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QUESTION 1

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

Hector was known as "Slim", because of his gaunt appearance.

- A. No error
- B. known as "Slim because
- C. known as "Slim" because
- D. known as Slim because
- E. known as "Slim"; because

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A comma is not necessary, but if it is used it should be inside the quotation marks.

QUESTION 2

Identify the error in the following sentence:

He wasn't going to not say anything, until it became clear that this would be impossible.

- A. wasn't
- B. say anything
- C. it became
- D. impossible
- E. No error

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: This word creates an improper double negative in the sentence.

QUESTION 3

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Although James would rather walk to work then ride the bus, the sidewalks in his neighborhood were still covered with ice from the most recent winter storm.

- A. would rather
- B. then

- C. were still covered
- D. most recent E. No error

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The correct answer is "then" because the word "then" has been used instead of "than." Though many people use these words interchangeably, the two words have different functions and cannot be used in place of each other in grammatically correct writing. "Then" is a measure of time; it tells the reader when something will occur. For example, I'll eat lunch and then go to the store. "Than" is used to compare people or things. For example, Mary likes Pedro more than Edward. To correct the sentence above, change "then" to "than" to show the comparison between walking to work and riding the bus.

QUESTION 4

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

He had just come to the bridge; and not looking where he was going; he tripped over something.

- A. No error
- B. where he was going: he tripped
- C. where he was going. He tripped
- D. where he was going, he tripped
- E. where he was going he tripped

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Only a comma is needed to separate the dependent clause.

QUESTION 5

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

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

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 "have been increasingly affecting" and choice "will be increasingly affecting" properly used "affecting" but choice "will be increasingly affecting" uses the future tense when the sentence clearly describes an occurrence of the past ("...in the past decade...").

QUESTION 6

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

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

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 "capitalist market rather than Communism and adjust", "capitalist market rather than a communist market and adjusting" and "Capitalistic market nor a Communist market and adjusting" remain. Choice "Capitalistic market nor a Communist market and adjusting" commits terrible capitalization (neither "capitalist" nor "communist") mistakes and structure errors (where does the "nor" fit in? It does not.) Only choice "capitalist market rather than Communism and adjust" and choice "capitalist market rather than a communist market and adjusting" remain now, but "capitalist market rather than Communism and adjust" mistakenly capitalizes communism and does not change "adjust" to match the parallel verb (i.e. recognizing). Choice "capitalist market rather than a communist market and adjusting" uses the right adjective forms of capitalism and communism, does not make capitalization errors and maintains parallel sentence structure.

QUESTION 7

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

When began the snow he was asleep.

- A. No error
- B. the snow, began
- C. the snow began

D. began, the snow

E. the beginning snow

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The word order should be altered to remove awkwardness.

QUESTION 8

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Listening to music while working on homework is a dubious habit that many students have and do not want to break.

A. Listening to music

B. working on

C. dubious

D. break

E. No error

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: This sentence is correct as written.

QUESTION 9

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

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

Explanation: This sentence tests your knowledge of capitalization and awareness of parallelism. The original sentence is incorrect because choice "World Cup either through playing, watching or thru advertising" destroys the parallelism (i.e. thru advertising instead of simply "advertising") and uses the informal spelling of through (i.e. "thru"). Only choices "World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising" and "World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising for it" 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 "World Cup either through playing, watching or advertising" 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 10

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

Listen to you're parents; they know more than you might think.

- A. No error
- B. you're parents
- C. you're parents, "
- D. your parents, "
- E. your parents;

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: The contraction for you are is inappropriate. Also, the two clauses express slightly different ideas and should therefore be separated by a semi-colon.

QUESTION 11

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

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

Explanation: "laughed when the sheriff throws his mug", "laugh when the sheriff threw his mug", "laughed whenever the sheriff throws his mug", and "laugh when the sheriff will throw his mug" all have verb tense mismatches.

QUESTION 12

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Adam's scissors isn't sharp enough to cut the fabric correctly.

- A. Adam's
- B. isn't
- C. enough
- D. correctly
- E. No error

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The correct answer is "isn't" because the verb "isn't" doesn't agree with the subject "scissors." It's pretty obvious that "scissors isn't" doesn't sound correct when spoken aloud; you would naturally say "scissors aren't" if you were describing the condition of Adam's scissors. However, you've undoubtedly learned from other examples that you can't always trust what sounds right to your ear. This sentence is especially tricky because "scissors" is singular noun, so you might be tempted to think that "isn't" is the correct verb. However, there are a few words, like "scissors" and "pants," that act like plural nouns even when there is just one of them. Like all grammar rule exceptions, these singular nouns that behave like plural nouns have to be memorized.