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QUESTION 1

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 2

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

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

Explanation: "slapstick humor, however physical comedy is not" is a run-on: "however" is NOT a conjunction. "slapstick humor, and physical comedy is not" and "slapstick humor; physical comedy is not" are missing contrast. "slapstick humor, but it is not physical comedy that is" is not at all concise.

QUESTION 3

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Usually around the month of September many teenagers feel melancholy with the arrival of yet another school year; by May, everyone is ecstatic.



- A. around the month of September
- B. melancholy
- C. arrival of
- D. by May
- E. No error

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: This sentence is flawed because of the redundancy in part A. To correct the error, shorten the underlined portion to read "around September." It is very unnecessary to prelude "September" with "the month of."

QUESTION 4

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

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

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 "Alumni who have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful usually look forward to high school reunions" and choice "Alumnus that have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful usually look forward to high school reunions" 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. Also, choice "Alumnus that have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful usually look forward to high school reunions" mistakenly changes "alumni" (plural) to "alumnus" (singular). Choice "Alumni who have worked hard since graduation and now consider themselves successful usually look forward to high school reunions" 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 5



Identify the error in the following sentence:

Many people would immediately stop smoking if they knew only all the dangers, says the report.

- A. Many people
- B. immediately stop
- C. dangers, says
- D. knew only
- E. No error

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The words knew and only should be switched.

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