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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.

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 2

Identify the error in the following sentence:

The scandals surrounding steroid use in sports has not subsided even though time has passed because of continued use, increased media exposure and deteriorating values.

- A. surrounding
- B. has
- C. time has
- D. deteriorating
- E. No error

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The writer refers to "scandals," a plural noun. So the verb describing such plurality must match. "Scandals...have not subsided" would be more appropriate. Just as you would not say "The other girls in my school has become more cooperative..." you must not say "...scandals...has not subsided." Sound sentences out, and the errors will jump out at you.



QUESTION 3

Identify the error in the following sentence:

To who should I mail the payment for our new refrigerator and stove?

- A. who
- B. I
- C. and
- D. stove?
- E. No error

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The correct answer is "who" because "who" is the object of this sentence. Remember that "who" is the correct pronoun choice for the subject of a sentence, while "whom" is always an object. While the object generally comes closer to the end of most sentences, questions are often structured with the object near the beginning. To correct this sentence, just substitute "whom" for "who." Another hint that this sentence requires "whom" rather than "who" is that the word falls after the preposition "to." Therefore, even if you didn't recognize "who" as the object of the sentence, you could still see that it's the object of a preposition and needs to be changed to "whom."

QUESTION 4

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 5

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

There will be a wide path, almost big enough for a car.



- A. No error
- B. Will there be a wide path,
- C. They\\re will be a wide path
- D. There will not be a wide path,
- E. They\\re will be a wide path,

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The original sentence is correct.

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