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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.

Then he dropped them both, and the big one landed first ?which he had thought it would do, and the little one landed second, which he had thought it would do.

A. No error

B. one landed first, which

C. one landed first: that

D. one landed first; which

E. one landed first ?that

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The punctuation should be the same for both of the parallel clauses.

QUESTION 2

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

In order a great leader to be, a man must first be able to master himself.

A. No error

B. Such as a great leader,

C. The man is a great leader,

D. Ordering great leaders,

E. In order to be a great leader,

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: This version restores the sense to the sentence.

QUESTION 3

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

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.



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- 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

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 involves different types of jewelry. By moving the clause, choice "Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, is an accessory used by members of all classes" and choice "Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, are an accessory used by members of all classes" improve the sentence. However, choice "Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, are an accessory used by members of all classes" 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 "Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, is an accessory used by members of all classes" places the clause correctly after "jewelry" and ensures that the verb agrees with the subject.

QUESTION 4

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

It went on raining, and every day it got a little higher.

A. No error

B. on raining: and every day

C. raining on, and every day

D. on raining, every day

E. raining on; and every day

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The original sentence is correct.

QUESTION 5

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

Suddenly she, laughed as she remembered a story she had been told.

A. No error

B. laughed as she

C. she laughed; as she



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D. she laughed as she

E. she laughed as, she

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: No punctuation is necessary.

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