

**Question 1 of 11**

Mockingbirds have no song of their own, but it can imitate up to a hundred other birdcalls.

**Answers**

<b>A</b>	but it can imitate
<b>B</b>	however could be imitating
<b>C</b>	yet they could imitate
<b>D</b>	but they can imitate

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Question 1 of 11

Mockingbirds have no song of their own, but it can imitate up to a hundred other birdcalls.

**✘ Incorrect**

You selected answer B, the correct answer was D.

**✔ D** but they can imitate

**✘ B** however could be imitating

Rationale

Choice (D) is correct. It avoids the pronoun-agreement error of the original sentence by providing the plural pronoun "they" to agree with the plural noun ("Mockingbirds") that precedes it. While choice (C) also provides the plural pronoun "they," choice (C) involves a verb tense agreement error; the conditional verb "could" is not consistent with the present tense verb "have" that precedes it.

**Question 2 of 11**

Charleston, South Carolina, is a popular city for tourists, with their historical sites and beautiful weather.

**Answers**

<b>A</b>	with their historical sites and beautiful weather
<b>B</b>	with its historical sites and beautiful weather
<b>C</b>	it has historical sites and beautiful weather
<b>D</b>	because of their historical sites and beautiful weather

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Question 2 of 11

Charleston, South Carolina, is a popular city for tourists, with their historical sites and beautiful weather.

**✘ Incorrect**

You selected answer A, the correct answer was B.

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| ✔ B | with its historical sites and beautiful weather   |
| ✘ A | with their historical sites and beautiful weather |

Rationale

Choice (B) is correct. It avoids the pronoun agreement error of the original by providing the singular possessive pronoun "its" to agree with the singular noun phrase that precedes it, "Charleston, South Carolina." While choice (C) also provides a singular pronoun, "it," choice (C) results in a comma splice: two independent clauses are improperly joined with only a comma.

### Question 3 of 11

Many autonomous kingdoms that share a history of contact, including cultural and economic exchange, have their home in the high plateaus and fertile valleys of the Cameroon Grasslands.

Rewrite, beginning with

The high plateaus and fertile valleys of the Cameroon Grasslands ...

The next words will be

### Answers

<b>A</b>	they are home to many autonomous kingdoms
<b>B</b>	are home to many autonomous kingdoms
<b>C</b>	that are home to many autonomous kingdoms
<b>D</b>	is home to many autonomous kingdoms

Question 3 of 11

Many autonomous kingdoms that share a history of contact, including cultural and economic exchange, have their home in the high plateaus and fertile valleys of the Cameroon Grasslands.

Rewrite, beginning with

The high plateaus and fertile valleys of the Cameroon Grasslands ...

The next words will be

**Incorrect**

You selected answer D, the correct answer was B.

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| ✓ B | are home to many autonomous kingdoms |
| ✗ D | is home to many autonomous kingdoms  |

**Rationale**

Choice (B) is correct. The sentence should be rewritten "The high plateaus and fertile valleys of the Cameroon Grasslands are home to many autonomous kingdoms that share a history of contact, including cultural and economic exchange." Choice (B) avoids the errors of the other options by providing the plural verb "are," the main verb of the sentence, to agree with the plural subject "The high plateaus and fertile valleys." Choice (C) also uses the verb "are" but is not the best answer: the sentence beginning "The high plateaus and fertile valleys of the Cameroon Grasslands that are home to many autonomous kingdoms" results in illogical phrasing.

Question 4 of 11

Walking on a leash and barking on command, the judges were impressed by the dog.

Answers

A	judges were impressed by the dog
B	dog impressed the judges
C	judges were being impressed by the dog
D	dog having impressed the judges

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Question 4 of 11

Walking on a leash and barking on command, the judges were impressed by the dog.

✘

**Incorrect**

You selected answer C, the correct answer was B.

✔ **B**

dog impressed the judges

✘ **C**

judges were being impressed by the dog

Rationale

Choice (B) is correct. It avoids the modification error of the original sentence by appropriately placing the noun "dog" directly after the phrase that modifies it ("Walking on a leash and barking on command"). While choice (D) also places the noun "dog" after the modifying phrase, this choice results in a sentence fragment; there is no main verb to carry out the action of the sentence, only the phrase "having impressed the judges." Choices (A) and (C) improperly imply that the "judges" were "Walking on a leash and barking on command."



### Question 5 of 11

Fred Astaire, often considered the stage's most gifted dancing star, appeared in eleven Broadway musicals between 1917 and 1932.

Rewrite, beginning with

Often considered the stage's most gifted dancing star, ...

The next words will be

### Answers

<b>A</b>	Fred Astaire appeared
<b>B</b>	and making appearances
<b>C</b>	he appeared
<b>D</b>	and appearing

Question 5 of 11

Fred Astaire, often considered the stage's most gifted dancing star, appeared in eleven Broadway musicals between 1917 and 1932.

Rewrite, beginning with

Often considered the stage's most gifted dancing star, ...

The next words will be



Correct

✓ A

Fred Astaire appeared

Rationale

Choice (A) is correct. The sentence should be rewritten "Often considered the stage's most gifted dancing star, Fred Astaire appeared in eleven Broadway musicals between 1917 and 1932." Choice (A) avoids the errors of the other options by appropriately placing the subject of the sentence, "Fred Astaire," immediately after the phrase that modifies it ("Often considered the stage's most gifted dancing star") and by providing the past tense verb "appeared" to serve as the main verb in the sentence.

### Question 6 of 11

Because cotton produced soil exhaustion, George Washington Carver urged the planting of peanuts and other crops in its place.

Rewrite, beginning with

George Washington Carver urged the planting ...

Your new sentence will include

### Answers

A	in place of cotton, however it produced
B	in place of cotton, although it produced
C	in place of cotton, and it produced
D	in place of cotton, which produced

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Question 6 of 11

Because cotton produced soil exhaustion, George Washington Carver urged the planting of peanuts and other crops in its place.

Rewrite, beginning with

George Washington Carver urged the planting ...

Your new sentence will include



**Incorrect**

You selected answer C, the correct answer was D.



**D**

in place of cotton, which produced



**C**

in place of cotton, and it produced

Rationale

Choice (D) is correct. The sentence should be rewritten "George Washington Carver urged the planting of peanuts and other crops in place of cotton, which produced soil exhaustion." Choice (D) avoids the vague pronoun errors of the other options by using the relative clause "which produced soil exhaustion" to modify the noun "cotton." The pronoun "it" in options (A), (B), and (C) could refer either to "cotton" or to "the planting of peanuts and other crops." These options also change the meaning of the original sentence.

**Directions**

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

**Question 7 of 11**

Stamp collecting being a hobby that is sometimes used in the schools to teach economics and social studies.

**Answers**

<b>A</b>	being a hobby that is
<b>B</b>	is a hobby because it is
<b>C</b>	which is a hobby
<b>D</b>	is a hobby

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Question 7 of 11

Stamp collecting being a hobby that is sometimes used in the schools to teach economics and social studies.



Correct

✓ D

is a hobby

Rationale

Choice (D) is correct. It avoids the sentence-fragment error of the original sentence by providing the verb "is" to carry out the action of the sentence. Also, the phrase "a hobby that is sometimes used" can be shortened, as in (D), to "a hobby sometimes used"; both are acceptable. Choice (B) is grammatically correct but illogically suggests causality—that stamp collecting is a hobby because it is sometimes used in schools.

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**Directions**

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

**Question 8 of 11**

Nothing grows as well in Kentucky as burley tobacco, being the state's chief agricultural crop.

**Answers**

<b>A</b>	tobacco, being the
<b>B</b>	tobacco, the
<b>C</b>	tobacco and the
<b>D</b>	tobacco, it is the

Question 8 of 11

Nothing grows as well in Kentucky as burley tobacco, being the state's chief agricultural crop.



Correct

✓ B

tobacco, the

Rationale

Choice (B) is correct. It avoids the illogical construction of the original sentence by providing the modifying phrase "the state's chief agricultural crop" directly after "burley tobacco," the noun phrase it modifies. The original sentence, by using the present participle "being" to introduce the modifying phrase, illogically suggests causality—being the state's chief agricultural crop (in other words, because it is the state's chief agricultural crop), nothing grows as well in Kentucky as burley tobacco. Choice (D) results in a comma splice: two independent clauses are improperly joined with only a comma.

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**Directions**

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

**Question 9 of 11**

Horror films that keep viewers in a state of endless fright and which draw record-breaking crowds.

**Answers**

<b>A</b>	that keep viewers in a state of endless fright and which draw
<b>B</b>	keep viewers in a state of endless fright and drawing
<b>C</b>	that keep viewers in a state of endless fright draw
<b>D</b>	that keep viewers in a state of endless fright and they draw

Question 9 of 11

Horror films that keep viewers in a state of endless fright and which draw record-breaking crowds.



Correct



that keep viewers in a state of endless fright draw

Rationale

Choice (C) is correct. It avoids the sentence-fragment error of the original sentence by providing the main verb "draw" to agree with the subject "horror films" and to carry out the action of the sentence. In addition, choice (C) appropriately provides the relative clause "that keep viewers in a state of endless fright" to modify the noun phrase that precedes it, "horror films." None of the other options results in a complete sentence.

**Directions**

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

**Question 10 of 11**

Detergents have polluted the water on Long Island, experts predict a water shortage there within ten years.

**Answers**

<b>A</b>	polluted the water on Long Island, experts predict
<b>B</b>	polluted the water on Long Island, experts predicting
<b>C</b>	so polluted the water on Long Island, experts predict
<b>D</b>	so polluted the water on Long Island that experts predict

Question 10 of 11

Detergents have polluted the water on Long Island, experts predict a water shortage there within ten years.

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**Incorrect**

You selected answer C, the correct answer was D.

✓ D

so polluted the water on Long Island that experts predict

\* C

so polluted the water on Long Island, experts predict

Rationale

Choice (D) is correct. It avoids the comma-splice error of the original sentence by providing the correlative construction "so... that..." to express something that happened (the pollution of the water) to such a degree that something else resulted (the prediction of a water shortage). While choice (C) also provides the adverb "so" to modify the verb "polluted," it does not provide the necessary conjunction "that." Choice (A) results in a comma splice: two independent clauses are improperly joined with only a comma.

**Directions**

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

**Question 11 of 11**

The committee members took a long lunch break to tour the city, the committee members reconvened.

**Answers**

<b>A</b>	The committee members took a
<b>B</b>	After taking a
<b>C</b>	While the committee members took a
<b>D</b>	Although taking a

Question 11 of 11

The committee members took a long lunch break to tour the city, the committee members reconvened.

**✘ Incorrect**

You selected answer C, the correct answer was B.

**✔ B** After taking a

**✘ C** While the committee members took a

Rationale

Choice (B) is correct. It avoids the comma-splice error of the original sentence by providing the adverbial clause "After taking a long lunch break to tour the city" to modify the main verb of the sentence, "reconvened." While choice (D) also provides an adverbial clause ("Although taking a long lunch break to tour the city"), this clause does not logically modify the verb "reconvened." Choice (A) results in a comma splice: two independent clauses are improperly joined with only a comma.