

(1) As we've discussed before, the amount of overtime in the accounting department continues to be over budget. (2) A new accounts payable clerk would greatly increase efficiency. (3) I believe that the excessive hours are negatively impacting productivity and employee morale. (4) After analyzing the situation for the past three months, I am recommending that we create a new headcount for an accounts payable clerk. (5) The long work hours seems to have created a hostile work environment. (6) There is little time for personal support and tempers are extremely short. (7) The accounting team no longer has an optimistic and positive view of their work or the company.

(Paragraph B)

(8) To make our commitments, the team spends an extraordinary amount of time performing manual data entry. (9) This works leaves very little time left for problem solving or creative brainstorming. (10) In my opinion, the company is not being helped by ignoring the creative talents of the team members.

(Paragraph C)

(11) I have attached a report for the last three months that details the hours worked, project statuses, and the costs. (12) Based on this data, I have projected how the costs will decrease with the addition of an accounts payable clerk. (13) The fully loaded costs of an accounts payable clerk is much less than the current overtime costs. (14) Can we discuss this position next week? (15) Please let me know if you have any questions.

Which revision should be made to the placement of sentence 2?

- A. move sentence 2 to follow sentence 11
- B. move sentence 2 to the end of paragraph A
- C. move sentence 2 to the beginning of paragraph C
- D. remove sentence 2
- E. move sentence 2 to follow sentence 12

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**



**Explanation/Reference:****QUESTION 316**

*Read the passage and answer the question.*

To: Shawn Organ  
From: Christine DelGaudio  
Subject: Request for additional headcount (accounts payable)

(Paragraph A)

(1) As we've discussed before, the amount of overtime in the accounting department continues to be over budget. (2) A new accounts payable clerk would greatly increase efficiency. (3) I believe that the excessive hours are negatively impacting productivity and employee morale. (4) After analyzing the situation for the past three months, I am recommending that we create a new headcount for an accounts payable clerk. (5) The long work hours seems to have created a hostile work environment. (6) There is little time for personal support and tempers are extremely short. (7) The accounting team no longer has an optimistic and positive view of their work or the company.

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Which sentence would be most effective if placed at the beginning of paragraph B?

- A. Company stakeholders are able to follow our productivity in the TPS reports.
- B. The longer hours do reflect an increased workload, but unfortunately they do not contribute to an increase in creative productivity.
- C. Productivity has increased in four departments this quarter.
- D. The number of hours worked by employees is directly related to productivity.
- E. The November training program will concentrate on increasing productivity.



**Correct Answer: B**

**Section: (none)**

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:****QUESTION 317**

*Read the passage and answer the question.*

To: Shawn Organ  
From: Christine DelGaudio  
Subject: Request for additional headcount (accounts payable)

(Paragraph A)

(1) As we've discussed before, the amount of overtime in the accounting department continues to be over budget. (2) A new accounts payable clerk would greatly increase efficiency. (3) I believe that the excessive hours are negatively impacting productivity and employee morale. (4) After analyzing the situation for the past three months, I am recommending that we create a new headcount for an accounts payable clerk. (5) The long work hours seems to have created a hostile work environment. (6) There is little time for personal support and tempers are extremely short. (7) The accounting team no longer has an optimistic and positive view of their work or the company.

(Paragraph B)

(8) To make our commitments, the team spends an extraordinary amount of time performing manual data entry. (9) This works leaves very little time left for problem solving or creative brainstorming. (10) In my opinion, the company is not being helped by ignoring the creative talents of the team members.

(Paragraph C)

(11) I have attached a report for the last three months that details the hours worked, project statuses, and the costs. (12) Based on this data, I have projected how the costs will decrease with the addition of an accounts payable clerk. (13) The fully loaded costs of an accounts payable clerk is much less than the current overtime costs. (14) Can we discuss this position next week? (15) Please let me know if you have any questions.

What revision should be made to the placement of sentence 12?

- A. remove sentence 12
- B. move sentence 12 to the beginning of paragraph B
- C. move sentence 12 to the beginning of paragraph CD. no revision necessary
- E. move sentence 12 to the beginning of paragraph A

**Correct Answer:** D

**Section:** (none)

**Explanation**

**Explanation/Reference:**