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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.

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

Explanation: The original choice is wrong strictly for the lack of capitalization of "State Department." Choice "McCarthyism was an ideology, an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century, targeted communists in the United States state department" complicates problems more than "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" by deleting certain words that turn the sentence into a run-on sentence. Choice "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" 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 "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" 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 "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" corrects the capitalization error and leaves the sentence as it is. Sometimes just minor changes are needed.

QUESTION 2

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

"I'm not sure about that," he said. "I can't really remember."

- A. No error
- B. about that," he said! "I can't
- C. about that." He said. "I can't



D. about that," he said, "I can\\t

E. about that" he said. "I can\\t

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The original sentence is correct.

QUESTION 3

Identify the error in the following sentence:

The brightness of the morning; accentuated by the dew on the grass, made George feel much better.

A. brightness

B. morning;

C. grass,

D. better.

E. No error

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: A comma is more appropriate than a colon.

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.

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

Explanation: "between Paarin and I about the dent in his car continued", "about the dent in his car continued for Paarin and I", and "between Paarin and I on the dent in his car continued" all have pronoun case errors: when the pronoun is the object of a preposition like "between," you need to use the objective case. "on the dent in his car between Paarin and me continued" is awkward, especially in its misused idiom: "argument on."

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