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QUESTION 1

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Julia loves working for that particular company, but finds her actual job duties rather boring, and she thinks she would enjoy transferring to a different department.

A. company,

- B. actual
- C. boring,
- D. would enjoy transferring
- E. No error

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The correct answer is "boring," because the comma after "boring" isn\\'t sufficient to join these two independent clauses. The result is a run-on sentence. To correct this example, you could place a period after "boring," remove the next "and," and make the rest a new sentence starting with "She thinks." You could also replace the comma after "boring" with a semicolon and remove the next "and" to join the two parts together correctly and show their close relationship to each other. Remember that adding a comma to a run-on sentence doesn\\'t correct the run-on: it just creates a run-on with a comma.

QUESTION 2

Identify the error in the following sentence:

The sale ends at 11:00, so you should get there quick if you want to take advantage of the discount prices.

A. sale

- B. you
- C. there
- D. quick
- E. No error
- Correct Answer: D

The correct answer is "quick" because "quick" is an adjective and should not be used to describe a verb. In this sentence "quick" is the manner in which the person should get to the store. To correct the problem, simply substitute the adjective "quick" with the adverb "quickly."

QUESTION 3

Identify the error in the following sentence:



These brief setbacks despite being annoying, did not dissuade Leonard from his long-term goal.

- A. setbacks despite
- B. annoying,
- C. Leonard
- D. long-term goal.
- E. No error
- Correct Answer: A

Explanation: There should be a comma after setbacks.

QUESTION 4

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Until you sit down and talk to a person, you don\\'t really know them.

A. No error

- B. you don\\'t know them really.
- C. you do not really know them.
- D. you do not really know him.
- E. you don\\'t really know him or her.

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: A person is singular, so the words him or her are appropriate.

QUESTION 5

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

Without making a sound Geoffrey crept down the stairs.

- A. No error
- B. sound; Geoffrey crept
- C. sound, Geoffrey crept
- D. sound, crept Geoffrey
- E. sound Geoffrey, crept



Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The dependent clause needs to be separated with a comma.

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