

5.0 Sentence Correction

Sentence correction questions appear in the Verbal section of the GMAT exam . The Verbal section uses multiple-choice questions to measure your ability to read and comprehend written material , to reason and evaluate arguments , and to correct written material to conform to standard written English . Because the Verbal section includes passages from several different content areas , you may be generally familiar with some of the material ; however, neither the passages nor the questions assume detailed knowledge of the topics discussed . Sentence correction questions are intermingled with critical reasoning and reading comprehension questions throughout the Verbal section of the exam . You will have 75 minutes to complete the Verbal section . or about 1% minutes to answer each question .

Sentence correction questions present a statement in which words are underlined . The questions ask you to select from the answer options the best expression of the idea or relationship described in the underlined section . The first answer choice always repeats the original phrasing . Whereas the other four provide alternatives . In some cases , the original phrasing is the best choice . In other cases , the underlined section has obvious or subtle errors that require correction . These questions require you to be familiar with the stylistic conventions and grammatical rules of standard written English and to demonstrate your ability to improve incorrect or ineffective expressions .

You should begin these questions by reading the sentence carefully . Note whether there are any obvious grammatical errors as you read the underlined section . Then read the five answer choices carefully . If there was a subtle error you did not recognize the first time you read the sentence , it may become apparent after you have read the answer choices . If the error is still unclear, see whether you can eliminate some of the answers as being incorrect . Remember that in some cases , the original selection may be the best answer .

5 . 1 Basic English Grammar Rules

Sentence correction questions ask you to recognize and potentially correct at least one of the following grammar rules .However, these rules are not exhaustive .If you are interested in learning more about English grammar as a way to prepare for the GMAT exam , there are several resources available on the Web .

Agreement

Standard English requires elements within a sentence to be consistent . There are two types of agreement : noun-verb and pronoun .

Noun-verb agreement . "Singular subjects take singular verbs , whereas plural subjects take plural verbs .

Examples . "

Correct : "I walk to the store ."Incorrect : "I walks to the store ."

Correct : "We go to school ."Incorrect : "We goes to school ."

Correct : "The number of residents has grown ."Incorrect : "The number of residents have grown ."

Correct : "The masses have spoken ."Incorrect : "The masses has spoken ."

Pronoun agreement . "A pronoun must agree with the noun or pronoun it refers to in person , number, and gender .

Examples .

Correct : "When you dream , you are usually asleep ."

Incorrect : "When one dreams , you are usually asleep ."

Correct : "When the kids went to sleep , they slept like logs ."

Incorrect : "When the kids went to sleep , he slept like a log ."

Diction

Words should be chosen to correctly and effectively reflect the appropriate part of speech . There are several words that are commonly used incorrectly . When answering sentence correction questions , pay attention to the following conventions .

Among / between . Among is used to refer to relationships involving more than two objects . Between is used to refer to relationships involving only two objects .

Examples:

Correct : “We divided our winnings among the three of us .” Incorrect : “We divided our winnings between the three of us .”

Correct : “She and I divided the cake between US .” Incorrect : “She and I divided the cake among us .”

As / like . As can be a preposition meaning “in the capacity of, ” but more often is a conjunction of manner and is followed by a verb . Like is generally used as a preposition . and therefore is followed by a noun, an object pronoun, or a verb ending in “ing.”

Examples :

Correct : “I work as a librarian .” Incorrect : “I work like a librarian .”

Correct : “Do as I say, not as I do .” Incorrect : “Do like I say, not like I do .”

Correct : “It felt like a dream .” Incorrect : “It felt as a dream .”

Correct : “People like you inspire me .” Incorrect : “People as you inspire me .”

Correct : “There's nothing like biking on a Warm , autumn day .” Incorrect : “There's nothing as biking on a warm fall day .”

Mass and count words: Mass words are nouns quantified by an amount rather than by a number .

Count nouns can be quantified by a number .

Examples:

Correct : "We bought a loaf of bread ." Incorrect : "We bought one bread ."

Correct : "He wished me much happiness ." Incorrect : "He wished me many happinesses ."

Correct : "We passed many buildings ." Incorrect : "We passed much buildings ."

Pronouns : Myself should not be used as a substitute for I or me .

Examples:

Correct : "Morn and I had to go to the store ." Incorrect : "Mom and myself had to go to the store ."

Correct : "He gave the present to Dad and me ." Incorrect : "He gave the present to Dad and myself ."

Grammatical Construction

Good grammar requires complete sentences . Be on the lookout for improperly formed constructions .

Fragments . "Parts of a sentence that are disconnected from the main clause are called fragments .

Example:

Correct : "We saw the doctor and his nurse at the party ." Incorrect : "We saw the doctor at the party . And his nurse ."

Run-on sentences . "A run-on sentence is two independent clauses that run together without proper punctuation .

Example :

Correct : Jose Canseco is still a feared batter, most pitchers don't want to face him ."

Incorrect : "Jose Canseco is still a feared batter most pitchers don't want to face him ."

Constructions . "Avoid wordy, redundant constructions .

Example:

Correct :“We could not come to the meeting because of a conflict .”Incorrect :“The reason we could not come to the meeting is because of a conflict .”

Idiom

It is important to avoid nonstandard expressions , though English idioms sometimes do not follow conventional grammatical rules . Be careful to use the correct idiom when using the constructions and parts of speech .

Prepositions . "Specific prepositions have specific purposes .

Examples:

Correct :“She likes to jog in the morning .”Incorrect :“She likes to jog on the morning .”

Correct :“They ranged in age from 10 to 15 .”Incorrect :“They ranged in age from 10 up to 15 .”

Correlatives . "Word combinations such as“not only...but also" should be followed by an element of the same grammatical type .

Example:

Correct :“I have called not only to thank her but also to tell her about the next meeting .”

Incorrect :“I have called not only to thank her but also I told her about the next meeting .”

Forms of comparison . "Many forms follow precise constructions . Fewer refers to a specific number,

whereas less than refers to a continuous quantity . Between . . . and is the correct form to designate a choice . Farther refers to distance , whereas further refers to degree .

Example :

Correct :“There were fewer children in my class this year .”Incorrect :“There were less children in

my class this year .”

Correct :“There was less devastation than 1 was told .”Incorrect :“There was fewer devastation than 1 was told .”

Correct :“We had to choose between chocolate and vanilla .”Incorrect :“We had to choose between chocolate or vanilla .”(It is also correct to say,“We had to choose chocolate or vanilla .”)

Correct :“I ran farther than John , but he took his weight training further than I did .”Incorrect :“I ran further than John , but he took his weight training farther than I did .”

Logical Predication

Watch out for phrases that detract from the logical argument .

Modification problems : Modifiers should be positioned so it is clear what word or words they are meant to modify . If modifiers are not positioned clearly, they can cause illogical references or comparisons , or distort the meaning of the statement .

Examples:

Correct :“I put the cake that I baked by the door”Incorrect :“I put the cake by the door that I baked .”

Correct :“Reading my mind, she gave me the delicious cookie .”Incorrect :“Reading my mind , the cookie she gave me was delicious .

Correct :“In the Middle Ages . the world was believed to be flat .”Incorrect :“In the Middle Ages , the world was flat .”

Parallelism

Constructing a sentence that is parallel in structure depends on making sure that the different elements in the sentence balance each other ; this is a little bit like making sure that the two sides of a mathematical equation are balanced . To make sure that a sentence is grammatically correct ,

check to see that phrases , clauses , verbs , and other sentence elements parallel each other .

Examples :

Correct :“I took a bath ,went to sleep ,and woke up refreshed .”Incorrect :“I took a bath ,sleeping ,
and waking up refreshed .”

Correct :“The only way to know is to take the plunge .”Incorrect :“The only way to know is taking
the plunge .”

Rhetorical Construction

Good sentence structure avoids constructions that are awkward , wordy, redundant , imprecise ,
or unclear, even when they are free of grammatical errors .

Example :

Correct :“Before we left on vacation . we watered the plants ,checked to see that the stove was off,
and set the burglar alarm .”Incorrect :“Before we left to go on our vacation ,we watered ,checked to
be sure that the stove had been turned off, and set it .”

Verb Form

In addition to watching for problems of agreement or parallelism . make sure that verbs are used in
the correct tense . Be alert to whether a verb should reflect past , present , or future tense .

Example :

Correct :“I went to school yesterday .”“I go to school every weekday .”“I will go to school
tomorrow .”

Each tense also has a perfect form(used with the past participle - i .e . ,walked ,ran) ,a progressive
form(used with the present participle - i .e . , walking , running) , and a perfect progressive form
(also used with the present participle - i .e . walking , running) .

Present perfect : Used with has or have, the present perfect tense describes an action that occurred at an indefinite time in the past or that began in the past and continues into the present .

Examples . "

Correct : "I have traveled all over the world ." (at an indefinite time)

Correct : "He has gone to school since he was five years old ." (continues into the present)

Past perfect . "This verb form is used with had to show the order of two events that took place in the past .

Example . "

Correct : "By the time I left for school , the cake had been baked ."

Future perfect . "Used with will have, this verb form describes an event in the future that will precede another event .

Example:

Present progressive : Used with am , is , or are, this verb form describes an ongoing action that is happening now.

Example:

Correct : "I am studying for exams . ""The student is studying for exams . ""We are studying for exams ."

Past progressive : Used with was or were, this verb form describes something that was happening when another action occurred .

Example :

Correct : "The student was studying when the fire alarm rang ." "They were studying when the fire

broke out .”

Future progressive : Used with will be or shall be, this verb tense describes an ongoing action that will continue into the future .

Example:

Correct : “The students will be studying for exams throughout the month of December .”

Present perfect progressive: Used with have been or has been, this verb tense describes something that began in the past , continues into the present , and may continue into the future .

Example:

Correct : “The student has been studying hard in the hope of acing the test .”

Past perfect progressive : Used with had been , this verb form describes an action of some duration that was completed before another past action occurred .

Example :

Correct : “Before the fire alarm rang , the student had been studying.”

Future perfect progressive : Used with will have been , this verb form describes a future , ongoing action that will occur before a specified time .

Example :

Correct : “By the end of next year, the students will have been studying math for five years .”

5.2 Study Suggestions

There are two basic ways you Can study for sentence correction questions :

Read material that reflects standard usage .

One way to gain familiarity with the basic conventions of standard written English is simply to read .Suitable material will usually be found in good magazines and nonfiction books ,editorials in

outstanding newspapers ,and the collections of essays used by many college and university writing courses .

Review basic rules of grammar and practice with writing exercises .

Begin by reviewing the grammar rules laid out in this chapter . Then , if you have school assignments(such as essays and research papers)that have been carefully evaluated for grammatical errors , it may be helpful to review the comments and corrections .

5 . 3 What Is Measured

Sentence correction questions test three broad aspects of language proficiency :

Correct expression .

A correct sentence is grammatically and structurally sound . It conforms to all the rules of standard written English , including noun-verb agreement , noun-pronoun agreement, pronoun consistency, pronoun case , and verb tense sequence . A correct sentence will not have dangling , misplaced , or improperly formed modifiers ; unidiomatic or inconsistent expressions ; or faults in parallel construction .

Effective expression

An effective sentence expresses an idea or relationship clearly and concisely as well as grammatically . This does not mean that the choice with the fewest and simplest words is necessarily the best answer, It means that there are no superfluous words or needlessly complicated expressions in the best choice .

Proper diction

An effective sentence also uses proper diction . (Diction refers to the standard dictionary meanings of words and the appropriateness of words in context .)In evaluating the diction of a sentence .you must be able to recognize whether the words are well chosen , accurate , and suitable for the context.

5 . 4 Test-Taking Strategies for Sentence Correction Questions

1 . Read the entire sentence carefully .

Try to understand the specific idea or relationship that the sentence should express .

2 . Evaluate the underlined passage for errors and possible corrections before reading the answer choices .

This strategy will help you discriminate among the answer choices . Remember, in some cases the underlined passage is correct.

3 . Read each answer choice carefully .

The first answer choice always repeats the underlined portion of the original sentence .Choose this answer if you think that the sentence is best as originally written , but do so only after examining all the other choices .

4 . Try to determine how to correct what you consider to be wrong with the original sentence .

Some of the answer choices may change things that are not wrong ,whereas others may not change everything that is wrong .

5 . Make sure that you evaluate the sentence and the choices thoroughly .

Pay attention to general clarity, grammatical and idiomatic usage , economy and precision of language , and appropriateness of diction.

6 . Read the whole sentence , substituting the choice that you prefer for the underlined passage.

A choice may be wrong because it does not fit grammatically or structurally with the rest of the sentence . Remember that some sentences will require no correction . When the given sentence requires no correction , choose the first answer.

5 . 5 The Directions

These are the directions that you will see for sentence correction questions when you take the

GMAT test . If you read them carefully and understand them clearly before going to sit for the exam , you will not need to spend too much time reviewing them once you are at the test center and the exam is under way.

Sentence correction questions present a sentence , part or all of which is underlined . Beneath the sentence , you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined passage . The first answer choice repeats the original underlined passage ; the other four are different . If you think the original phrasing is best , , choose the first answer ; otherwise choose one of the others .

This type of question tests your ability to recognize the correctness and effectiveness of expression in standard written English . In choosing your answer, follow the requirements of standard written English ; that is , pay attention to grammar, choice of words , and sentence construction . Choose the answer that produces the most effective sentence ; this answer should be clear and exact , without awkwardness , ambiguity redundancy, or grammatical error .

5 . 6 Sentence Correction Sample Questions

Sentence correction questions present a sentence , part or all of which is underlined. Beneath the sentences, you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined passage . The first answer choice repeats the original ; the other four are different . If you think the original phrasing is best, choose the first answer, otherwise choose one of the others.

This type of question tests your ability to recognize the correctness and effectiveness of expression in standard written English . In choosing your answer, follow the requirements of standard written English; that is, pay attention to grammar, choice of words, and sentence construction. Choose the answer that produces the most effective sentence; this answer should be clear and exact, without awkwardness, ambiguity, redundancy, redundancy, or grammatical error.

1. Some bat caves , like honeybee hives , have residents that take on different duties such as

defending the entrance , acting as sentinels and to sound a warning at the approach of danger, and scouting outside the cave for new food and roosting sites .

- (A) acting as sentinels and to sound
- (B) acting as sentinels and sounding
- (C) to act as sentinels and sound
- (D) to act as sentinels and to sound
- (E) to act as a sentinel sounding

2.However much United States voters may agree that there is waste in government and that the government as a whole spends beyond its means , it is difficult to find broad support for a movement toward a minimal state .

- (A) However much United States voters may agree that
- (B) Despite the agreement among United States voters to the fact
- (C) Although United States voters agree
- (D) Even though United States voters may agree
- (E) There is agreement among United States voters that

3. Native American burial sites dating back 5 ,000 years indicate that the residents of Maine at that time were part of a widespread culture of Algonquian-speaking people .

- (A) were part of a widespread culture of Algonquian-speaking people
- (B) had been part of a widespread culture of people who were Algonquian-speaking
- (C) were people who were part of a widespread culture that was Algonquian-speaking
- (D) had been people who were part of a widespread culture that was Algonquian-speaking
- (E) were a people which had been part of a widespread , Algonquian-speaking culture

4.The voluminous personal papers of Thomas Alva Edison reveal that his inventions typically sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly from previous works .

- (A) sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly
- (B) sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but were slowly evolved
- (C) did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly
- (D) did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but had slowly evolved
- (E) did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but they were slowly evolved

5.A Labor Department study states that the numbers of women employed outside the home grew by more than a thirty-five percent increase in the past decade and accounted for more than sixty-two percent of the total growth in the civilian work force .

- (A) numbers of women employed outside the home grew by more than a thirty-five percent increase
- (B) numbers of women employed outside the home grew more than thirty-five percent
- (C) numbers of women employed outside the home were raised by more than thirty-five percent
- (D) number of women employed outside the home increased by more than thirty-five percent
- (E) number of women employed outside the home was raised by more than a thirty-five percent increase

6. From the earliest days of the tribe , kinship determined the way in which the Ojibwa society organized its labor, provided access to its resources, and defined rights and obligations involved in the distribution and consumption of those resources

- (A) and defined rights and obligations involved in the distribution and consumption of those resources
- (B) defining rights and obligations involved in their distribution and consumption
- (C) and defined rights and obligations as they were involved in its distribution and consumption
- (D) whose rights and obligations were defined in their distribution and consumption
- (E) the distribution and consumption of them defined by rights and obligations

7. Delighted by the reported earnings for the first quarter of the fiscal year, it was decided by the company manager to give her staff a raise .

- (A) it was decided by the company manager to give her staff a raise
- (B) the decision of the company manager was to give her staff a raise
- (C) the company manager decided to give her staff a raise
- (D) the staff was given a raise by the company manager
- (E) a raise was given to the staff by the company manager

8. The rising of costs of data-processing operations at many financial institutions has created a growing opportunity for independent companies to provide these services more efficiently and at lower cost .

- (A) The rising of costs
- (B) Rising costs
- (C) The rising cost
- (D) Because the rising cost
- (E) Because of rising costs

9. William H. Johnson's artistic debt to Scandinavia is evident in paintings that range from sensitive portraits of citizens in his wife's Danish home , Kerteminde , and awe-inspiring views of

fjords and mountain peaks in the western and northern regions of Norway .

- (A) and
- (B) to
- (C) and to
- (D) with
- (E) in addition to

10 . Growing competitive pressures may be encouraging auditors to bend the rules in favor of clients ; auditors may, for instance, allow a questionable loan to remain on the books in order to maintain a bank's profits on paper .

- (A) clients ; auditors may, for instance , allow
- (B) clients , as an instance , to allow
- (C) clients , like to allow
- (D) clients , such as to be allowing
- (E) clients ; which might , as an instance , be the allowing of

11. It is well known in the supermarket industry that how items are placed on shelves and the frequency of inventory turnovers can be crucial to profits .

- (A) the frequency of inventory turnovers can be
- (B) the frequency of inventory turnovers is often
- (C) the frequency with which the inventory turns over is often
- (D) how frequently is the inventory turned over are often
- (E) how frequently the inventory turns over can be

12. Iguanas have been an important food source in Latin America since prehistoric times , and it is still prized as a game animal by the campesinos , who typically cook the meat in a heavily spiced stew .

- (A) it is still prized as a game animal
- (B) it is still prized as game animals
- (C) they are still prized as game animals
- (D) they are still prized as being a game anima

(E) being still prized as a game animal

13. Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged in 1911 , Scott Joplin's ragtime opera " Treemonisha " was not produced until 1972 , sixty-one years after its completion .

- (A) Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged
- (B) Except for a concert performance with the composer himself staging it
- (C) Besides a concert performance being staged by the composer himself
- (D) Excepting a concert performance that the composer himself staged
- (E) With the exception of a concert performance with the staging done by the composer himself

14. From the time of its defeat by the Germans in 1940 until its liberation in 1944 , France was a bitter and divided country ; a kind of civil war raged in the Vichy government between those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis with those who opposed them .

- (A) between those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis with those who opposed
- (B) between those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis and those who opposed
- (C) between those wanting to collaborate with the Nazis with those opposing
- (D) among those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis and those who opposed
- (E) among those wanting to collaborate with the Nazis with those opposing

15. Chinese , the most ancient of living writing systems , consists of tens of thousands of ideographic characters , the most ancient of living writing systems, consists of tens of thousands of ideographic characters, each character a miniature calligraphic composition inside its own square frame .

- (A) each character a miniature calligraphic composition inside its
- (B) all the characters a miniature calligraphic composition inside their
- (C) all the characters a miniature calligraphic composition inside its
- (D) every character a miniature calligraphic composition inside their
- (E) each character a miniature calligraphic composition inside their

16 . Declining values for farm equipment and land , the collateral against which farmers borrow to get through the harvest season, is going to force many lenders to tighten or deny credit this spring .

- (A) the collateral against which farmers borrow to get through the harvest season , is
- (B) which farmers use as collateral to borrow against to get through the harvest season , is
- (C) the collateral which is borrowed against by farmers to get through the harvest season ,
is
- (D) Which farmers use as collateral to borrow against to get through the harvest season ,are
- (E) the collateral against which farmers borrow to get through the harvest season , are

17. In the mid-1960's a newly installed radar warning system mistook the . rising of the moon as a massive missile attack by the Soviets .

- (A) rising of the moon as a massive missile attack by the Soviets
- (B) rising of the moon for a massive Soviet missile attack
- (C) moon rising to a massive missile attack by the Soviets
- (D) moon as it was rising for a massive Soviet missile attack
- (E) rise of the moon as a massive Soviet missile attack

18. With only 5 percent of the world's population , United States citizens consume 28 percent of its nonrenewable resources , drive more than one-third of its automobiles , and use 21 times more water per capita than Europeans do .

- (A) With
- (B) As
- (C) Being
- (D) Despite having
- (E) Although accounting for

19 . While depressed property values can hurt some large investors, they are potentially devastating for homeowners, whose equity-in many cases representing a life's savings--can plunge or even disappear .

- (A) they are potentially devastating for homeowners , whose
- (B) they can potentially devastate homeowners in that their
- (C) for homeowners they are potentially devastating , because their

(D) for homeowners , it is potentially devastating in that their

(E) it can potentially devastate homeowners , whose

20. Consumers may not think of household cleaning products to be hazardous substances , but

many of them can be harmful to health , especially if they are used improperly .

(A) Consumers may not think of household cleaning products to be

(B) Consumers may not think of household cleaning products being

(C) A consumer may not think of their household cleaning products being

(D) A consumer may not think of household cleaning products as

(E) Household cleaning products may not be thought of by consumers , as

21. It is possible that Native Americans originally have migrated to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that once existed between Siberia and Alaska.

(A) have migrated to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that once existed

(B) were migrating to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that existed once

(C) migrated over a bridge of land to the Western Hemisphere that once existed

(D) migrated to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that once existed

(E) were migrating to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land existing once

22 . In recent years cattle breeders have increasingly used crossbreeding , in part that their steers should acquire certain characteristics and partly because crossbreeding is said to provide hybrid vigor.

(A) in part that their steers should acquire certain characteristics

(B) in part for the acquisition of certain characteristics in their steers

(C) partly because of their steers acquiring certain characteristics

(D) partly because certain characteristics should be acquired by their steers

(E) partly to acquire certain characteristics in their steers

23 . Like Auden , the language of James Merrill is chatty, arch , and conversational-given to

complex syntactic flights as well as to prosaic free' verse strolls .

(A) Like Auden , the language of James Merrill

(B) Like Auden , James Merrill's language

(C) Like Auden , James Merrill's language

- (D) As with Auden , James Merrill's language
- (E) As is Auden~the language of James Merrill

24. The period when the great painted caves at Lascaux and Altamira were occupied by Upper Paleolithic people has been established by carbon-14 dating, but what is much more difficult to determine are the reason for their decoration , the use to which primitive people put the caves , and the meaning of the magnificently depicted animals .

(A) has been established by carbon-14 dating ,but what is much more difficult to determine are

(B) has been established by carbon-14 dating ,but what is much more difficult to determine is

(C) have been established by carbon-14 dating , but what is much more difficult to determine is

(D) have been established by carbon-14 dating , but what is much more difficult to determine are

(E) are established by carbon-14 dating ,but that which is much more difficult to determine is

25 . The Baldrick Manufacturing Company has for several years followed a policy aimed at decreasing operating costs and improving the efficiency of its distribution system .

- (A) aimed at decreasing operating costs and improving
- (B) aimed at the decreasing of operating costs and to improve
- (C) aiming at the decreasing of operating costs and improving
- (D) the aim of which is the decreasing of operating costs and improving
- (E) with the aim to decrease operating costs and to improve

26. Eating saltwater fish may significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks and also aid for sufferers of rheumatoid arthritis and asthma , according to three research studies published in the New England Journal of Medicine .

- (A) significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks and also aid for
- (B) be significant in reducing the risk of heart attacks and aid for
- (C) significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks and aid
- (D) cause a significant reduction in the risk of heart attacks and aid to

(E) significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks as well as aiding

27 . Minnesota is the only one of the contiguous forty-eight states that still has a sizable wolf population, and where this predator remains the archenemy of cattle and sheep .

- (A) that still has a sizable wolf population , and where
- (B) that still has a sizable wolf population , where
- (C) that still has a sizable population of wolves , and where
- (D) where the population of wolves is still sizable ;
- (E) where there is still a sizable population of wolves and where

28. In reference to the current hostility toward smoking smokers frequently expressed anxiety that their prospects for being hired and promoted are being stunted by their habit .

- (A) In reference to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently expressed anxiety that
- (B) Referring to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently expressed anxiety about
- (C) When referring to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently express anxiety about
- (D) With reference to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently expressed anxiety about
- (E) Referring to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently express anxiety that

29 .According to some economists ,the July decrease in unemployment so that it was the lowest in two years suggests that the gradual improvement in the job market is continuing .

- (A) so that it was the lowest in two years
- (B) so that it was the lowest two-year rate
- (C) to what would be the lowest in two years
- (D) to a two-year low level
- (E) to the lowest level in two years

30 . Thomas Eakins' powerful style and his choices of subject-the advances in modern surgery, the discipline of sport , the strains of individuals in tension with society or even with themselves-was as disturbing to his own time as it is compelling for ours.

- (A) was as disturbing to his own time as it is
- (B) were as disturbing to his own time as they are
- (C) has been as disturbing in his own time as they are
- (D) had been as disturbing in his own time as it was
- (E) have been as disturbing in his own time as

31. Like Rousseau, Tolstoi rebelled against the unnatural complexity of human relations in modern society.

- (A) Like Rousseau, Tolstoi rebelled
- (B) Like Rousseau, Tolstoi's rebellion was
- (C) As Rousseau, Tolstoi rebelled
- (D) As did Rousseau, Tolstoi's rebellion was
- (E) Tolstoi's rebellion, as Rousseau's was

32. The Waller stein study indicates that even after a decade young men and women still experience some of the effects of a divorce occurring when a child.

- (A) occurring when a child
- (B) occurring when children
- (C) that occurred when a child
- (D) that occurred when they were children
- (E) that has occurred as each was a child

33. Carbon-14 dating reveals that the megalithic monuments in Brittany are nearly 2 , 000 years as old as any of their supposed Mediterranean predecessors .

- (A) as old as any of their supposed
- (B) older than any of their supposed
- (C) as old as their supposed
- (D) older than any of their supposedly
- (E) as old as their supposedly

34. Lacking information about energy use , people tend to overestimate the amount of energy used by equipment, such as lights, that are visible and must be turned on and off and underestimate that used by unobtrusive equipment , such as water heaters .

- (A) equipment , such as lights , that are visible and must be turned on and off and

underestimate that

(B) equipment , such as lights , that are visible and must be turned on and off and underestimate it when

(C) equipment, such as lights , that is visible and must be turned on and off and underestimate it when

(D) visible equipment, such as lights, that must be turned on and off and underestimate that

(E) visible equipment , such as lights , that must be turned on and off and underestimate it when

35. The rise in the Commerce Department's index of leading economic indicators suggest that the economy should continue its expansion into the coming months, but that the mixed performance of the index's individual components indicates that economic growth will proceed at a more moderate pace than in the first quarter of this year .

(A) suggest that the economy should continue its expansion into the coming months , but that

(B) suggest that the economy is to continue expansion in the coming months , but

(C) suggests that the economy will continue its expanding in the coming months , but that

(D) suggests that the economy is continuing to expand into the coming months , but that

(E) suggests that the economy will continue to expand in the coming months , but

36. What was as remarkable as the development of the compact disc has been the use of the new technology to revitalize, in better sound than was ever before possible, some of the classic recorded performances of the pre-LP era.

(A) What was as remarkable as the development of the compact disc

(B) The thing that was as remarkable as developing the compact disc

(C) No less remarkable than the development of the compact disc

(D) Developing the compact disc has been none the less remarkable than

(E) Development of the compact disc has been no less remarkable as

37. Some buildings that were destroyed and heavily damaged in the earthquake last year were constructed in violation of the city's building code .

(A) Some buildings that were destroyed and heavily damaged in the earthquake last year were

(B) Some buildings that were destroyed or heavily damaged in the earthquake last year had

been

- (C) Some buildings that the earthquake destroyed and heavily damaged last year have been
- (D) Last year the earthquake destroyed or heavily damaged some buildings that have been
- (E) Last year some of the buildings that were destroyed or heavily damaged in the earthquake had been

38 . Using a Doppler ultrasound device, fetal heartbeats can be detected by the twelfth week of pregnancy .

(A) Using a Doppler ultrasound device , fetal heartbeats can be detected by the twelfth week of pregnancy .

(B) Fetal heartbeats can be detected by the twelfth week of pregnancy, using a Doppler ultrasound device .

(C) Detecting fetal heartbeats by the twelfth week of pregnancy, a physician can use a Doppler ultrasound device .

(D) By the twelfth week of pregnancy, fetal heartbeats can be detected using a Doppler ultrasound device by a physician .

(E) Using a Doppler ultrasound device , a physician can detect fetal heartbeats by the twelfth week of pregnancy.

39. A study commissioned by the Department of Agriculture showed that if calves exercise and associated with other calves, they will require less medication and gain weight quicker than do those raised in confinement .

(A) associated with other calves , they will require less medication and gain weight quicker than do

(B) associated with other calves , they require less medication and gain weight quicker than

(C) associate with other calves , they required less medication and will gain weight quicker than do

(D) associate with other calves , they have required less medication and will gain weight more quickly than do

(E) associate with other calves , they require less medication and gain weight more quickly

than

40 . A recent study has found that within the past few years , many doctors . had elected early retirement rather than face the threats of lawsuits and the rising costs of malpractice insurance .

- (A) had elected early retirement rather than face
- (B) had elected early retirement instead of facing
- (C) have elected retiring early instead of facing
- (D) have elected to retire early rather than facing
- (E) have elected to retire early rather than face

41. The Gorton-Dodd bill requires that a bank disclose to their customers how long they will delay access to funds from deposited checks .

- (A) that a bank disclose to their customers how long they will delay access to funds from deposited checks
- (B) a bank to disclose to their customers how long they will delay access to funds from a deposited check
- (C) that a bank disclose to its customers how long it will delay access to funds from deposited checks
- (D) a bank that it should disclose to its customers how long it will delay access to funds from a deposited check
- (E) that banks disclose to customers how long access to funds from their deposited check is to be delayed

42 . Unlike a funded pension system , in which contributions are invested to pay future beneficiaries , a pay-as-you-go approach is the foundation of social Security .

- (A) a pay-as-you-go approach is the foundation of Social Security
- (B) the foundation of Social Security is a pay-as-you-go approach
- (C) the approach of Social Security is pay-as-you-go
- (D) Social Security's approach is pay-as-you-go
- (E) Social Security is founded on a pay-as-you-go approach

43 . Although she had signed a pledge of abstinence while being an adolescent , Frances Willard was 35 years old before she chose to become a temperance activist .

- (A) while being an adolescent
- (B) while in adolescence
- (C) at the time of her being adolescent
- (D) as being in adolescence

(E) as an adolescent

44. Though the term " graphic design " may suggest laying out corporate brochures and annual reports , they have come to signify widely ranging work, from package designs and company logotypes to signs , book jackets , computer graphics . and film titles .

(A) suggest laying out corporate brochures and annual reports ,they have come to signify widely ranging

(B) suggest laying out corporate brochures and annual reports , it has come to signify a wide range of

(C) suggest corporate brochure and annual report layout , it has signified widely ranging

(D) have suggested corporate brochure and annual report layout , it has signified a wide range of

(E) have suggested laying out corporate brochures and annual reports ,they have come to signify widely ranging

45. In contrast to large steel plants that take iron ore through all the steps needed to produce several different kinds of steel , processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital into new technology and remain economically viable .

(A) processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital into new technology and remain

(B) processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital into new technology, remaining

(C) the processing of steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital into new technology, remaining

(D) small mills ,by processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products ,have been able to put capital into new technology and remain

(E) small mills ,by processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products ,have been able to put capital into new technology and remained

46. The psychologist William James believed that facial expressions not only provide a visible sign of an emotion , actually contributing to the feeling itself .

(A) emotion , actually contributing to the feeling itself

- (B) emotion but also actually contributing to the feeling itself
- (C) emotion but also actually contribute to the feeling itself
- (D) emotion ; they also actually contribute to the feeling of it
- (E) emotion ; the feeling itself is also actually contributed to by them

47. The financial crash of October 1987 demonstrated that the world's capital markets are . integrated more closely than never before and events in one part of the global village may be transmitted to the rest of the village -almost instantaneously .

- (A) integrated more closely than never before and
- (B) closely integrated more than ever before so
- (C) more closely integrated as never before while
- (D) more closely integrated than ever before and that
- (E) more than ever before closely integrated as

48. Wisconsin , Illinois, Florida, and Minnesota have begun to enforce statewide bans . prohibiting landfills to accept leaves, brush , and grass clippings.

- (A) prohibiting landfills to accept leaves , brush , and grass clippings
- (B) prohibiting that landfills accept leaves , brush , and grass clippings
- (C) prohibiting landfills from accepting leaves , brush , and grass clippings
- (D) that leaves , brush , and grass clippings cannot be accepted in landfills
- (E) that landfills cannot accept leaves , brush , and grass clippings

49 . Reporting that one of its many problems had been the recent extended sales slump in women's apparel , the seven-store retailer said it would start a three-month liquidation sale in all of its stores .

- (A) its many problems had been the recent
- (B) its many problems has been the recently
- (C) its many problems is the recently
- (D) their many problems is the recent
- (E) their many problems had been the recent

50. Domestic automobile manufacturers have invested millions of dollars into research to develop cars more gasoline-efficient even than presently on the road .

- (A) into research to develop cars more gasoline-efficient even than presently on the road
- (B) into research for developing even more gasoline-efficient cars on the road than at present
- (C) for research for cars to be developed that are more gasoline-efficient even than presently the road
- (D) In research to develop cars even more gasoline-efficient than those at present on the road
- (E) in research for developing cars that are even more gasoline-efficient than presently on the road

51 . In developing new facilities for the incineration of solid wastes , we must avoid the danger of shifting environmental problems from landfills polluting the water to polluting the air with incinerators .

- (A) landfills polluting the water to polluting the air with incinerators
- (B) landfills polluting the water to the air being polluted with incinerators
- (C) the pollution of water by landfills to the pollution of air by incinerators
- (D) pollution of the water by landfills to incinerators that pollute the air
- (E) water that is polluted by landfills to incinerators that pollute the air

52 . The winds that howl across the Great Plains not only blow away valuable topsoil , thereby reducing the potential crop yield of a tract of land, and also damage or destroy young plants .

- (A) and also damage or destroy
- (B) as well as damaging or destroying
- (C) but they also cause damage or destroy
- (D) but also damage or destroy
- (E) but also causing damage or destroying

53. In a 5-to-4 decision , the Supreme Court ruled that two upstate New York counties owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians for the unlawful seizure of their ancestral lands in the eighteenth century .

- (A) that two upstate New York counties owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians for the unlawful seizure of
- (B) that two upstate New York counties owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians because of their unlawful seizure of
- (C) two upstate New York counties to owe restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians for their unlawful seizure of

(D) on two upstate New York counties that owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians because they unlawfully seized

(E) on the restitution that two upstate New York counties owed to three tribes of Oneida Indians for the unlawful seizure of

54. The extraordinary diary of William Lyon Mackenzie King , prime minister of Canada for over twenty years , revealed—that this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic guided in both public and private life by omens , messages received at séances , and signs from heaven .

(A) that this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic guided in both public and

(B) that this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic and also guided both in public as well as

(C) this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic and that he was guided in both public and

(D) this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic and that he was guided in both public as well as

(E) this most bland and circumspect of men to have been a mystic and that he guided himself both in public as well as

55. In one of the most stunning reversals in the history of marketing , the Coca—Cola company in July 1985 yielded to thousands of irate consumers demanding that it should bring back the original Coke formula

(A) demanding that it should

(B) demanding it to

(C) and their demand to

(D) who demanded that it

(E) who demanded it to

56. Recently discovered fossil remains strongly suggest that the Australian egg-laying mammals of today are a branch of the main stem of mammalian evolution rather than developing independently from a common ancestor of mammals more than 220 million years ago .

(A) rather than developing independently from

(B) rather than a type that developed independently from

(C) rather than a type whose development was independent of

(D) instead of developing independently from

(E) instead of a development that was independent of

57 . A patient accusing a doctor of malpractice will find it difficult to prove damage if there is a lack of some other doctor to testify about proper medical procedures .

- (A) if there is a lack of some other doctor to testify
- (B) unless there will be another doctor to testify
- (C) without another doctor's testimony
- (D) should there be no testimony from some other doctor
- (E) lacking another doctor to testify

58. A recording system was so secretly installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office that
even Theodore C . Sorensen , the White House counsel , did not know it existed .

- (A) A recording system was so secretly installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office that
- (B) So secret was a recording system installation and operation in the Kennedy Oval Office
- (C) It was so secret that a recording system was installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office
- (D) A recording system that was so secretly installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office
- (E) Installed and operated so secretly In the Kennedy Oval Office was a recording system that

59. Neanderthals had a vocal tract that resembled those of the apes and SO were probably without
language , a shortcoming that may explain why they were supplanted by our own species .

- (A) Neanderthals had a vocal tract that resembled those of the apes
- (B) Neanderthals had a vocal tract resembling an ape's
- (C) The vocal tracts of Neanderthals resembled an ape's
- (D) The Neanderthal's vocal tracts resembled the apes'
- (E) The vocal tracts of the Neanderthals resembled those of the apes

60 . The energy source on Voyager 2 is not a nuclear reactor, in which atoms are actively broken
apart ; rather a kind of nuclear battery that uses natural radioactive decay to produce power .

- (A) apart; rather
- (B) apart, but rather
- (C) apart, but rather that of
- (D) apart, but that of
- (E) apart; it is that of

61. Archaeologists in Ireland believe that a recently discovered chalice, which dates from the
eighth century, was probably buried to keep from being stolen by invaders.

- (A) to keep from
- (B) to keep it from
- (C) to avoid
- (D) in order that it would avoid
- (E) in order to keep from

62. Lawmakers are examining measures that would require banks to disclose all fees and

account requirements in writing , provide free cashing of government checks , and to create basic savings accounts to carry minimal fees and require minima initial deposits .

(A) provide free cashing of government checks , and to create basic savings accounts to carry

(B) provide free cashing of government checks , and creating basic savings accounts carrying

(C) to provide free cashing of government checks , and creating basic savings accounts that carry

(D) to provide free cashing of government checks , creating basic savings accounts to carry

(E) to provide free cashing of government checks , and to create basic savings accounts that carry

63. Certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place ; one reason is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals .

(A) Certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place ; one reason is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals .

(B) If used repeatedly in the same place , one reason that certain pesticides can become ineffective is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals .

(C) If used repeatedly in the same place , one reason certain pesticides can become ineffective is suggested by the finding that much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes are found in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than those that are free of such chemicals .

(D) The finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals is

suggestive of one reason , if used repeatedly in the same place , certain pesticides can become ineffective .

(E) The finding of much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in those that are free of such chemicals suggests one reason certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place .

64. In the textbook publishing business , the second quarter is historically weak , because revenues are low and marketing expenses are high as companies prepare for the coming school year .

- (A) low and marketing expenses are high as companies prepare
- (B) low and their marketing expenses are high as they prepare
- (C) low with higher marketing expenses in preparation
- (D) low, while marketing expenses are higher to prepare
- (E) low, while their marketing expenses are higher in preparation

65. Parliament did not accord full refugee benefits to twelve of the recent immigrants because it believed that to do it rewards them for entering the country illegally .

- (A) to do it rewards
- (B) doing it rewards
- (C) to do this would reward
- (D) doing so would reward
- (E) to do it would reward

66. Many policy experts say that shifting a portion of health-benefit costs back to the workers helps to control the employer's costs , but also helps to limit medical spending by making patients more careful consumers .

- (A) helps to control the employer's costs, but also helps
- (B) helps the control of the employer's costs, and also
- (C) not only helps to control the employer's costs, but also helps
- (D) helps to control not only the employer's costs, but
- (E) not only helps to control the employer's costs, and also helps

67. Ms. Chambers is among the forecasters who predict that the rate of addition to arable lands will drop while those of loss rise.

- (A) those of loss rise
- (B) it rises for loss
- (C) those of losses rise

- (D) the rate of loss rises
- (E) there are rises for the rate of loss

68 . Unlike auto insurance , the frequency of claims does not affect the premiums for personal property coverage, but if the insurance company is able to prove excessive loss due to owner negligence , it may decline to renew the policy .

(A) Unlike auto insurance , the frequency of claims does not affect the premiums for personal property coverage

(B) Unlike with auto insurance . the frequency of claims do not affect the premiums for personal property coverage

(C) Unlike the frequency of claims for auto insurance , the premiums for personal property coverage are not affected by the frequency of claims

(D) Unlike the premiums for auto insurance , the premiums for personal property coverage are not affected by the frequency of claims

(E) Unlike with the premiums for auto insurance , the premiums for personal property coverage is not affected by the frequency of claims

69. Organized in 1966 by the Fish and Wildlife Service , the Breeding Bird Survey uses annual roadside counts along established routes for monitoring of population changes of as many as ,or of more than 250 bird species , including 180 songbirds .

- (A) for monitoring of population changes of as many as , or of
- (B) to monitor population changes of as many, or
- (C) to monitor changes in the populations of
- (D) that monitors population changes of
- (E) that monitors changes in populations of as many as , or

70 . Faced with an estimated\$2 billion budget gap , the city's mayor proposed a nearly 17 percent reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to maintain the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize hundreds of local arts groups.

(A) proposed a nearly 17 percent reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to maintain the city , s major cultural institutions and to subsidize

(B) proposed a reduction from the previous year of nearly 17 percent in the amount it was allocating to maintain the city , S major cultural institutions and for subsidizing

(C) proposed to reduce , by nearly 17 percent , the amount from the previous year that was allocated for the maintenance of the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize

(D) has proposed a reduction from the previous year of nearly 17 percent of the amount it was allocating for maintaining the city's major cultural institutions , and to subsidize

(E) was proposing that the amount they were allocating be reduced by nearly 17 percent from the previous year for maintaining the city , s major cultural institutions and for the subsidization

71 . By offering lower prices and a menu of personal communications options , such as caller identification and voice mail , the new telecommunications company has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced them to offer competitive prices.

(A) has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced them

(B) has not only captured customers from other phone companies , but it also forced them

(C) has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced these companies

(D) not only has captured customers from other phone companies but also these companies have been forced

(E) not only captured customers from other phone companies , but it also has forced them

72 . The gyrfalcon , an Arctic bird of prey, has survived a close brush with extinction ; its numbers are now five times greater than when the use of DDT was sharply restricted in the early 1970's.

(A) extinction ; its numbers are now five times greater than

(B) extinction ; its numbers are now five times more than

(C) extinction , their numbers now fivefold what they were

(D) extinction , now with fivefold the numbers they had

(E) extinction , now with numbers five times greater than

73 Analysts blamed May's sluggish retail sales on unexciting merchandise as well as the weather,

colder and wetter than was usual in some regions, which slowed sales of barbecue grills and lawn furniture

- (A) colder and wetter than was usual in some regions , which slowed
- (B) which was colder and wetter than usual in some regions , slowing
- (C) since it was colder and wetter than usually in some regions , which slowed
- (D) being colder and wetter than usually in some regions , slowing
- (E) having been colder and wetter than was usual in some regions and slowed

74 . The bank holds\$3 billion in loans that are seriously delinquent or in such trouble that they do not expect payments when due .

- (A) they do not expect payments when
- (B) it does not expect payments when it is
- (C) it does not expect payments to be made when they are
- (D) payments are not to be expected to be paid when
- (E) payments are not expected to be paid when they will be

75. In a recent poll , 86 percent of the public favored a Clean Air Act as strong or—stronger than the present act.

- (A) a Clean Air Act as strong or stronger than
- (B) a Clean Air Act that is stronger, or at least so strong as ,
- (C) at least as strong a Clean Air Act as is
- (D) a Clean Air Act as strong or stronger than is
- (E) a Clean Air Act at least as strong as

76 . State officials report that soaring . rates of liability insurance have risen to force cutbacks in the operations of everything from local governments and school districts to day-care centers and recreational facilities .

- (A) rates of liability insurance have risen to force
- (B) rates of liability insurance are a force for
- (C) rates for liability insurance are forcing
- (D) rises in liability insurance rates are forcing
- (E) liability insurance rates have risen to force

77 . Each of Hemingway's wives—Hadley Richardson, Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn , and

Mary Welsh-were strong and interesting women , very different from the often pallid women who populate his novels .

(A) Each of Hemingway's wives-Hadley Richardson ,Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn ,and Mary Welsh-were strong and interesting women ,

(B) Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn , and Mary Welsh-each of them Hemingway's wives-were strong and interesting women ,

(C) Hemingway's wives-Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn , and Mary Welsh - were all strong and interesting women ,

(D) Strong and interesting women-Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn , and Mary Welsh—each a wife of Hemingway, was

(E) Strong and interesting women-Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn , and Mary Welsh - every one of Hemingway's wives were

78. While some academicians believe that business ethics should be integrated into every business course . others say that students will take ethics seriously only if it would be taught as a separately required course .

(A) only if it would be taught as a separately required course

(B) only if it is taught as a separate , required Course

(C) if it is taught only as a course required separately

(D) if it was taught only as a separate and required course

(E) if it would only be taught as a required course , separately

79. Scientists have observed large concentrations of heavy—metal deposits in the upper twenty centimeters of Baltic Sea sediments , which are consistent with the growth of industrial activity there.

(A) Baltic Sea sediments , which are consistent with the growth of industrial activity there

(B) Baltic Sea sediments , where the growth of industrial activity is consistent with these

findings

(C) Baltic Sea sediments , findings consistent with its growth of industrial activity

(D) sediments from the Baltic Sea ,findings consistent with the growth of industrial activity
in the area

(E) sediments from the Baltic Sea , consistent with the growth of industrial activity there

80. Under a provision of the Constitution that was never applied, Congress has been required to call a convention for considering possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do it by the legislatures of two-thirds of the states .

(A) was never applied , Congress has been required to call a convention for considering possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do it

(B) was never applied , there has been a requirement that Congress call a convention for consideration of possible amendments to the document when asked to do it formally

(C) was never applied , whereby Congress is required to call a convention for considering possible amendments to the document when asked to do it formally

(D) has never been applied , whereby Congress is required to call a convention to consider possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do so

(E) has never been applied , Congress is required to call a convention to consider possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do so

81. The current administration , being worried over some foreign trade barriers being removed and our exports failing to increase as a result of deep cuts in the value of the dollar, has formed a group to study ways to sharpen our competitiveness .

(A) being worried over some foreign trade barriers being removed and our exports failing

(B) worrying over some foreign trade barriers being removed , also over the failure of our exports

(C) worried about the removal of some foreign trade barriers and the failure of our exports

(D) in that they were worried about the removal of some foreign trade barriers and also about the failure of our exports

(E) because of its worry concerning the removal of some foreign trade barriers , also concerning the failure of our exports

82. Geologists believe that the warning signs for a major earthquake may include sudden fluctuations in local seismic activity, tilting , and other deformations of the Earth's crust , changing the measured strain across a fault zone and varying the electrical properties of underground rocks .

- (A) changing the measured strain across a fault zone and varying
- (B) changing measurements of the strain across a fault zone , and varying
- (C) changing the strain as measured across a fault zone , and variations of
- (D) changes in the measured strain across a fault zone , and variations in
- (E) changes in measurements of the strain across a fault zone , and variations among

83 . If the proposed expenditures for gathering information abroad are reduced even further, international news reports have been and will continue to diminish in number and quality .

- (A) have been and will continue to diminish
- (B) have and will continue to diminish
- (C) will continue to diminish , as they already did ,
- (D) will continue to diminish , as they have already,
- (E) will continue to diminish

84. The rooted systems of most flowing perennials either become too crowded, which results in loss in vigor, and spread too far outward, producing a bare center.

- (A) which results in loss in vigor, and spread
- (B) resulting in loss in vigor, or spreading
- (C) with the result of loss of vigor, or spreading
- (D) resulting in loss of vigor, or spread
- (E) with a resulting loss of vigor, and spread

85 . Any medical test will sometimes fail to detect a condition when it is present and indicate that there is one when it is not .

- (A) a condition when it is present and indicate that there is one
- (B) when a condition is present and indicate that there is one
- (C) a condition when it is present and indicate that it is present
- (D) when a condition is present and indicate its presence

(E) the presence of a condition when it is there and indicate its presence

86. Since 1986 , when the Department of Labor began to allow investment officers' fees to be based on how the funds they manage perform, several corporations began paying their investment advisers a small basic fee , with a contract promising higher fees if the managers perform well .

(A) investment officers' fees to be based on how the funds they manage perform , several corporations began

(B) investment officers' fees to be based on the performance of the funds they manage , several corporations began

(C) that fees of investment officers be based on how the funds they manage perform , several corporations have begun

(D) fees of investment officers to be based on the performance of the funds they manage, several corporations have begun

(E) that investment officers' fees be based on the performance of the funds they manage , several corporations began

87. The diet of the ordinary Greek in classical times was largely vegetarian—vegetables , fresh cheese , oatmeal , and meal cakes , and meat rarely .

(A) and meat rarely

(B) and meat was rare

(C) with meat as rare

(D) meat a rarity

(E) with meat as a rarity

88 .Down-zoning zoning that typically results in the reduction of housing density, allows for more open space in areas where little water or services exist .

(A) little water or services exist

(B) little water or services exists

(C) few services and little water exists

(D)there is little water or services available

(E)there are few services and little available water

89 . Those who come to church with a predisposition to religious belief will be happy in an

auditorium or even a storefront , and there is no doubt that religion is sometimes better served by
adapted spaces of this kind instead of by some of the buildings actually designed for it .

- (A) adapted spaces of this kind instead of by some of the buildings actually designed for it
- (B) adapted spaces like these rather than some of the buildings actually designed for them
- (C) these adapted spaces instead of by some of the buildings actually designed for it
- (D) such adapted spaces rather than by some of the buildings actually designed for them
- (E) such adapted spaces than by some of the buildings actually designed for it

90 . The concept of the grand jury dates from the twelfth century, when Henry II of England
ordered panels of common citizens should prepare lists of who were their communities'
suspected criminals .

- (A) should prepare lists of who were their communities' suspected criminals
- (B) would do the preparation of lists of their communities' suspected criminals
- (C) preparing lists of suspected criminals in their communities
- (D) the preparing of a list of suspected criminals in their communities
- (E) to prepare lists of suspected criminals in their communities

91. In theory, international civil servants at the United Nations are prohibited from continuing to
draw salaries from their own governments ; in practice , however some governments merely
substitute living allowances for their employees' paychecks, assigned by them to the United
Nations .

- (A) for their employees' paychecks , assigned by them
- (B) for the paychecks of their employees who have been assigned
- (C) for the paychecks of their employees , having been assigned
- (D) in place of their employees' paychecks , for those of them assigned
- (E) in place of the paychecks of their employees to have been assigned by them

92 . According to a study by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching ,
companies in the United States are providing job training and general education for nearly eight
million people , about equivalent to the enrollment of the nation's four-year colleges and
universities .

- (A) equivalent to the enrollment of

- (B) the equivalent of those enrolled in
- (C) equal to those who are enrolled in
- (D) as many as the enrollment of
- (E) as many as are enrolled in

93. Intar, the oldest Hispanic theater company in New York, has moved away from the Spanish classics and now it draws on the works both of contemporary Hispanic authors who live abroad and of those in the United States.

- (A) now it draws on the works of contemporary Hispanic authors who live abroad and of those
- (B) now draws on the works of contemporary Hispanic authors, both those who live abroad and those who live
- (C) it draws on the works of contemporary Hispanic authors now . both those living abroad and who live
- (D) draws now on the works both of contemporary Hispanic authors living abroad and who are living
- (E) draws on the works now of both contemporary Hispanic authors living abroad and those

94 .Last year land values in most parts of the pinelands rose almost so fast ,and in some parts even faster than what they did outside the pinelands .

- (A) so fast , and in some parts even faster than what they did
- (B) so fast, and in some parts even faster than , those
- (C) as fast , and in some parts even faster than , those
- (D) as fast as , and in some parts even faster than , those
- (E) as fast as , and in some parts even faster than what they did

95 . If Dr . Wade was right, any apparent connection of the eating of highly processed foods and excelling at sports is purely coincidental .

- (A) If Dr . Wade was right , any apparent connection of the eating of
- (B) Should Dr . Wade be right , any apparent connection of eating
- (C) If DL Wade Is right, any connection that is apparent between eating of

(D) If Dr . Wade is right , any apparent connection between eating

(E) Should Dr . Wade have been right , any connection apparent between eating

96 .The commission proposed that funding for the park's development, which could be open to the public early next year, is obtained through a local bond issue .

(A) that funding for the park's development, which could be open to the public early next year, is

(B) that funding for development of the park , which could be open to the public early next year, be

(C) funding for the development of the park, perhaps open to the public early next year, to be

(D) funds for the park's development , perhaps open to the public early next year, be

(E) development funding for the park, which could be open to the public early next year, is to be

97. Seismologists studying the earthquake that struck northern California in October 1989 are still investigating some of its mysteries :the unexpected power of the seismic waves ,the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air, and the strange electromagnetic signals detected hours before the temblor .

(A) the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air, and the strange electromagnetic signals detected hours before the temblor

(B) the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air, and strange electromagnetic signals were detected hours before the temblor

(C) the upward thrust threw one man straight into the air, and hours before the temblor strange electromagnetic signals were detected

(D) one man was thrown straight into the air by the upward thrust , and hours before the temblor strange electromagnetic signals were detected

(E) one man who was thrown straight into the air by the upward thrust , and strange electromagnetic signals that were detected hours before the temblor

98. Two new studies indicate that many people become obese more due to the fact that their bodies burn calories too slowly than overeating .

(A) due to the fact that their bodies burn calories too slowly than overeating

- (B) due to their bodies burning calories too slowly than to eating too much
- (C) because their bodies burn calories too slowly than that they are overeaters
- (D) because their bodies burn calories too slowly than because they eat too much
- (E) because of their bodies burning calories too slowly than because of their eating too much

99. Judge Bonham denied a motion to allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day instead of to confine them to a hotel.

- (A) to allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day instead of to confine them to
- (B) that would have allowed members of the jury to go home at the end of each day instead of confined to
- (C) under which members of the jury are allowed to go home at the end of each day instead of confining them in
- (D) that would allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day rather than confinement in
- (E) to allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day rather than be confined to

100 . Proponents of artificial intelligence say they will be able to make computers that can understand English and other human languages , recognize objects , and reason as an expert does—computers that will be used to diagnose equipment breakdowns , deciding whether to authorize a loan or other purposes such as these.

- (A) as an expert does--computers that will be used to diagnose equipment breakdowns , deciding whether to authorize a loan , or other purposes such as these
- (B) as an expert does , which may be used for purposes such as diagnosing equipment breakdowns or deciding whether to authorize a loan
- (C) like an expert--computers that will be used for such purposes as diagnosing equipment breakdowns or deciding whether to authorize a loan
- (D) like an expert , the use of which would be for purposes like the diagnosis of equipment breakdowns or the decision whether or not a loan should be authorized
- (E) like an expert . to be used to diagnose equipment breakdowns , deciding whether to authorize a loan or not, or the like

101 .Unlike the United States, where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long ,the

rains in most parts of Sri Lanka are concentrated in the monsoon months , June to September, and the skies are generally clear for the rest of the year .

(A) Unlike the United States , where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long, the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka

(B) Unlike the United States farmers who can usually depend on rain or snow all year long . the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka

(C) Unlike those of the United States ,where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long , most parts of Sri Lanka's rains

(D) In comparison with the United States , whose farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long , the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka

(E) In the United States . farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long . But in most parts of Sri Lanka the rains

102 . Although Napoleon's army entered Russia with far more supplies than they had in their previous campaigns , it had provisions for only twenty-four days .

(A)they had in their previous campaigns

(B)their previous campaigns had had

(C)they had for any previous campaign

(D)in their previous campaigns

(E)for any previous campaign

103 . After the Civil War, contemporaries of Harriet Tubman's maintained that she has all of the qualities of a great leader : coolness in the face of danger, an excellent sense of strategy, and an ability to plan in minute detail.

(A) Tubman's maintained that she has

(B) Tubman's maintain that she had

(C) Tubman's have maintained that she had

(D) Tubman maintained that she had

(E) Tlubman had maintained that she has

104 . The Federalist papers , a strong defense of the United States Constitution and important as a

body of work in political science as well , represents the handiwork of three different authors .

- (A) and important as a body of work in political science as well , represents
- (B) as well as an important body of work in political science , represent
- (C) and also a body of work of importance in political science is representing
- (D) an important body of work in political science and has been representative of
- (E) and as political science an important body of work too , represent

105 .As business grows more complex ,students majoring in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming increasingly successful in the job market .

- (A) majoring in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming increasingly
- (B) who major in such specialized areas as finance and marketing are becoming more and more
- (C) who majored in specialized areas such as those of finance and marketing are being increasingly
- (D) who major in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming more and more
- (E) having majored in such specialized areas as finance and marketing are being increasingly

106 . Inuits of the Bering Sea were in isolation from contact with Europeans longer than Aleuts or Inuits of the Noah Pacific and northern Alaska

- (A) in isolation from contact with Europeans longer than
- (B) isolated from contact with Europeans longer than
- (C) in isolation from contact with Europeans longer than were
- (D) isolated from contact with Europeans longer than were
- (E) in isolation and without contacts with Europeans longer than

107 .The physical structure of the human eye enables it to sense light of wavelengths up to 0 .0005 millimeters ; infrared radiation, however, is invisible because its wavelength—0.1 millimeters--is too long to be registered by the eye.

- (A) infrared radiation, however, is invisible because its wavelengths0.1 millimeters-is too long to be registered by the eye
- (B) however, the wavelength of infrared radiation-0.1 millimeters-is too long to be registered by the eye making it invisible

(C) infrared radiation , however is invisible because its wavelength-0.1 millimeters-is too long for the eye to register it

(D) however because the wavelength of infrared radiation is 0.1 millimeters .it is too long for the eye to register and thus invisible

(E) however infrared radiation has a wavelength of 0.1 millimeters that is too long for the eye to register, thus making it invisible

108 . As well as heat and light, the Sun is the source of a continuous stream of atomic particles known as the solar wind .

(A) As well as heat and light , the Sun is the source of a continuous stream

(B) Besides heat and light , also the Sun is the source of a continuous stream

(C) Besides heat and light , the Sun is also the source of a continuous streaming

(D) The Sun is the source not only of heat and light , but also of a continuous stream

(E) The Sun is the source of not only heat and light but , as well , of a continuous streaming

109. Bluegrass musician Bill Monroe ,whose repertory, views on musical collaboration ,and vocal style were influential on generations of bluegrass artists , was also an inspiration to many musicians, that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia, whose music differed significantly from his own.

(A) were influential on generations of bluegrass artists , was also an inspiration to many musicians , that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia , whose music differed significantly from

(B) influenced generations of bluegrass artists , also inspired many musicians , including Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia , whose music differed significantly from

(C) was influential to generations of bluegrass artists , was also inspirational to many musicians ,that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia ,whose music was different significantly in comparison to

(D) was influential to generations of bluegrass artists , also inspired many musicians , who

included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia , the music of whom differed significantly when compared to

(E) were an influence on generations of bluegrass artists , was also an inspiration to many musicians ,including Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia ,whose music was significantly different from that of

110 . The nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus .

(A) The nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus .

(B) To the historian Tacitus ,the nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote two letters ,being the only eyewitness accounts of the great eruption of Vesuvius .

(C) The only eyewitness account is in two letters by the nephew of Pliny the Elder writing to the historian Tacitus an account of the great eruption of Vesuvius .

(D) Writing the only eyewitness account , Pliny the Elder's nephew accounted for the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus .

(E) In two letters to the historian Tacitus , the nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius

111 . Being a United States citizen since 1988 and born in Calcutta in 1940, author Bharati Mukherjee has lived in England and Canada, and first came to the United States in 1961 to study at the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

(A) Being a United States citizen since 1988 and born in Calcutta in 1940 . author Bharati Mukherjee has

(B) Having been a United States citizen since 1988 , she was born in Calcutta in 1940 ; author Bharati Mukherjee

(C) Born in Calcutta in 1940 . author Bharati Mukherjee became a United States citizen in 1988, she has

(D) Being born in Calcutta in 1940 and having been a United States citizen since 1988 ,
author Bharati Mukherjee

(E) Having been born in Calcutta in 1940 and being a United States citizen since 1988 ,
author Bharati Mukherjee

112 . Initiated five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992 ,

Project SETI pledged a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence .

(A) Initiated five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992, project SETI pledged a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

(B) Initiated on Columbus Day 1992 , five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World , a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence was pledged by Project SETI .

(C) Initiated on Columbus Day 1992 , five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World , Project SETI pledged a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence .

(D) Pledging a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, the initiation of Project SETI five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992 .

(E) Pledging a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World , on Columbus Day 1992 , the initiation of Project SETI took place.

113 . In A.D. 391 , resulting from the destruction of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria , later generations lost all but the Iliad and Odyssey among Greek epics , most of the poetry of Pindar and Sappho , and dozens of plays by Aeschylus and Euripides .

(A) resulting from the destruction of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria ,

- (B) the destroying of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria resulted and
- (C) because of the result of the destruction of the library at Alexandria , the largest of the ancient world ,
- (D) as a result of the destruction of the library at Alexandria , the largest of the ancient world ,
- (E) Alexandria's largest library of the ancient world was destroyed , and the result was

5 . 7 Sentence Correction Answer Key

1B	32D	63A	94D
2A	33B	64A	95D
3A	34D	65D	96B
4C	35E	66C	97A
5D	36C	67D	98D
6A	37B	68D	99E
7C	38E	69C	100C
8C	39E	70A	101E
9B	40E	71C	102E
10A	41C	72A	103D
11E	42E	73B	104B
12C	43E	74C	105B
13A	44B	75E	106D
14B	45D	76C	107A
15A	46C	77C	108D
16E	47D	78B	109B
17B	48C	79D	110E
18E	49A	80E	111C
19A	50D	81C	112C
20D	51C	82D	113D
21D	52D	83E	
22E	53A	84D	
23C	54A	85C	
24B	55D	86D	
25A	56B	87E	
26C	57C	88E	
27E	58A	89E	
28E	59B	90E	
29E	60B	91B	

30B	61B	92E	
31A	62E	93B	

5 . 8 Sentence Correction Answer Explanations

The following discussion of sentence correction is intended to familiarize you with the most efficient and effective approaches to these kinds of questions .The particular questions in this chapter are generally representative of the kinds of sentence correction questions you will encounter on the GMAT .

1. Some bat caves , like honeybee hives , have residents that take on different duties such as defending the entrance , acting as sentinels and to sound a warning at the approach of danger, and scouting outside the cave for new food and roosting sites .

- (A) acting as sentinels and to sound
- (B) acting as sentinels and sounding
- (C) to act as sentinels and sound
- (D) to act as sentinels and to sound
- (E) to act as a sentinel sounding

Parallelism + Agreement

The original sentence has an error in parallel structure . It starts by using the-ing (participial) form to list the bats' duties .Defending ,acting ,and scouting all use the same-ing form .The phrase to sound uses the to-(infinitive)form , and so it is not parallel . The word sounding is required in this sentence

- A To sound is not parallel to defending, acting , and scouting .
- B **Correct** . This sentence has sounding, which properly parallels defending, acting, and scouting .
- C To act and sound are not parallel to defending and scouting .
- D To act and to sound are not parallel to defending and scouting .
- E Introduces agreement error(a sentinel) ; to act is not parallel to scouting .

The correct answer is B .

2. However much United States voters may agree that there is waste in government and that the government as a whole spends beyond its means , it is difficult to find broad support for a movement toward a minimal state .

- (A) However much United States voters may agree that
- (B) Despite the agreement among United States voters to the fact
- (C) Although United States voters agree
- (D) Even though United States voters may agree
- (E) There is agreement among United States voters that

Parallelism + Grammatical construction

In this correctly written sentence ,parallel subordinate clauses are followed by a main clause .

These parallel subordinate clauses are both introduced by that: that there is ... and that the government...

A **Correct** . In this sentence , the repetition of that to introduce two subordinate clauses makes the construction parallel and correct .

B That is omitted ; the sense of the sentence is changed by the omission of may, agreement....to the fact is awkward .

C That is omitted ; the sense of the sentence is changed by the omission of may .

D That is omitted .

E Using two independent clauses separated only by a comma creates a run-on sentence ; the sense of the sentence is changed by the omission of may .

The correct answer is A .

3. Native American burial sites dating back 5 ,000 years indicate that the residents of Maine at that time were part of a widespread culture of Algonquian-speaking people.

- (A) were part of a widespread culture of Algonquian-speaking people
- (B) had been part of a widespread culture of people who were Algonquian-speaking
- (C) were people who were part of a widespread culture that was Algonquian-speaking

(D) had been people who were part of a widespread culture that was Algonquian-speaking

(E) were a people which had been part of a widespread , Algonquian-speaking culture

Verb form + Rhetorical construction

The original sentence contains no errors . Each alternative introduces an error, adds unnecessary words , or changes the meaning of the original sentence .

A **Correct** . The original sentence uses the correct verb tense(were)to indicate an ongoing action in the past ; the phrasing is concise and clear .

B Had been is an incorrect verb tense ,suggesting that the Native Americans were no longer part of the culture ; wordy .

C Algonquian-speaking should refer to people , not culture ; wordy .

D Had been is an incorrect verb tense ,suggesting that the Native Americans were no longer part of the culture ; wordy and imprecise .

E Were and had been are inconsistent for tenses ; which is not the proper pronoun for people ; wordy and imprecise .

The correct answer is A .

4 . The voluminous personal papers of Thomas Alva Edison reveal that his inventions typically sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly from previous works .

(A) sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly

(B) sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but were slowly evolved

(C) did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly

(D) did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but had slowly evolved

(E) did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but they were slowly evolved

Parallelism +Idiom

The construction not . . . but shows a contrast . The words following not must be parallel in construction to the words following but . In the original sentence not is followed by a prepositional phrase(in a flash of inspiration) ; but is followed by a verb(evolved) . To make the two contrasting

elements parallel , not should be followed by a verb rather than a phrase .

A Construction following not is not parallel to the construction following but .

B Construction following not is not parallel to the construction following but ,the passive voice were evolved is incorrect .

C Correct .In this sentence ,not is followed by the verb spring just as but is followed by the verb evolved .

D Had evolved introduces an incorrect verb tense .

E Construction following no . t is not parallel to the construction following but .

The correct answer is C .

5 . A Labor Department study states that the numbers of women employed outside the home grew more than a thirty-five percent increase in the past decade and accounted for more than sixty-two percent of the total growth in the civilian work force

(A) numbers of women employed outside the home grew by more than a thirty-five percent increase

(B) numbers of women employed outside the home grew more than thirty-five percent

(C) numbers of women employed outside the home were raised by more than thirty-five percent

(D) number of women employed outside the home increased by more than thirty-five percent

(E) number of women employed outside the home was raised by more than a thirty-five percent increase

Diction +Rhetorical construction

The sentence misuses the word numbers and contains the redundant word increase . The plural numbers means a large crowd or multitude , while the singular number refers to a specific quantity of individuals . The count of women here should be expressed as the number . The noun increase repeats the meaning already present in the verb grew ; only one of the two words is necessary to the sentence .

A Numbers should be number ; grew and increase repeat the same idea .

- B Numbers should be the singular number .
- C Numbers should be number ;the passive voice verb were raised by is unclear and wordy .
- D Correct . In this sentence , number correctly replaces numbers , and redundancy is eliminated with the use of the verb increased .
- E Passive voice verb were raised by is unclear and wordy ; increase is redundant .

The correct answer is D .

6. From the earliest days of the tribe , kinship determined the way in which the Ojibwa society organized its labor provided access to its resources , and defined rights and obligations involved in the distribution and consumption of those resources .

- (A) and defined rights and obligations involved in the distribution and consumption of those resources
- (B)defining rights and obligations involved in their distribution and consumption
- (C) and defined rights and obligations as they were involved in its distribution and consumption
- (D) whose rights and obligations were defined in their distribution and consumption
- (E) the distribution and consumption of them defined by rights and obligations

Parallelism

This correctly written sentence uses a series of three parallel constructions to describe how the Ojibwa society organized . . . ,provided . . . ,and defined . . . The three verbs match each other, an example of correct parallelism .

- A Correct . The three verbs are parallel in this sentence .
- B Defining is not parallel to organized and provided .
- C As they were is wordy and imprecise ; its has no clear referent .
- D Whose rights and obligations illogically refers to resources .
- E This construction breaks the parallel structure and is illogical and ungrammatical .

The correct answer is A .

7. Delighted by the reported earnings for the first quarter of the fiscal year, it was decided by the company manager to give her staff a raise .

- (A) it was decided by the company manager to give her staff a raise
- (B) the decision of the company manager was to give her staff a raise
- (C) the company manager decided to give her staff a raise
- (D) the staff was given a raise by the company manager
- (E) a raise was given to the staff by the company manager

Logical predication +Verb form

Who was delighted? The company manager was delighted . The long modifying phrase that introduces the sentence describes a person , not it; the delighted person must be the subject of the sentence . Correcting the modification error also changes the construction from passive voice , it was decided by x , to active voice , x decided ; the active voice is generally preferred .

- A The modifier illogically describes it, not the company manager ; wordy
- B The modifier illogically describes the decision; wordy
- C Correct .The modifying phrase correctly modifies the company manager ;using the active voice creates a better sentence .

D The modifier describes the staff rather than the company manager ; wordy .

E The modifier illogically describes a raise ; the passive voice is wordy .

The correct answer is C .

8. The rising of costs of data-processing operations at many financial institutions has created a growing opportunity for independent companies to provide these services more efficiently and at lower cost .

- (A) The rising of costs
- (B) Rising costs
- (C) The rising cost
- (D) Because the rising cost
- (E) Because of rising costs

Idiom +Agreement

The rising of costs is wordy and awkward . The correct idiom is the more concise the rising

cost . The main verb of the sentence , has created, requires a singular subject to maintain subject-verb agreement .

- A The rising costs is not the correct idiom .
- B Rising costs does not agree with singular verb , has created .
- C Correct . The rising cost is the correct idiom , and it agrees with the singular verb in this sentence
- D Because introduces a subordinate clause , creating a sentence fragment .
- E Because introduces a subordinate clause , creating a sentence fragment .

The correct answer is C .

9. William H . Johnson's artistic debt to Scandinavia is evident in paintings that range from sensitive portraits of citizens in his wife's Danish home , Kerteminde , and awe-inspiring views of fjords and mountain peaks in the western and northern regions of Norway .

- (A) and
- (B) to
- (C) and to
- (D) with .
- (E) in addition to

Idiom

The correct idiom is range from X to Y . In this sentence , the correct idiom is paintings that range from sensitive portraits...to awe-inspiring views .

- A And does not complete the idiomatic expression correctly .
- B Correct . In this sentence , to correctly completes the idiomatic construction range from X to Y .
- C And to does not complete the idiomatic expression correctly .
- D With does not complete the idiomatic expression correctly .

E In addition to does not complete the idiomatic expression correctly .

The correct answer is B .

10 . Growing competitive pressures may be encouraging auditors to bend the rules in favor of clients ; auditors may, for instance , allow a questionable loan to remain on the books in order to maintain a bank's profits on paper.

- (A) clients : auditors may, for instance , allow
- (B) clients , as an Instance , to allow
- (C) clients , like to allow
- (D) clients , such as to be allowing
- (E) clients ; which might , as an instance , be the allowing of

Grammatical construction

This sentence correctly joins two independent clauses with a semicolon . The first clause makes a generalization ; the second clause gives a particular example that supports the generalization .

A Correct . This sentence correctly has two independent clauses with linked ideas joined with a semicolon .

B In trying to condense two main clauses into one , this construction produces an ungrammatical sequence of words with no clear meaning .

C The preposition like should not be used to introduce the example to allow, as is done here ; it would be proper to use the comparative preposition like when making a comparison between two nouns .

D Such as to be allowing is not a correct idiomatic expression.

E Wordy, incorrect construction results in a sentence fragment .

The correct answer is A .

11 . It is well known in the supermarket industry that how items are placed on shelves and the frequency of inventory turnovers can be crucial to profits .

- (A) the frequency of inventory turnovers can be
- (B) the frequency of inventory turnovers is often
- (C) the frequency with which the inventory turns over is often
- (D) how frequently is the inventory turned over are often
- (E) how frequently the inventory turns over can be

Parallelism

Two activities are considered crucial, and those two activities should appear as grammatically parallel elements in the sentence . The first is how items are placed on shelves, so the second should be how frequently the inventory turns over .

- A The frequency...is not parallel to how items...
- B The frequency...is not parallel to how items... ; is does not agree with the compound subject .
- C The frequency . . . over is lengthy, wordy, and not parallel ; is does not agree with the compound subject .
- D Is the inventory is not parallel to items are placed .
- E Correct . In this sentence , the two clauses , how items are placed on shelves and how frequently the inventory turns over, are parallel .

The correct answer is E .

12. Iguanas have been an important food source in Latin America since prehistoric times , and it is still prized as a game animal by the campesinos, who typically cook the meat in a heavily spiced stew .

- (A) it is still prized as a game animal
- (B) it is still prized as game animals
- (C) they are still prized as game animals
- (D) they are still prized as being a game anima

(E) being still prized as a game animal

Agreement

The pronouns and nouns that refer to the plural noun iguanas must be plural , as should the verb following the (corrected) pronoun in the second clause . Thus , the sentence should read :

Iguanas . . . they are still prized as game animals.

A It is and a game animal do not agree with iguanas.

B It is does not agree with iguanas or game animals

C Correct . In this sentence , they are and game animal properly agree with iguanas.

D A game animal does not agree with iguanas ; being is unnecessary and awkward .

E A game animal does not agree with iguanas ; the second independent clause requires a subject and a verb , not the participle being .

The correct answer is C .

13. Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged in 1911, Scott Joplin's ragtime opera " Treemonisha " was not produced until 1972 , sixty-one years after its completion .

(A) Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged

(B) Except for a concert performance with the composer himself staging it

(C) Besides a concert performance being staged by the composer himself

(D) Excepting a concert performance that the composer himself staged

(E) With the exception of a concert performance with the staging done by the composer himself

Idiom + Rhetorical construction

This sentence requires attention to idiom and to conciseness . Except for is correctly followed by a noun , concert performance ; that the composer staged himself is a clause that dearly and concisely describes the performance .

A Correct . In this sentence . the correct idiom is used in a clear and concise expression .

B With...it is an ungrammatical construction ; staging suggests ongoing action rather than action completed in 1911 .

C Being staged suggests ongoing rather than completed action ; the passive voice is wordy and awkward .

D Excepting usually appears in negative constructions ; it is not the correct idiom in this sentence .

E This sentence is awkward and wordy .

The correct answer is A .

14 . From the time of its defeat by the Germans in 1940 until its liberation in 1944 , France was a bitter and divided country a kind of civil war raged in the Vichy government between those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis with those who opposed them.

- (A) between those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis with those who opposed
- (B) between those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis and those who opposed
- (C) between those wanting to collaborate with the Nazis with those opposing
- (D) among those who wanted to collaborate with the Nazis and those who opposed
- (E) among those wanting to collaborate with the Nazis with those opposing

Idiom

This sentence depends on the idiomatic construction between x and y . In this sentence , between x with y violates the idiom . Among is used only when more than two elements are involved ; between is needed for the two elements here .

- A Between those...with those is not the correct idiom .
- B Correct . Between those...and those is the correct idiom for this sentence .
- C Between those...with those is not the correct idiom .
- D Among is used only when more than two elements are involved .
- E Between is used for two elements ; among is used for more than two elements .

The correct answer is B .

15. Chinese , the most ancient of living writing systems , consists of tens of thousands of

ideographic characters , each character a miniature calligraphic composition inside its own square frame .

- (A) each character a miniature calligraphic composition inside its
- (B) all the characters a miniature calligraphic composition inside their
- (C) all the characters a miniature calligraphic composition inside its
- (D) every character a miniature calligraphic composition inside their
- (E) each character a miniature calligraphic composition inside their

Agreement

The underlined part of the original sentence acts as a modifier, or a phrase in apposition , describing Chinese ideographic characters . The modifier correctly uses the singular for all three terms : character, composition , and its all agree .

- A Correct . In this sentence , the nouns character and composition and the pronoun its agree
- B Characters and their are plural , but composition is singular .
- C While characters is plural , composition and its are singular .
- D Character and composition are singular, but their is plural .
- E Character and composition are singular, but there is plural.

The correct answer is A .

16 . Declining values for farm equipment and land , the collateral against which farmers borrow to through the harvest season, is going to force many lenders to tighten or deny credit this spring .

- (A) the collateral against which farmers borrow to get through the harvest season , is
- (B) which farmers use as collateral to borrow against to get through the harvest season , is
- (C) the collateral which is borrowed against by farmers to get through the harvest season ,
is
- (D) which farmers use as collateral to borrow against to get through the harvest season , are
- (E) the collateral against which farmers borrow to get through the harvest season , are

Agreement

Because a lengthy construction appears between the subject and the verb , it maybe hard to see at first that the plural subject values does not agree with the singular verb is . Values requires are .

- A Singular verb is does not agree with the plural subject values .
- B Is does not agree with values ; the clause is awkward and redundant .
- C Is does not agree with value ; the clause is awkward and wordy .
- D Use as collateral to borrow against is redundant ; the wording is awkward .
- E Correct . In this sentence , the plural subject values agrees with the plural verb are .

The correct answer is E .

17. In the mid-1960's a newly installed radar warning system mistook the rising of the moon as a massive missile attack by the Soviets .

- (A) rising of the moon as a massive missile attack by the Soviets
- (B) rising of the moon for a massive Soviet missile attack
- (C) moon rising to a massive missile attack by the Soviets
- (D) moon as it was rising for a massive Soviet missile attack
- (E) rise of the moon as a massive Soviet missile attack

Idiom

This sentence depends on the correct use of the idiom to mistake x for y; x and y , must be parallel . The sentence should read : the system mistook the rising of the moon(x)for a massive missile attack(y) ,) For a more concise expression of y , the phrase by the Soviets may be condensed to the adjective Soviet , placed before missile attack .

- A The correct idiom calls for the verb mistook to be followed by for , not as .
- B Correct . This sentence uses the correct idiom , mistook x for y ; a more concise adjective replaces the modifying phrase .
- C Use of rising as a participle following moon is confusing ; it could be misread as rising to

a massive Soviet missile attack .

D As it was rising is wordy and could be misread rising for a massive . . . attack .

E Rise of the moon is awkward ; correct idiom calls for the verb mistook to be followed by not as

The correct answer is B .

18. With only 5 percent of the world's population , United States citizens consume 28 percent of its nonrenewable resources , drive more than one-third of its automobiles . and use 21 times more water per capita than Europeans do .

- (A) With
- (B) As
- (C) Being
- (D) Despite having
- (E) Although accounting for

Idiom

This sentence contrasts the small percent of population with the large percent of consumption .The contrast should be evident from the first word ,showing the relationship of the information in the opening phrase to that in the main clause. With does not show contrast . Although accounting for prepares readers to expect a contrast .

A With does not suggest contrast ; its suggestion of possession is illogical here .

B As is a conjunction that introduces a clause ; as cannot introduce a phrase .

C Being does not show contrast and is awkward .

D Despite having modifies citizens ; citizens are the population ; they cannot have it .

E Correct .In this sentence ,although accounting for shows contrast and relates logically to citizens .

The correct answer is E .

19. While depressed property values can hurt some large investors they are potentially devastating

for homeowners, whose equity-in many cases representing a life's savings-can plunge or even disappear.

- (A) they are potentially devastating for homeowners , whose
- (B) they can potentially devastate homeowners in that their
- (C) for homeowners they are potentially devastating , because their
- (D) for homeowners , it is potentially devastating in that their
- (E) it can potentially devastate homeowners , whose

Rhetorical construction +Agreement

This sentence is correct and concise .They clearly refers to property values ,and whose refers to homeowners .

- A Correct . The relationship between nouns and pronouns is correct in this sentence ; the expression is concise and clear .
- B Can potentially is redundant ; in that there is wordy, awkward , and ambiguous .
- C Their appears to refer to they(property values) rather than to homeowners .
- D It does not agree with property values ; in that their is wordy and awkward .
- E It does not agree with property values ; can potentially is redundant .

The correct answer is A .

20 . Consumers may not think of household cleaning products to be hazardous substances , but many of them can be harmful to health , especially if they are used improperly .

- (A) Consumers may not think of household cleaning products to be
- (B) Consumers may not think of household cleaning products being
- (C) A consumer may not think of their household cleaning products being
- (D) A consumer may not think of household cleaning products as
- (E) Household cleaning products may not be thought of, by consumers , as

Idiom

The sentence uses an idiom that is correctly expressed as to think of x as y . The use of to be

is incorrect .

- A To be is incorrect in the idiom to think of x as y.
- B Being is incorrect in the idiom to think of x as y.
- C Being is incorrect in the idiom to think of x as ; their does not agree with a consumer .
- D Correct . This sentence uses the idiom correctly : think of household products as .
- E Passive-voice construction is awkward and wordy .

The correct answer is D .

21 . It is possible that Native Americans originally have migrated to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that once existed between Siberia and Alaska.

- (A) have migrated to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that once existed
- (B) were migrating to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that existed once
- (C) migrated over a bridge of land to the Western Hemisphere that once existed
- (D) migrated to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land that once existed
- (E) were migrating to the Western Hemisphere over a bridge of land existing once

Verb form +Logical predication

The simple past tense , used to describe an action completed in the past , is required in speaking of Native American migration to the Western Hemisphere .

A The present-perfect verb have migrated implies that the migration is continuing into the present .

B The verb were migrating improperly describes a continuing action in the past ;the adverb once should precede the verb existed .

C The modifying phrase that once existed logically refers to the bridge of land , not the Western Hemisphere , which fortunately for many continues to exist . This phrase must be placed immediately following the word or word group that it modifies .

D Correct . This sentence uses the correct verb tense , migrated, to describe an action completed in the past ;the order of the prepositional phrases makes the meaning clear and logical .

E The verb were migrating is incorrect , and the phrase existing once imprecise.

The correct answer is D .

22 . In recent years cattle breeders have increasingly used crossbreeding , in part that their steers should acquire certain characteristics and partly because crossbreeding is said to provide hybrid vigor

- (A) in part that their steers should acquire certain characteristics
- (B) in part for the acquisition of certain characteristics in their steers
- (C) partly because of their steers acquiring certain characteristics
- (D) partly because certain characteristics should be acquired by their steers
- (E) partly to acquire certain characteristics in their steers

Parallelism + Rhetorical construction

The sentence gives two reasons that cattle breeders use crossbreeding ; these reasons should be introduced in parallel ways with the word partly .The infinitive to acquire clearly and concisely conveys the purpose of the crossbreeding .

- A In part should be partly ; use of relative clause is ungrammatical .
- B In part should be partly ; wordy and awkward use of prepositional phrases .
- C Because of suggests that crossbreeding has occurred because the steers have already acquired certain characteristics .
- D Passive voice should be acquired by is awkward and illogical .
- E Correct .In this sentence ,the word partly is used to introduce both reasons ;the phrase to acquire certain characteristics is clear and concise .

The correct answer is E .

23 . Like Auden, the language of James Merrill is chatty, arch , and conversational-given to complex syntactic flights as well as to prosaic free-verse strolls .

- (A) Like Auden , the language of James Merrill
- (B) Like Auden , James Merrill's language
- (C) Like Auden's , James Merrill's language

(D) As with Auden , James Merrill's language

(E) As is Auden's the language of James Merrill

Logical predication + Diction

The intent of the sentence is to compare the language used by the two authors ;both write in a chatty, arch , and conversational way . Using the phrase like Auden's to begin the comparison creates a concise statement , and the parallel construction of Merrill's also reduces wordiness and enhances clarity. Since the possessive Auden's matches the possessive Merrill's ,the word language is notneeded following the word Auden's .

A Auden is illogically compared to language .

B Auden is illogically compared to language .

C Correct . This sentence states the comparison correctly and concisely, making it clear that Auden's language is being compared with Merrill's language .

D Auden is illogically , compared to language .

E The sentence attempts to compare Auden's language with Merrill's , but the introductory as it is incorrect and the meaning is garbled .

The correct answer is C .

24 . The period when the great painted caves at Lascaux and Altamira were occupied by Upper Paleolithic people has been established by carbon-14 dating , but what is much more difficult to determine are the reason for their decoration , the use to which primitive people put the caves , and the meaning of the magnificently depicted animals .

(A) has been established by carbon-14 dating ,but what is much more difficult to determine are

(B) has been established by carbon-14 dating , but what is much more difficult to determine

is

(C) have been established by carbon-14 dating , but what is much more difficult to determine is

(D) have been established by carbon-14 dating , but what is much more difficult to determine are

(E) are established by carbon-14 dating , but that which is much more difficult to determine is

Agreement

The singular subject of the first independent clause is the period ; the singular subject of the second independent clause is what is much more difficult to determine . These singular subjects require the singular verbs has and is . In this sentence , the second verb , are , is incorrect .

A Are does not agree with what is much more difficult to determine .

B Correct . In this sentence , both verbs are singular and therefore correct .

C Have been established does not agree with the period .

D Have been established does not agree with the period ; are does not agree with what is much more difficult to determine .

E Are established does not agree with the period ; this verb should be in the present perfect tense to express action completed in the past ; that which construction is ungrammatical .

The correct answer is B .

25. The Baldrick Manufacturing Company has for several years followed a policy aimed at decreasing operating costs and improving . the efficiency of its distribution system .

(A) aimed at decreasing operating costs and improving

(B) aimed at the decreasing of operating costs and to improve

(C) aiming at the decreasing of operating costs and improving

(D) the aim of which is the decreasing of operating costs and improving

(E) with the aim to decrease operating costs and to improve

Parallelism

This correct sentence uses the grammatically parallel elements decreasing and improving to

describe the two aims of the company's policy .

A Correct . Decreasing and improving are grammatically parallel ; aimed at is a correct and concise expression .

B The decreasing and to improve are not parallel .

C Using the before decreasing creates a gerund , which is not parallel to the participle improving .

D The aim of which is awkward and word . y the decreasing is not parallel to improving .

E With the aim to is not the correct idiom ; the correct idiom is with the aim of followed by an-ing form such as decreasing .

The correct answer is A .

26. Eating saltwater fish may significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks and also aid for sufferers of rheumatoid arthritis and asthma , according to three research studies published in the New England Journal of Medicine .

- (A) significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks and also aid for
- (B) be significant in reducing the risk of heart attacks and aid for
- (C) significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks and aid
- (D) cause a significant reduction in the risk of heart attacks and aid to
- (E) significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks as well as aiding

Diction + Parallelism

The word aid can be a noun or a verb ; here it should be a verb that is parallel to the verb reduce . If aid were a noun , it would parallel risk and so would mean illogically that eating fish reduces aid for sufferers as well as the risk of heart attacks .

A Aid for seems to be a noun, parallel to the noun risk , indicating that eating saltwater fish reduces aid for sufferers .

B Aid for seems to be a noun, parallel to the noun risk , indicating that eating saltwater fish

reduces aid for sufferers .

C Correct . In this sentence , aid is used as a verb , parallel to the verb reduce . Sufferers is the direct object of aid ; no preposition is needed .

D Aid to is incorrectly used as a noun , suggesting that eating saltwater fish reduces aid for sufferers .

E While this sentence is not incorrect . it lacks the parallel structure found in the correct

The correct answer is C

27 . Minnesota is the only one of the contiguous forty-eight states that still has a sizable wolf population, and where this predator remains the archenemy of cable and sheep .

(A) that still has a sizable wolf population , and where

(B) that still has a sizable wolf population , where

(C) that still has a sizable population of wolves , and where

(D) where the population of wolves is still sizable ;

(E) where there is still a sizable population of wolves and where

Parallelism

The sentence is making two points about Minnesota , but one point is introduced by that and the other is introduced by where . The same word should be used to introduce each point ; either that...and that or where . . . and where .

A That still has...and where are not parallel .

B In this construction , the where clause modifies wolf population rather than Minnesota .

C That still has...and where are not parallel .

D While grammatically correct, this sentence needs a conjunction to show the logical relationship between the two independent clauses rather than the semi-colon that implies their equality .

E Correct . The use of where...and where creates two parallel clauses that clearly modify Minnesota .

The correct answer is E .

28 . In reference to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently expressed anxiety
that their prospects for being hired and promoted are being stunted by their habit .

- (A) In reference to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently expressed anxiety that
- (B) Referring to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently expressed anxiety about
- (C) When referring to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently express anxiety about
- (D) With reference to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently expressed anxiety about
- (E) Referring to the current hostility toward smoking , smokers frequently express anxiety that

Verb form + Grammatical construction

The phrase the current hostility and the verb are being stunted indicate that the sentence concerns the present time . Therefore , the past-tense verb expressed should instead be the present-tense express.

- A Expressed should be express .
- B Expressed should be express, the preposition about cannot be used to introduce the clause prospects . . . are being stunted ; a conjunction such as that is required .
- C The preposition about cannot be used to introduce a clause ; a conjunction such as that is required .
- D Expressed should be express ; the preposition about cannot be used to introduce a clause ; a conjunction such as that is required .
- E Correct . In this sentence , the verb is the correct present tense express ; the conjunction that

correctly links anxiety with the clause that modifies it .

The correct answer is E .

29 . According to some economists ,the July decrease in unemployment so that it was the lowest in two years suggests that the gradual improvement in the job market is continuing .

- (A) so that it was the lowest in two years
- (B) so that it was the lowest two—year rate
- (C) to what would be the lowest in two years
- (D) to a two-year low level
- (E) to the lowest level in two years

Idiom +Grammatical construction

In this sentence , decrease is used as a noun and cannot grammatically be modified by the adverbial so that . The simple prepositional phrase to the lowest level in two years is a precise , concise alternative .

A The use of so that it was after a noun is ungrammatical; it could refer to either decrease or unemployment .

B The use of so that it was after a noun is ungrammatical ; it could refer to either decrease or unemployment ; the word rate is unclear .

C The conditional would should not be used to state a fact ; lowest should be followed by a noun such as level.

D The meaning of to a two-year low level is unclear, and the phrase is unidiomatic .

E Correct . This sentence uses a clear, simple phrase that conveys an unambiguous meaning.

The correct answer is E .

30. Thomas Eakins' powerful style and his choices of subject-the advances in modern surgery, the discipline of sport , the strains of individuals in tension with society or even with themselves-was as disturbing to his own time as it is compelling for ours.

- (A) was as disturbing to his own time as it is
- (B) were as disturbing to his own time as they are

- (C) has been as disturbing in his own time as they are
- (D) had been as disturbing in his own time as it was
- (E) have been as disturbing in his own time as

Agreement

The compound subject of this sentence ,style and choices , is followed by singular verbs ,was and is and a singular pronoun ,it .The compound subject requires the plural verbs were and are and the plural pronoun they .

- A The verbs and pronoun are singular, but the subject is plural .
- B Correct . Verbs(were, are)and pronoun(they) agree with the plural subject in this sentence .
- C Has been is singular ; it illogically indicates that Eakins' time continues today .
- D Had been indicates an anterior time ; it was is singular and the wrong tense .
- E Have been illogically indicates that Eakins' time continues into the present day .

The correct answer is B .

31 . Like Rousseau , Tolstoi rebelled against the unnatural complexity of human relations in modern society .

- (A) Like Rousseau , Tolstoi rebelled
- (B) Like Rousseau , Tolstoi's rebellion was
- © As Rousseau , Tolstoi rebelled
- (D) As did Rousseau , Tolstoi's rebellion was
- (E) Tolstoi's rebellion , as Rousseau's , was

Diction

The preposition like correctly compares two equal nouns , in this case , two writers . The comparison must be between two equal elements ;it cannot be between a person and an event .The original sentence is direct , clear, and concise .

- A Correct . The two writers are compared clearly and succinctly in this sentence .
- B Tobtoi's rebellion rather than Toktoi is compared to Rousseau .
- C As is a conjunction that introduces clauses, not phrases or nouns .
- D Toktoi's rebellion is compared to Rousseau ; to be correct , this construction would have to be as did Rousseau, Tolstoi rebelled, but this is a wordy alternative .
- E Tolstoi's rebellion...was against is awkward and wordy ; Tolstoi rebelled against is more direct .

The correct answer is A .

32 . The Wallerstein study indicates that even after a decade young men and women still experience some of the effects of a divorce occurring when a child .

- (A) occurring when a child
- (B) occurring when children
- (C) that occurred when a child
- (D) that occurred when they were children
- (E) that has occurred as each was a child

Logical predication + Agreement

The original sentence has two problems . (1) The phrasing implies that the young men and women had divorced in childhood . (2)The word child does not agree with the antecedent men and women .

- A Child does not agree with men and women ; also , incorrect clause .
- B This choice does not correct logic or agreement errors .
- C Child does not agree with men and women .
- D Correct . This sentence corrects both problems by making it clear that the divorce took place when the men and women were children and women.
- E Each does not agree with men and women ; also , incorrect verb tense .

The correct answer is D .

33. Carbon-14 dating reveals that the megalithic monuments in Brittany are nearly 2 , 000 years as old as any of their supposed Mediterranean predecessors

- (A) as old as any of their supposed
- (B) older than any of their supposed
- (C) as old as their supposed
- (D) older than any of their supposedly
- (E) as old as their supposedly

Logical predication + Diction

The original sentence has two problems . (1) Comparisons must be logical and easy to follow The Brittany monuments are logically older than the Mediterranean ones . Therefore , the appropriate comparison uses the phrase older than , not as old as . (2)Adjectives , not adverbs , modify nouns . The phrase Mediterranean predecessors requires the adjective supposed .

- A Suggests two sets of megaliths are equally old , not that one is older
- B Correct . This sentence makes the proper comparison and uses the adjective supposed .
- C Suggests two sets of megaliths are equally old , not that one is older
- D Makes correct comparison ; adverb supposedly used instead of adjective supposed
- E Suggests two sets of megaliths are equally old , not that one is older

The correct answer is B .

34. Lacking information about energy use , people tend to overestimate the amount of energy used by equipment, such as lights, that are visible and must be turned on and off and underestimate that used by unobtrusive equipment , such as water heaters

- (A) equipment , such as lights , that are visible and must be turned on and off and underestimate that
- (B) equipment , such as lights , that are visible and must be turned on and off and underestimate it when
- (C) equipment , such as lights , that is visible and must be turned on and off and underestimate it

when

(D) visible equipment , such as lights , that must be turned on and off and underestimate that

(E) visible equipment , such as lights , that must be turned on and off and underestimate it when

Parallelism + Agreement

This sentence has errors in parallelism and in subject verb agreement .The clause that are visible is not parallel to the adjective unobtrusive .Two kinds of equipment are being contrasted ,visible and unobtrusive , so to be parallel(and concise)each adjective should appear directly before the noun it modifies , equipment . The noun equipment is singular and requires a singular verb .

A That are visible is not parallel to unobtrusive ; error in subject-verb agreement between equipment and are .

B Such as lights is not parallel to unobtrusive ; the singular noun equipment requires a singular verb ; it when used by is not parallel to the amount...used by .

C Such as lights is not parallel to unobtrusive ; it when used by is not parallel to the amount . . . used by .

D Correct . In this sentence , the two adjectives visible and unobtrusive are parallel , and placing visible before equipment eliminates the verb and solves the agreement problem . The construction overestimate the amount energy used by . and . . . underestimate that used by , provides parallel structure .

E Such as lights is not parallel to unobtrusive ; it when used by is not parallel to the amount . . . used by .

The correct answer is D .

35 . The rise in the Commerce Department's index of leading economic indicators suggest that the economy should continue its expansion into the coming months , but that the mixed performance

of the index's individual components indicates that economic growth will proceed at a more moderate pace than in the first quarter of this year.

(A) suggest that the economy should continue its expansion into the coming months , but that

(B) suggest that the economy is to continue expansion in the coming months , but

© suggests that the economy will continue its expanding in the coming months , but that

(D) suggests that the economy is continuing to expand into the coming months , but that

(E) suggests that the economy will continue to expand in the coming months , but

Agreement +Grammatical construction+ Verb form

The singular subject the rise requires the singular verb suggests , not the plural suggest . This sentence is best composed of a main clause followed by a subordinate clause . The coordinating conjunction but, and then another main clause followed by a subordinate clause . When that is repeated after but, this structure is lost and a grammatically incorrect one put in its place . The second half of the sentence uses the future tense will proceed, so the first half should use will continue, the future tense reinforced by the phrase in the coming months . The usage to expand is the most clear and concise of the alternatives .

A Suggest does not agree with the rise ; that should be omitted to create a main clause ; the verb should be future tense will continue .

B Suggest does not agree with the rise ; the verb should be future tense will continue .

C Suggest does not agree with the rise ; use of that results in a subordinate clause when a main clause is required ; its expanding is awkward .

D That used after but results in an incomplete grammatical construction ; the verb should be future tense will continue .

E Correct . This sentence is complete and correct with the subject and verb in agreement and the verbs correctly using the future tense .

The correct answer is E .

36 . What was as remarkable as the development of the compact disc has been the use of the new technology to revitalize , in better sound than was ever before possible , some of the classic recorded performances of the pre-LP era .

- (A) What was as remarkable as the development of the compact disc
- (B) The thing that was as remarkable as developing the compact disc
- (C) No less remarkable than the development of the compact disc
- (D) Developing the compact disc has been none the less remarkable than
- (E) Development of the compact disc has been no less remarkable as

Parallelism + Rhetorical construction

This sentence compares the development of the compact disc with the use of the new technology ; these two phrases must use parallel grammatical structures to make the comparison clear .

Unnecessary words disrupt the parallelism and clutter the meaning ; they must be omitted . The correct idiom for comparison must be used .

A What was is awkward and unnecessary ; construction uses a verb tense that does not agree with has been .

B The thing that was is wordy and unnecessary, and it introduces a verb tense that does not agree with has been .

C Correct . No less remarkable than , is the clearest , most concise and idiomatically correct way for this sentence to introduce the comparison between the development and the use .

D Developing is not parallel to the use ; nonetheless followed by than is not a correct idiom for comparison .

E Without its article , development is not parallel to the use ; no less . . . as is not a correct idiom for comparison .

The correct answer is C .

37 . Some building that were destroyed and heavily damaged in the earthquake last year were

constructed in violation of the city's building code

- (A) Some buildings that were destroyed and heavily damaged in the earthquake last year were
- (B) Some buildings that were destroyed or heavily damaged in the earthquake last year had been
- (C) Some buildings that the earthquake destroyed and heavily damaged last year have been
- (D) Last year the earthquake destroyed or heavily damaged some buildings that have been
- (E) Last year some of the buildings that were destroyed or heavily damaged in the earthquake had been

Logical predication + Verb form

The buildings cannot be both destroyed and heavily , damaged at the same time ; they must be one or the other . This sentence requires two verb tenses : the simple past , were , for the earthquake occurring last year ; and the past perfect . had been , for the time prior to that when the buildings were constructed .

A The buildings are illogically said to be both destroyed and damaged ; the verb tense indicates the buildings were constructed at the same time they were damaged or destroyed .

B Correct . This sentence properly states that the buildings were either destroyed or damaged and clarifies they had been constructed before the earthquake struck .

C Buildings cannot be both destroyed and damaged ; the verb tense makes it seem that they were constructed after the earthquake .

D The verb tense indicates that the buildings have been constructed since the earthquake .

E This structure indicates that construction of the buildings , rather than the earthquake , occurred last year.

The correct answer is B .

38 . Using a Doppler ultrasound device, fetal heartbeats can be detected by the twelfth week of pregnancy .

- (A) Using a Doppler ultrasound device , fetal heart-beats can be detected by the twelfth week of

pregnancy .

(B) Fetal heartbeats can be detected by the twelfth week of pregnancy, using a Doppler ultrasound device .

(C) Detecting fetal heartbeats by the twelfth week of pregnancy, a physician can use a Doppler ultrasound device .

(D) By the twelfth week of pregnancy, fetal heartbeats can be detected using a Doppler ultrasound device by a physician .

(E) Using a Doppler ultrasound device , a physician can detect fetal heartbeats by the twelfth week of pregnancy .

Logical predication

Using a Doppler ultrasound device is a modifying phrase ; the noun it modifies must follow immediately after it . Who is using the device? Clearly a physician is using the device , but this sentence illogically says that fetal heartbeats are using the device .

A The phrase incorrectly modifies fetal heartbeats .

B The modifying phrase has no referent .

C This sentence suggests that a physician first detects heartbeats and then uses the device .

D The passive voice construction is unnecessary, wordy, and incorrect (by a physician must follow detected) .

E Correct . This sentence uses the more concise active voice , and the phrase correctly modifies a physician .

The correct answer is E .

39. A study commissioned by the Department of Agriculture showed that if calves exercise and associated with other calves , they will require less medication and gain weight quicker than do those raised in confinement.

(A) associated with other calves , they will require less medication and gain weight quicker than

do

- (B) associated with other calves , they require less medication and gain weight quicker than
- (C) associate with other calves , they required less medication and will gain weight quicker than do
- (D) associate with other calves , they have required less medication and will gain weight more quickly than do
- (E) associate with other calves , they require less medication and gain weight more quickly than

Verb form + Diction

The first and last verbs in the series of verbs that describe the calves are in the present tense, so the two in the middle should be as well : the Calves exercise . . . associate . . . require . . . gain weight . Adverbs , not adjectives, describe how an action is carried out . These calves gain weight more quickly , not quicker, than other calves . The comparison is between calves and those (referring to another set of calves) ; the verb do ungrammatically interrupts the comparison and should be eliminated .

- A Associated and will require do not match exercise and gain ; the adjective quicker should be the adverb more quickly; do must be omitted .
- B Associated is in the past rather than the present tense ; quicker is used in place of the correct more quickly .
- C Required and will gain are not in the present tense ;quicker is used in place of the correct more quickly ; do must be omitted .
- D Have required and will gain should be in the present tense ; do must be omitted .
- E Correct . In this sentence , the verbs are all in the present tense ; an adverb correctly modifies the verb phrase ; the comparison is logical and grammatically correct .

The correct answer is E .

40 . A recent study has found that within the past few years , many doctors had elected early retirement rather than face the threats of lawsuits and the rising costs of malpractice insurance.

- (A) had elected early retirement rather than face
- (B) had elected early retirement instead of facing
- (C) have elected retiring early instead of facing
- (D) have elected to retire early rather than facing
- (E) have elected to retire early rather than face

Verb form + Parallelism

For action that started in the past and continues into the present , it is correct to use the present perfect tense : has found, have elected . When a choice is presented using the rather than construction--the doctors have chosen x rather than y--the x and the y must be parallel . In this case, the doctors have chosen to retire rather than (to understood)face . To does not need to be repeated in order to maintain parallelism because it is understood .

- A Had elected shows an action completed in the past ; early retirement is not parallel to face .
- B Had elected shows an action completed in the past ; retirement and facing are not parallel .
- C Have elected must be followed by an infinitive .
- D Facing and to retire are not parallel .
- E Correct . In this sentence , have elected shows action continuing into the present ; to retire and (to understood)face are parallel .

The correct answer is E .

41. The Gorton-Dodd bill requires that a bank disclose to their customers how long they will delay access to funds from deposited checks.

- (A) that a bank disclose to their customers how long they will delay access to funds from deposited checks
- (B) a bank to disclose to their customers how long they will delay access to funds from a deposited check
- (C) that a bank disclose to its customers how long it will delay access to funds from deposited checks
- (D) a bank that it should disclose to its customers how long it will delay access to funds from a deposited check

(E) that banks disclose to customers how long access to funds from their deposited check is to be delayed

Agreement

A bank is singular and must be followed by the singular pronouns its and it rather than the plural pronouns their and they .

A Their and they do not agree with a bank .

B Their and they do not agree with a bank ; the singular check is illogical since customers do not share one check .

C Correct .In this sentence ,the pronouns its and it agree with a bank ,and deposited checks is a logical fit with customers .

D Requires a bank that is should is not a grammatical construction ; the smug-check is illogical since the customers do not share one check .

E The passive voice is to be delayed conceals the bank's role in delaying access ; the singular check with the plural their is illogical .

The correct answer is C .

42 . Unlike a funded pension system , in which contributions are invested to pay future beneficiaries , a pay-as-you-go approach is the foundation of Social Security .

(A) a pay-as-you-go approach is the foundation of Social Security

(B) the foundation of Social Security is a pay-as-you-go approach

(C) the approach of Social Security is pay-as-you-go

(D) Social Security's approach is pay-as-you-go

(E) Social Security is founded on a pay-as-you-go approach

Logical predication

This sentence contrasts two systems , a funded pension system and Social Security . The sentence must be structured so that the contrast is logical and grammatical . After the first (funded pension) system is introduced and described , the second (Social Security)system must be introduced . The original sentence makes the mistake of contrasting a funded pension system with

a pay-as-you-go approach .

A A funded pension system is contrasted with an approach rather than with Social Security .

B A funded pension system is contrasted with the foundation rather than with Social Security .

C A funded pension system is contrasted with the approach rather than with Social Security .

D A funded pension system is contrasted with Social Security's approach rather than with Social Security .

E Correct . The two systems are contrasted in a logical , grammatical way in this sentence .

The correct answer is E .

43 . Although she had signed a pledge of abstinence while being an adolescent, Frances Willard was 35 years old before she chose to become a temperance activist .

- (A) while being an adolescent
- (B) while in adolescence
- (C) at the time of her being adolescent
- (D) as being in adolescence
- (E) as an adolescent

Idiom

This sentence must use the correct idiom to describe a stage of Frances Willard's life as concisely as possible . While being an adolescent is awkward and wordy ; as an adolescent is concise and clear . As an adolescent is a correct idiomatic expression , while all the other choices are not .

A While being an adolescent is not an accepted idiomatic expression .

B While in adolescence is not the correct idiom for this sentence .

C At the time of her being adolescent is awkward and wordy

D As being in adolescence is not an accepted idiomatic expression .

E Correct . This sentence uses the concise and idiomatically correct expression as an

adolescent .

The correct answer is E .

44. Though the term " graphic design " may suggest laying out corporate brochures and annual reports, they have come to signify widely ranging work . from package designs and company logotypes to signs , book jackets , computer graphics , and film titles .

(A) suggest laying out corporate brochures and annual reports , they have come to signify widely ranging

(B) suggest laying out corporate brochures and annual reports ,it has come to signify a wide range of

(C) suggest corporate brochure and annual report layout , it has signified widely ranging

(D) have suggested corporate brochure and annual report layout, it has signified a wide range of

(E) have suggested laying out corporate brochures and annual reports , they have come to signify widely ranging

Agreement + Diction

The subject of the sentence is the singular noun term ,which must be followed by the singular is has rather than the plural they have . Widely ranging could describe a conversation that moves from one topic to another ;in this context ,it is incorrect because the work does not move from one place to another . A wide range(work shows that the work consists of many different kinds of projects .

A They have does not agree with term; widely ranging work is imprecise .

B Correct . In this sentence . it has agrees with term; the phrase a wide range(work suggests a variety of projects .

C Has come to signify means that it still signifies , but has signified suggests a completed action and thus alters the meaning ; widely ranging work is imprecise .

D Have suggested does not agree with term ; the verb tenses suggest a completed situation rather than an ongoing one .

E Have suggested and they have do not agree with term; widely ranging work is imprecise .

The correct answer is B .

45. In contrast to large steel plants that take iron ore through all the steps needed to produce several different kinds of steel , processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital into new technology and remain economically viable .

(A) processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital in to new technology and remain

(B) processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital into new technology, remaining

(C) the processing of steel scrap into a specialized group of products has enabled small mills to put capital into new technology, remaining

(D) small mills . by processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products , have been able to put capital into new technology and remain

(E) small mills , by processing steel scrap into a specialized group of products , have been able to put capital into new technology and remained

Logical predication

This sentence contrasts large steel plants with small mills . Since the first half of the sentence begins with in contrast to large steel plants , the second half should begin with small mills to make the contrast immediately obvious and thus easy to understand .

A Large steel plants should be contrasted with small mills , not with processing steel scrap .

B Large steel plants appear to be contrasted with processing steel scrap rather than small mills ; remaining and to put are not parallel .

C Large steel plants appear to be contrasted with the processing of steel scrap ; remaining and to put are not parallel .

D Correct . In this sentence , large steel plants are clearly contrasted with small mills , and

to put is parallel with (to understood) remain .

E Remained violates the parallelism with to put and changes the meaning of the sentence .

The correct answer is D .

46 . The psychologist William James believed that facial expressions not only provide a visible sign of an emotion , actually contributing to the feeling itself .

- (A) emotion , actually contributing to the feeling itself
- (B) emotion but also actually contributing to the feeling itself
- (C) emotion but also actually contribute to the feeling itself
- (D) emotion ; they also actually contribute to the feeling of it
- (E) emotion ; the feeling itself is also actually contributed to by them

Idiom

This sentence should depend on the correlative construction not only x...but also y , where x and y are parallel . However, the faulty construction in the original sentence does not properly include the second element , but also, and so produces a sentence fragment . James says that facial expressions have two effects : they provide a sign of emotion and they contribute to emotion . Thus , in this sentence , not only should be followed by (x) provide a visible sign of emotion, and but also should be followed by (y) actually contribute to the feeling itself .

- A The not only . . . but also construction is violated , creating a sentence fragment .
- B But also actually contributing is not to not only provide ; because contributing is a participle and not a verb , the result is a sentence fragment .
- C Correct. The not only....but also construction is parallel , resulting in a complete sentence .
- D The not only construction requires but also to finish it : the use of the semicolon in this

construction is incorrect ; ,the feeling of it is awkward and wordy

E Use of the semicolon in the not only...but also construction is not correct ; the passive voice was contributed to is awkward and not parallel to provide .

The correct answer is C .

47 . The financial crash of October 1987 demonstrated that the world's capital markets are integrated more closely than never before and events in one part of the global village may be transmitted to the rest of the village-almost instantaneously .

- (A) integrated more closely than never before and
- (B) closely integrated more than ever before so
- (C) more closely integrated as never before while
- (D) more closely integrated than ever before and that
- (E) more than ever before closely integrated as

Parallelism +Idiom

The 1987 crash demonstrated two truths : that the world's capital markets are integrated . . . and that events...may be transmitted . Because these two truths must be presented in grammatically parallel structure , that must be added to the second clause . The correct idiom is more than ever, not more than never.

- A Second subordinate clause must begin with that ; more than never is incorrect .
- B Moving more distorts the meaning ; so is not parallel to that .
- C More...as never before is not correct, while is not parallel to that .
- D Correct .In this sentence ,the two clauses are parallel ,each beginning with that, and they are correctly joined with the conjunction and ; the correct idiom is used .
- E This word sequence is incoherent ; as is not

The correct answer is D .

48 . Wisconsin , Illinois , Florida , and Minnesota have begun to enforce statewide bans

prohibiting landfills to accept leaves , brush , and grass clippings .

- (A) prohibiting landfills to accept leaves , brush , and grass clippings
- (B) prohibiting that landfills accept leaves , brush , and grass clippings
- (C) prohibiting landfills from accepting leaves , brush , and grass clippings
- (D) that leaves , brush , and grass clippings cannot be accepted in landfills
- (E) that landfills cannot accept leaves , brush , and grass clippings

Idiom

This sentence misuses the idiomatic construction prohibits x from doing y ; an alternative construction with the same meaning is forbids x to do y . The verb from the first construction , prohibits , is incorrectly joined with the infinitive form required in the second construction , to accept . The correct statement is prohibiting landfills from accepting .

- A Prohibiting . . . to accept is not the correct idiom .
- B Prohibiting that...accept is not the correct idiom .
- C Correct . Prohibiting...from accepting is the correct idiom to use in this sentence .
- D Bans that . . . cannot be accepted is not a correct idiom ; cannot following bans is not logical .
- E Bans that . . . cannot accept is an incorrect idiom ; cannot following bans is illogical .

The correct answer is C .

49 . Reporting that one of its many problems had been the recent extended sales slump in women's apparel , the seven-store retailer said it would start a three-month liquidation sale in all of its stores .

- (A) its many problems had been the recent
- (B) its many problems has been the recently

- (C) its many problems is the recently
- (D) their many problems is the recent
- (E) their many problems had been the recent

Agreement + Verb form + Logical predication

The correct use of pronoun reference , verb tense , and modifier make the sentence clear and easy to understand . The singular possessive pronoun its refers to the singular noun retailer . The past perfect verb had been indicates action completed before the action in the simple past tense said . The adjective recent modifies extended sales slump .

A Correct . its agrees with retailers ; the past perfect had been indicates action prior to the simple past said; recent modifies extended sales slump .

B Has been indicates ongoing ,not completed ,action ;the adverb recently modifies only the adjective extended, distorting meaning .

C Is shows present , rather than completed , action ; the adverb recently modifies only the adjective extended, distorting meaning .

D Their does not agree with retailer; is shows present . rather than completed , action .

E The plural their does not agree with the singular retailer

The correct answer is A .

50 . Domestic automobile manufacturers have invested millions of dollars into research to develop cars more gasoline-efficient even than presently on the road.

- (A) into research to develop cars more gasoline-efficient even than presently on the road
- (B) into research for developing even more gasoline-efficient cars On the road than at present
- (C) for research for cars to be developed that are more gasoline-efficient even than presently the road
- (D) in research to develop cars even more gasoline-efficient than those at present on the road
- (E) in research for developing cars that are even more gasoline-efficient than presently on the road

Comparison + Logical predication

The construction for comparison is more x than y ; x and y must be grammatically

parallel . This sentence Suffers from faulty parallelism when it compares more gas-efficient (cars) to presently on the road .To be parallel ,gas-efficient (cars) should be compared to those that are at present on the road . Even modifies more gas-efficient, not than . Invested in is the correct idiom rather than invested into or invested for .

A Presently on the road is not parallel to gas-efficient (cars) ; even incorrectly modifies than .

B Research must be followed by to develop, not for developing ; the two elements being compared are not parallel.

C Invested for research for cars is awkward and idiomatically incorrect ; the comparison is illogical and ungrammatical .

D Correct . Invested in is the correct idiom ; those is parallel to gas-efficient(cars) ; even modifies more gas-efficient .

E Research must be followed by to develop ,not for developing ;presently on the road is not parallel togas—efficient(cars) .

The correct answer is D .

51. In developing new facilities for the incineration of solid wastes , we must avoid the danger of shifting environmental problems from landfills polluting the water to polluting the air with incinerators .

- (A) landfills polluting the water to polluting the air with incinerators
- (B) landfills polluting the water to the air being polluted with incinerators
- (C) the pollution of water by landfills to the pollution of air by incinerators
- (D) pollution of the water by landfills to incinerators that pollute the air
- (E) water that is polluted by landfills to incinerators that pollute the air

Parallelism

When the construction is from x to y , x and y must be grammatically parallel . In this case, x and y are the two environment problems : x = the pollution of water by landfills and y = the

pollution of air by incinerators . Starting the parallel phrases with the pollution emphasizes the similarity of the problem ; each of the other elements . of water / of air and by landfills / by incinerators , emphasizes difference .

- A Lack of parallelism makes these two phrases difficult to understand .
- B Landfills polluting . . . is not parallel to the air being
- C Correct . The correct use of parallel structure clarifies the meaning of the sentence .
- D Pollution of . . . is not parallel to incinerators that
- E Water that is polluted . . . is not parallel to incinerators that pollute

The correct answer is C .

52 . The winds that howl across the Great Plains not only blow away valuable topsoil , thereby reducing the potential crop yield of a tract of land , and also damage or destroy young plants .

- (A) and also damage or destroy
- (B) as well as damaging or destroying
- (C) but they also cause damage or destroy
- (D) but also damage or destroy
- (E) but also causing damage or destroying

Idiom

This sentence uses the construction not only x but also y : x z and y must be grammatically parallel . In this sentence , not only appears directly before the first verb , so but also should appear immediately before the second set of verbs . The winds . . . not only blow . . . but also damage or destroy .

- A And also is not the correct idiom ; not only is followed by but also or also .
- B As well as does not complete not only ; damaging or destroying is not parallel to blow .
- C The subject(they) does not need to be repeated ; cause damage is not parallel to blow and would require the preposition to before young plants .

D Correct . In this sentence , not only is properly followed by but also , and damage or destroy is parallel to blow .

E Causing damage or destroying is not parallel to

The correct answer is D .

53 . In a 5-to-4 decision , the Supreme Court ruled that two upstate New York counties owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians for the unlawful seizure of their ancestral lands in the eighteenth century .

(A) that two upstate New York counties owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians for the unlawful seizure of

(B) that two upstate New York counties owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians because of their unlawful seizure of

(C) two upstate New York counties to owe restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians for their unlawful seizure of

(D) on two upstate New York counties that owed restitution to three tribes of Oneida Indians because they unlawfully seized

(E) On the restitution that two upstate New York counties owed to three tribes of Oneida Indians for the unlawful seizure of

Idiom + Rhetorical construction

The underlined part of the sentence correctly introduces a subordinate clause with that to identify the Supreme Court's ruling . The idiomatic expression owed restitution to x for y is also correctly used .

A Correct . This sentence properly uses a subordinate clause introduced by that ; the correct idiom is used .

B Owed restitution to x because of y is not the correct idiom ; the pronoun reference there is ambiguous .

C That is omitted . resulting in an awkward construction ; the pronoun reference there is ambiguous .

D Ruled on . . . that begins an awkward construction ; the pronoun reference they is ambiguous .

E Ruled on . . . that begins an awkward and imprecise construction .

The correct answer is A .

54. The extraordinary diary of William Lyon Mackenzie King , prime minister of Canada for over twenty years , revealed that this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic guided in both public and private life by omens , messages received at séances , and signs from heaven .

(A) that this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic guided in both public and

(B) that this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic and also guided both in public as well as

(C) this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic and that he was guided in both public and

(D) this most bland and circumspect of men was a mystic and that he was guided In both public as well as

(E) this most bland and circumspect of men to have been a mystic and that he guided himself both in public as well as

Rhetorical construction +Idiom

The underlined portion of the sentence correctly uses a subordinate clause to describe King . Guided correctly modifies mystic, and parallel adjectives follow the both . . . and construction .

A Correct . The underlined clause in this sentence is grammatically and idiomatically correct .

B Guided should modify mystic, no the separated from it ; both in . . . as well as is not a correct construction .

C Making a second subordinate clause(that he was guided . . .)incorrectly separates a single idea into two parts .

D The second subordinate clause separates a single idea , a mystic guided in... , into two parts ; as well as incorrectly follows both in.

E The subordinate clause requires a verb , was , not an infinitive(to have been) ; the two

clauses should be condensed to one ; as well as incorrectly follows both in .

The correct answer is A .

55 . In one of the most stunning reversals in the history of marketing ,the Coca-Cola company in July 1985 yielded to thousands of irate consumers demanding that it should bring back the original Coke formula.

- (A) demanding that it should
- (B) demanding it to
- (C) and their demand to
- (D) who demanded that it
- (E) who demanded it to

Verb form + Grammatical construction

The use of the subjunctive is relatively infrequent in English ; this sentence is an instance when it must be used. When a that clause follows a verb such as ask, recommend , request , or demand, the subjunctive (formed from the base form of the verb , such as be or bring) is used in the clause . Thus , the correct use of the subjunctive here is consumers who demanded that it bring

- A The construction requires the subjunctive ; the use of should is incorrect .
- B Demanding it to bring is not a grammatically correct construction .
- C Using both consumers and their demand is redundant .
- D Correct . In this sentence , the subjunctive bring correctly follows demanded that it .
- E Demanded it to bring is not a grammatically correct construction .

The correct answer is D .

56 . Recently discovered fossil remains strongly suggest that the Australian egg—laying mammals of today are a branch of the main stem of mammalian evolution rather than developing independently from a common ancestor of mammals more than 220 million years ago .

- (A) rather than developing independently from

- (B) rather than a type that developed independently from
- (C) rather than a type whose development was independent of
- (D) instead of developing independently from
- (E) instead of a development that was independent of

Idiom + Parallelism

The original point is that the mammals mentioned are thought to be an offshoot of the main stem of mammalian evolution and not a descendent of a common ancestor of [all] mammals . This sentence makes a contrast using the construction x rather than y or x instead of v : x and y must be parallel in either case . The mammals are (x) a branch rather than (y) ; here y should consist of an article and a noun to match a branch . The second half of the contrast may be rewritten a type that developed independently from to complete the parallel construction . The idiom independently from is different in meaning from the idiom independent of, the logic of this sentence requires the use of independently from .

- A Developing in (independently from) is not parallel to a branch .
- B Correct . This idiomatically correct sentence properly uses a type in parallel to a branch .
- C Verb developed is preferable to the awkward relative clause using the noun development ; independent of distorts the original meaning .
- D Developing independently from is not parallel to a branch .
- E While a development may appear to parallel a branch the logic of the sentence is contradicted by the meaning of this usage , and the verb developed is preferable to the noun development ; independent of distorts the original meaning.

The correct answer is B .

57. A patient accusing a doctor of malpractice will find it difficult to prove damage if there is a lack of some other doctor to testify about proper medical procedures .

- (A) if there is a lack of some other doctor to testify
- (B) unless there will be another doctor to testify
- (C) without another doctor's testimony
- (D) should there be no testimony from some other doctor
- (E) lacking another doctor to testify

Rhetorical construction + Idiom

The underlined clause is wordy and awkward ; lack of some other doctor is not a correct idiomatic expression . This clause must be replaced by a more concise construction . If there is a lack of cad be replaced by the preposition without ; some other doctor is better expressed as another doctor, add testimony call be substituted for to testify .The result .without another doctor's testimony, clearly expresses in four words what the original statement poorly conveyed in eleven .

A Clause is wordy add awkward ; lack of some other doctor is not idiomatic .

B Construction y will happen unless x happens first requires the present tense following the unless clause, rather than the future tense used here .

C Correct . This sentence uses a phrase that is dear and concise .

D This alternative is awkward and wordy.

E Lacking illogically and incorrectly modifies damage .

The correct answer is C .

58. A recording system was so secretly installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office that even Theodore C . Sorensen , the White House counsel , did not know it existed .

(A) A recording system was so secretly installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office that

(B) So secret was a recording system installation and operation in the Kennedy Oval Office

(C) It was so secret that a recording system was installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office

(D) A recording system that was so secretly installed and operated in the Kennedy Oval Office

(E) Installed and operated So secretly in the Kennedy Oval Office was a recording system that

Idiom + Agreement

This sentence correctly uses the idiomatic construction so x that y .the system was so secretly installed (x) that even . . . Sorensen . . . did not know (y) that it existed . The pronoun it clearly refers to a recording system .

A Correct .In this sentence ,both pronoun reference and idiomatic construction (so x that y)

ale clear and correct .

B So must be followed by that ; inverting the word order makes the pronoun reference ambiguous .

C It was is unnecessary ; that is required before even Theodore C Sorensen... : the pronoun reference is ambiguous .

D This construction results in a sentence fragment .

E The inverted word order does not grammatically fit into the rest of the sentence .

The correct answer is A .

59. Neanderthals had a vocal tract that resembled those of the apes and so were probably without language , a shortcoming that may explain why they were supplanted by our own species .

- (A) Neanderthals had a vocal tract that resembled those of the apes
- (B) Neanderthals had a vocal tract resembling an ape's
- (C) The vocal tracts of Neanderthals resembled an ape's
- (D) The Neanderthal's vocal tracts resembled the apes'
- (E) The vocal tracts of the Neanderthals resembled those of the apes

Agreement + Grammatical construction

In the underlined portion of the sentence , the plural pronoun those does not agree with its singular referent , a vocal tract . To correct this error, the clause that resembled those of the apes may be rewritten as a phrase using the singular, resembling an ape's . In this case , ape's vocal tract is understood .

A Those does not agree with vocal tract; relative clause is wordy and unnecessary .

B Correct .In this concise sentence ,the singular an ape's(vocal tract understood)agrees with a vocal tract .

C Neanderthals must be the subject of the second verb , were ; vocal tracts...were probably without language is illogical ; tracts is compared to an ape's (tract) .

D Vocal tracts cannot logically be the subject of the second verb ; Neanderthal's is singular but vocal tracts is plural

E Making vocal tracts the subject here also makes it the illogical subject of were probably without language .

The correct answer is B .

60. The energy source on Voyager 2 is not a nuclear reactor, in which atoms are actively broken apart; rather a kind of nuclear battery that uses natural radioactive decay to produce power .

- (A) apart ; rather
- (B) apart, but rather
- (C) apart , but rather that of
- (D) apart , but that of
- (E) apart ; it is that of

Grammatical construction

This sentence focuses on a contrast by using the construction not x but rather y ; x and y are parallel . In this sentence not x(a nuclear reactor) , should be followed by but rather . y (a kind of nuclear battery) .A comma ,not a semicolon ,should separate the two parallel parts of the contrast ; using a semicolon results in a sentence fragment unless a subject and verb are provided in the construction .

A Using a semicolon results in a sentence fragment ; not x should be balanced by but rather y.

B Correct . In this sentence . the contrast is clearly drawn in the correct construction not a nuclear reactor . . . , but rather a kind of nuclear battery .

C That of has no referent and results in an illogical , ungrammatical construction .

D Rather should be included to emphasize contrast ; that of has no referent .

E No word is used to indicate contrast ; that of has no referent ,

The correct answer is B .

61 . Archaeologists in Ireland believe that a recently discovered chalice . which dates from the eighth century, was probably buried to keep from being stolen by invaders .

- (A) to keep from
- (B) to keep it from
- (C) to avoid
- (D) in order that It would avoid
- (E) in order to keep from

Grammatical construction

The phrase to keep from being stolen is incomplete ; the reader does not know what might be stolen . Inserting a pronoun makes it clear to the reader that it is the chalice that might be stolen .

- A Pronoun it is needed for clarity .
- B Correct . The sentence is clarified by inserting the word it, which refers back to chalice .
- C Pronoun it is needed for clarity ; this suggests the chalice acts to prevent its own theft .
- D Pronoun it is needed for clarity ; this suggests the chalice acts to prevent its own theft ; in order that it would is wordy .
- E Pronoun it is needed for clarity .

The correct answer is B .

62. Lawmakers are examining measures Mat would require banks to disclose all fees and account requirements in writing , provide free cashing of government checks, and to create basic savings accounts to carry minimal fees and require minimal initial deposits.

- (A) provide free cashing of government checks , and to create basic savings accounts to carry
- (B) provide free cashing of government checks , and creating basic savings accounts carrying
- (C) to provide free cashing of government checks , and creating basic savings accounts that

carry

(D) to provide free cashing of government checks , creating basic savings accounts to carry

(E) to provide free cashing of government checks , and to create basic savings accounts that

carry

Parallelism

The sentence uses parallel structure to describe what new legislation would require banks to do . The first requirement is written as to disclose ; the other two requirements must be parallel in form . In this case , the other two requirements can be given as either to provide . . . to create or provide . . . create, with the to understood . In addition , using the same infinitive form for a different purpose in to carry is potentially confusing ; using that carry is a clearer construction .

A Provide and to create are not parallel .

B Provide and creating are not parallel .

C Creating is not parallel with to provide .

D To provide and creating are not parallel in form ; leaving out the word and makes creating appear to modify checks.

E Correct . Parallelism is maintained in this sentence by following to disclose with to create and to provide . In this setting, the form that carry is more readily understood than to carry .

The correct answer is E .

63 . Certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place; one reason is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals .

(A) Certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place ; one reason is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals .

(B) If used repeatedly in the same place , one reason that certain pesticides can become

ineffective is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals .

(C) If used repeatedly in the same place , one reason certain pesticides can become ineffective is suggested by the finding that much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes are found in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than those that are free of such chemicals .

(D) The finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals is suggestive of one reason , if used repeatedly in the same place , certain pesticides can become ineffective .

(E)The finding of much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in those that are free of such chemicals suggests one reason certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place .

Logical predication

The sentence is correctly constructed ; it has two independent clauses connected by a semicolon . If used repeatedly in the same place clearly and correctly modifies certain pesticides .

A Correct . The sentence is correctly constructed ; the modifier if used repeatedly in the same place is correctly placed .

B If used repeatedly in the same place modifies one reason when it should modify certain pesticides .

C If used repeatedly in the same place modifies one reason when it should modify certain pesticides ; the relative clause following reason should be introduced by that .

D If used repeatedly in the same place ambiguously modifies one reason when it should clearly modify certain pesticides .

E The comparison the finding of much larger populations . . . than in those that is improperly constructed so that the meaning of the finding, or the research result . is distorted into that of the discovery ; the relative clause following reason should be introduced by that .

The correct answer is A .

64. In the textbook publishing business , the second quarter is historically weak , because revenues are low and marketing expenses are high as companies prepare for the coming school year.

- (A) low and marketing expenses are high as companies prepare
- (B) low and their marketing expenses are high as they prepare
- (C) low with higher marketing expenses in preparation
- (D) low , while marketing expenses are higher to prepare
- (E) low , while their marketing expenses are higher in preparation

Parallelism + Idiom

This sentence is correctly written . It uses parallel structure to give two reasons why textbook publishers have weak second quarters : revenues are low and expenses are high . The construction as companies prepare for the coming school year is clear, as opposed to the awkward constructions using the ambiguous plural pronouns they and their .

A Correct . This sentence uses the parallel forms are low...are high and employs the unambiguous companies as the subject of prepare.

B Their seems illogically to refer to revenues ; subject of prepare is the ambiguous they .

C Higher is not parallel to low , and it is illogical since no comparison is being made .

D Higher is not parallel to low and is illogical since no comparison is being made ; awkward and illogical infinitive construction .

E Higher is not parallel to low and is illogical since no comparison is being made ; their has no clear referent .

The correct answer is A .

65 . Parliament did not accord full refugee benefits to twelve of the recent immigrants because it believed that to do it rewards them for entering the country illegally .

- (A) to do it rewards

- (B) doing it rewards
- (C) to do this would reward
- (D) doing so would reward
- (E) to do it would reward

Grammatical construction + Verb form

The problem in the underlined section is how to refer back to the verb accord . It is a grammatical error to use a pronoun such as it or this to make the reference . The adverb so can correctly be used to refer back to the verb .The verb rewards is incorrectly in the indicative mood , the mood used to state a fact ;in the context of a hypothetical action ,the conditional would reward is more appropriate.

A Pronoun if cannot be used to refer back to the verb accord ; rewards should be would reward .

B Pronoun it cannot be used to refer back to the verb accord ; rewards should be would reward .

C Pronoun this cannot be used to refer back to the verb accord .

D Correct . The adverb so is correctly used to refer back to the verb accord ; the conditional would reward is appropriate in referring to something contrary to fact .

E Pronoun it cannot be used to refer back to the verb accord

The correct answer is D .

66. Many policy experts say that shifting a portion of health-benefit costs back to the workers helps to control the employer's costs , but also helps to limit medical spending by making patients more careful consumers .

- (A) helps to control the employer's costs , but also helps
- (B) helps the control of the employer's costs and also
- (C) not only helps to control the employer's costs , but also helps
- (D) helps to control not only the employer's costs , but

(E) not only helps to control the employer's costs , and also helps

Idiom + Parallelism

The correlative pair not only . . . but also can be used to describe the two effects : not only helps to control . . . but also helps to limit . These effects should be grammatically and logically parallel . It is incorrect to use but also by itself . Alternatively, the two effects , stated in parallel ways , could simply be linked by and also .

A But also must be used as part of the correlative pair not only...but also .

B Helps the control of is awkward and is not parallel to the effect to limit .

C Correct . This sentence uses the not only . . .but also construction correctly and expresses the two effects in parallel ways .

D Also is required in the not only...but also construction ; not only should precede helps .

E The not only...but also construction requires the phrase but also . rather than and also .

The correct answer is C .

67 . Ms . Chambers is among the forecasters who predict that the rate of addition to arable lands will drop while those of loss rise .

(A) those of loss rise

(B) it rises for loss

(C) those of losses rise

(D) the rate of loss rises

(E) there are rises for the rate of loss

Logical predication + Parallelism

The forecaster is making predictions about two different rates . The forecast changes in the rates can be compared using the construction the rate of x will drop while the rate of y rises, x and y should be parallel .

A There is no referent for those .

B It refers to the rate of addition , creating a nonsensical statement .

C There is no referent for those ; of losses should be singular to parallel of addition .

D Comet. This sentence uses a construction that clearly states the predicted changes in the rates ; the rates are expressed in parallel ways .

E There are rises for is wordy and unidiomatic .

The correct answer is D .

68. Unlike auto insurance , the frequency of claims does not affect the Premiums for personal property coverage, but if the insurance company is able to prove excessive loss due to owner negligence , it may decline to renew the policy .

(A) Unlike auto insurance , the frequency of claims does not affect the premiums for personal property coverage

(B) Unlike with auto insurance , the frequency of claims do not affect the premiums for personal property coverage

(C) Unlike the frequency of claims for auto insurance , the premiums for personal property coverage are not affected by the frequency of claims

(D) Unlike the premiums for auto insurance , the premiums for personal property coverage are not affected by the frequency of claims

(E) Unlike with the premiums for auto insurance , the premiums for personal property coverage is not affected by the frequency of claims

Logical predication +Agreement

The point of this sentence is to contrast premiums for auto insurance and premiums for personal property insurance , but the sentence has been written so that auto insurance is contrasted with the frequency of claims .The correct contrast is between the premiums for auto insurance and the premiums for personal property coverage .

A Auto insurance is illogically contrasted with the frequency of claims .

B Unlike with is an incorrect idiom ; auto insurance is contrasted with the frequency of claims ; the singular subject frequency does not agree with the plural verb do .

C The frequency of claims is contrasted with the premiums for personal property coverage
D Correct . The contrast between the premiums for auto insurance and the premiums for personal property coverage is clearly and correctly stated in this sentence .

E Unlike with is an incorrect idiom ; the plural subject premiums does not agree with the singular verb is not affected .

The correct answer is D .

69 . Organized in 1966 by the Fish and Wildlife Service , the Breeding Bird Survey uses annual roadside counts along established routes for monitoring of population changes of as many as ,or of more than 250 bird species , including 180 songbirds

- (A) for monitoring of population changes of as many as, or of
- (B) to monitor population changes of as many, or
- (C) to monitor changes in the populations of
- (D) that monitors population changes of
- (E) that monitors changes in populations of as many as , or

Idiom + Rhetorical construction

Several changes will help make this awkward , wordy sentence easier to understand . A statement of purpose can be introduced by in order to x : the in order may be omitted and the purpose given with the concise to monitor . Changes in the populations of is clearer than population changes of . Of as many as, or of is wordy and should be eliminated .

- A For monitoring of should be to monitor, of as many as, or of is wordy .
- B Of as many, or is wordy .
- C Correct .This sentence uses to monitor to introduce a clear statement of purpose ;changes in the populations of is precise ; wordiness has been eliminated .
- D That has no referent .
- E That has no referent ; of as many as, or is wordy .

The correct answer is C .

70 . Faced with an estimated \$2 billion budget gap , the city's mayor, proposed a nearly 17 percent reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to maintain the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize hundreds of local arts groups .

(A) proposed a nearly 17 percent reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to maintain the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize

(B) proposed a reduction from the previous year of nearly 17 percent in the amount it was allocating to maintain the city , S major cultural institutions and for subsidizing

(C) proposed to reduce , by nearly 17 percent , the amount from the previous year that was allocated for the maintenance of the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize

(D) has proposed a reduction from the previous year of nearly 17 percent of the amount it was allocating for maintaining the city's major cultural institutions . and to subsidize

(E) was proposing that the amount they were allocating be reduced by nearly 17 percent from the previous year for maintaining the city's major cultural institutions and for the subsidization

Parallelism + Grammar

The original sentence contains no errors . Each alternative introduces an error or adds unnecessary words . The sentence must use parallel construction to maintain and to subsidize to show clearly the two areas where the 17 percent reduction in funds w m be applied . In addition , the 17 percent reduction should be closely followed by the amount allocated the previon year to clarify what is being reduced by 17 percent .

A Correct . The sentence uses parallel construction and a well-placed modifier .

B To maintain and subsidizing are not parallel ; imprecise , with unclear antecedent for it .

C For the maintenance and to subsidize are not parallel ; wordy .

D For maintaining and to subsidize are not parallel ; unclear whether only one budget is being reduce to subsidize the other activity ; imprecise , with unclear antecedent for it .

E Maintaining and the subsidization are not parallel; unclear whether one activity's budget is being reduced to maintain or subsidize the other activity imprecise . with unclear antecedent for

they .

The correct answer is A .

71. By offering lower prices and a menu of personal communications options , such as caller identification and voice mail , the new telecommunications company, has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced them to offer competitive prices .

- (A) has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced them
- (B) has not only captured customers from other phone companies , but it also forced them
- (C) has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced these companies
- (D) not only has captured customers from other phone companies but also these companies have been forced
- (E) not only captured customers from other phone companies , but it also has forced them

Parallelism + Pronoun reference

The sentence intends to show the effect of the new telecommunications company on the other phone companies . In the original sentence , the antecedent of the pronoun them is unclear ; it may refer to companies or to customers . If it refers to customers , the sentence structure illogically has the new company forcing customers to offer competitive prices .

- A Pronoun reference is unclear .
- B Pronoun reference is unclear ; redundant use of if .
- C Correct . The verbs are parallel in this sentence , and these companies is clearly the object of the verb forced .
- D Sentence does not maintain parallelism , unnecessarily changing from active voice(has captured)to passive voice(have been forced) .
- E Pronoun reference is unclear ; captured and has forced are not parallel in verb tense ; redundant use of it .

The correct answer is C .

72. The gyrfalcon , an Arctic bird of prey, has survived a close brush with extinction ; its numbers are now five-times greater than when the use of DDT was sharply restricted in the early 1970's .

- (A) extinction ; its numbers are now five times greater than
- (B) extinction : its numbers are now five times more than
- (C) extinction , their numbers now fivefold what they were
- (D) extinction , now with fivefold the numbers they had
- (E) extinction , now with numbers five times greater than

Agreement + Structure

The original sentence contains no errors . Each alternative introduces an error or changes the meaning of the original sentence . The semicolon correctly connects the closely related ideas in the two independent clauses . The gyrfalcon is the antecedent for its in the second phrase .

A Correct . The original sentence correctly uses a singular pronoun , its , to refer to the singular antecedent gyrfalcon , and it properly uses the construction its numbers are . . . greater than .

B The use of more instead of greater inappropriately implies there are now more numbers , rather than more gyrfalcons .

C The pronoun their is plural and incorrect since the antecedent gyrfalcon is singular .

D The pronoun they is plural and incorrect since the antecedent gyrfalcon is singular ; comma usage introduces a confusing phrase seeming to modify extinction .

E Comma usage introduces a confusing phrase seeming to modify extinction .

The correct answer is A .

73. Analysts blamed May's sluggish retail sales on unexciting merchandise as well as the weather, colder and wetter than was usual in some regions , which slowed sales of barbecue grills and lawn furniture.

- (A) colder and wetter than was usual in some regions , which slowed
- (B) which was colder and wetter than usual in some regions , slowing
- (C) since it was colder and wetter than usually in some regions , which slowed
- (D) being colder and wetter than usually in some regions , slowing
- (E) having been colder and wetter than was usual in some regions and slowed

Referents + Grammar

The sentence must clearly indicate that the inclement weather had slowed retail sales .

Relative pronouns , such as which , should follow as closely as possible the nouns to which they refer . The adjective usual, rather than the adverb usually , is required when modifying a noun . The usage wetter than usual is correct and concise .

A Insertion of was is unnecessary ;referent of which is unclear because regions, not weather, is the nearest noun .

B Correct .This sentence is concise ,correct ,and idiomatic ,and which has a clear referent , the weather,

C With the linking verb was, the adjective usual is needed in place of the adverb usually to complete the meaning of the verb(it was...usual); referent of which is unclear because regions ,not weather , is the nearest noun .

D Being colder does not refer to weather as clearly as which does ; the adjective usual should be used to modify the noun weather instead of the adverb usually .

E Having been colder does not refer to weather as clearly as which does ;insertion of was is unnecessary ; also , fails to maintain parallelism in verb tense(having been and slowed) .

The correct answer is B .

74 . The bank holds \$ 3 billion in loans that are seriously delinquent or in such trouble that they do not expect payments when due .

- (A) they do not expect payments when
- (B) it does not expect payments when it is
- (C) it does not expect payments to be made when they are
- (D) payments are not to be expected to be paid when
- (E) payments are not expected to be paid when they will be

Agreement + Logical predication+ Verb form

The plural pronoun they cannot be used to refer to the singular noun bank . The structure of they do not expect payments when due is awkward and unclear .

A Bank requires the singular pronoun it ,not the plural pronoun they ;structure of when due creates ambiguity in meaning.

B Payments is a plural noun so the singular it is incorrect .

C Correct . In this correct sentence , pronouns and their referents agree , as do subjects and their verbs . The addition of the modifying phrase to be made clarifies the meaning of the sentence .

D Since the passive voice adds no meaningful contribution here ,its use should be avoided ; payments...to be paid is redundant ; are not to be incorrectly shifts the action to the future .

E Since the passive voice adds no meaningful contribution here ,its use should be avoided ; payments...to be paid is redundant ; will be incorrectly shifts the action to the future .

The correct answer is C .

75 . In a recent poll , 86 percent of the public favored a Clean Air Act as strong or stronger than the present act.

- (A) a Clean Air Act as strong or stronger than
- (B) a Clean Air Act that is stronger, or at least so strong as ,
- (C) at least as strong a Clean Air Act as is

(D) a Clean Air Act as strong or stronger than is

(E) a Clean Air Act at least as strong as

Idiom

This sentence depends on the comparative construction as x as . The public wants as act as strong as or stronger than the present act . The second as is omitted in this sentence . Learning the incomplete and incoherent construction as strong the present act . The lengthy, awkward comparison as strong as or stronger than can be more concisely expressed by at least as strong as .

A As strong must be followed by as .

B Stronger requires than ; so strong as is not a correct idiom .

C Two nouns(Clean Air Act, present act) must be compared ; the verb is violates parallelism

D As strong must be followed by as ; the verb is unnecessary and incorrect .

E Correct . In this sentence , at least as strong as concisely and correctly expresses the comparison .

The correct answer is E .

76 . State officials report that soaring rates of liability insurance have risen to force cutbacks in the operations of everything from local governments and school districts to day-care centers and recreational facilities .

(A) rates of liability insurance have risen to force

(B) rates of liability insurance are a force for

(C) rates for liability insurance are forcing

(D) rises in liability insurance rates are forcing

(E) liability insurance rates have risen to force

Rhetorical construction + Verb form + Idiom

This sentence does not clearly present its main point . It should be revised to eliminate redundancy, clarify cause and effect relationships , and use the word rates correctly . The adjective soaring and the verb form have risen express the same idea , so the verb should be omitted and replaced with are forcing , which shows clearly what the soaring rates are doing . Moreover, the

present progressive verb tense(are forcing) indicates this is an ongoing problem . when rate means a price charged, it is followed by the preposition for .

A For should be used following rates, not of, redundant verb form have risen .

B For should be used following rates , not of, the wordy construction are a force is not as clear as the more concise are forcing .

C Correct .The sentence is concise and uses the correct preposition following rates ,and the present progressive verb tense properly reveals an ongoing situation.

D Rises repeats the idea already expressed in the adjective soaring .

E Have risen repeats the idea expressed in the adjective soaring .

The correct answer is C .

77. Each of Hemingway's wives-Hadley Richardson, Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn, and Mary Welsh-were strong and interesting women , very different from the often pallid women who populate his novels.

(A) Each of Hemingway's wives-Hadley Richardson .Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn ,and Mary Welsh-were strong and interesting women ,

(B) Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn . and Mary Welsh-each of them Hemingway's wives-were strong and interesting women ,

(C) Hemingway's wives-Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn , and Mary Welsh-were all strong and interesting women ,

(D) Strong and interesting women-Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn, and Mary Welsh-each a wife of Hemingway, was

(E) Strong and interesting women-Hadley Richardson , Pauline Pfeiffer, Martha Gelhorn , and Mary Welsh-every one of Hemingway's wives were

Agreement

The list that comes between the singular subject each and the plural verb were may distract

attention from the lack of agreement . Replacing the singular pronoun each with the plural noun wives both corrects the agreement error and makes the sentence slightly more concise . In addition , the use of the plural is then consistent in the sentence : wives...strong and interesting women . . . pallid women.

- A Each does not agree with the plural verb were .
- B Each of them Hemingway's wives is illogical since each was a wife, not wives .
- C Correct . In this sentence , the plural subject wives matches the plural verb were.
- D Women does not agree with was ; the awkward changes in sentence construction obscure the meaning.
- E Every one is singular and does not agree with women or were ; the construction is awkward and unclear .

The correct answer is C .

78. While some academicians believe that business ethics should be integrated into every business course , others say that students will take ethics seriously only if it would be taught as a separately required course .

- (A) only if it would be taught as a separately required course
- (B) only if it is taught as a separate , required course
- (C) if it is taught only as a course required separately
- (D) if it was taught only as a separate and required course
- (E) if it would only be taught as a required course , separately

Grammatical construction + Verb form

Conditional constructions require specific verb tenses . For a present condition . I like this debate between academicians , the subordinate clause introduced by if uses the present indicative , and the main clause uses the future tense : if , x happens, then y will happen , The order of the two clauses may be reversed , as is the case here : y will happen only if x happens first . They clause is

students will take... , so the x clause must be only if it is taught...Logically, the course is to be both separate and required, so the two adjectives should equally modify the noun and thus be separated by a comma : separate, required course .

A The verb tense in the if clause is incorrect ; the adverb separately should be the adjective separate .

B Correct . This sentence has the correct verb tense , and the two adjectives equally modify the noun .

C Only must precede if; a course required separately is unclear .

D Incorrect verb tense in the if clause ; only must precede if

E Incorrect verb tense in the if clause only must precede if the adverb separately should be the adjective separate and should precede the noun .

The correct answer is B .

79 . Scientists have observed large concentrations of heavy-metal deposits in the upper twenty centimeters of Baltic Sea sediments , which are consistent with the growth of industrial activity there.

(A) Baltic Sea sediments , which are consistent with the growth of industrial activity there

(B) Baltic Sea sediments , where the growth of industrial activity is consistent with these findings

(C) Baltic Sea sediments , findings consistent with its growth of industrial activity

(D) sediments from the Baltic Sea ,findings consistent with the growth of industrial activity in the area

(E) sediments form the Baltic Sea . Consistent with the growth of industrial activity there

Grammatical construction + Logical predication

This ambiguous sentence can be clarified by asking a series of questions : The are in the

upper twenty centimeters of what? Of the sediments, not of the Baltic Sea, so it is dearer to place sediments directly after centimeters. As the sentence is written, which seems to refer back to the whole previous clause. Substituting a noun, findings, makes the reference clear. Where has the growth of industrial activity taken place? There is too vague and makes it seem that the industry is taking place in the sediments. Replacing there with the more specific in the area solves this problem.

A Baltic Sea sediments is hard to understand; which has no logical referent; there is too vague.

B Baltic Sea sediments is hard to understand; where has no logical referent.

C Baltic Sea sediments is hard to understand; it does not have a referent.

D Correct. This sentence is logical and clear. Sediments from the Baltic Sea is a clear reference; findings refers back to the scientists' observations; in this area identifies a place more specifically.

E The phrase beginning with consistent illogically describes the Baltic Sea.

The correct answer is D.

80. Under a provision of the Constitution that was never applied, Congress has been required to call a convention for considering possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do it by the legislatures of two-thirds of the states.

(A) was never applied, Congress has been required to call a convention for considering possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do it

(B) was never applied, there has been a requirement that Congress call a convention for consideration of possible amendments to the document when asked to do it formally

(C) was never applied, whereby Congress is required to call a convention for considering possible amendments to the document when asked to do it formally

(D) has never been applied, whereby Congress is required to call a convention to consider

possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do so

(E) has never been applied , Congress is required to call a convention to consider possible amendments to the document when formally asked to do so

Verb form + Idiom + Logical predication

The meaning of this sentence is distorted by the use of incorrect verb tenses . The provisions of the Constitution, created in 1789 , remain in force today . The present perfect tense has been applied is used for action that began in the past and continues into the present . Since the provisions currently apply, the present tense is needed for the next verb : Congress is required . . The idiom is call . . . to consider , not call . . . for considering . Finally, the pronoun it ungrammatically refers back to the entire expression regarding what Congress is required to do and should be replaced by to do so, which more clearly and correctly refers to what Congress must do .

A The verb tenses are incorrect ; call for considering should be call to consider ; it has no clear referent .

B The verb tenses are incorrect ; the idiom call to consider is violated ; it has no clear referent ; wordy .

C The first verb tense is incorrect ; whereby introduces a sentence fragment ; the idiom call to consider is violated ; it has no clear referent .

D Whereby introduces a sentence fragment .

E Correct . In this sentence , the verb tenses indicate that the provisions are in effect ; the correct idiom is used ; to do so correctly refers to what Congress is required to do .

The correct answer is E .

81. The current administration , being worried over some foreign trade barriers being removed and our exports failing to increase as a result of deep cuts in the value of the dollar, has formed a group to study ways to sharpen our competitiveness .

- (A) being worried over some foreign trade barriers being removed and our exports failing
- (B) worrying over some foreign trade barriers being removed , also over the failure of our exports
- (C) worried about the removal of some foreign trade barriers and the failure of our exports
- (D) in that they were worried about the removal of some foreign trade barriers and also about the failure of our exports
- (E) because of its worry concerning the removal of some foreign trade barriers , also concerning the failure of our exports

Parallelism + Rhetorical construction

The underlined part of the sentence bears a phrase describing administration . A modifying phrase that interrupts a sentence must be as concise as possible ; being(which is often unnecessary in sentences)makes an awkward start to an unnecessarily wordy phrase . Worried is used as an adjective to describe administration and is a good way to begin the phrase ; the correct idiom is worried about rather than worried over. Some trade barriers being removed and our exports failing need to be stated in concise ,parallel expressions :the removal some trade barriers is parallel to the failure of our exports .

- A Being introduces a wordy phrase ; the two objects of worry should be parallel ; not idiomatically correct .
- B The two objects of worry are not parallel ; wordy ; not idiomatic .
- C Correct . In this sentence , worried begins a clear, concise , and correctly parallel phrase describing the administration .
- D In that begins a word . v construction ; they does not agree with the singular administration .
- E Because introduces an unnecessarily wordy phrase ; the two objects of worry are not equal and parallel .

The correct answer is C .

82. Geologists believe that the warning signs for a major earthquake may include sudden fluctuations in local seismic activity, tilting and other deformations of the Earth's crust, changing the measured strain across a fault zone and varying the electrical properties of underground rocks

- (A) changing the measured strain across a fault zone and varying
- (B) changing measurements of the strain across a fault zone , and varying
- (C) changing the strain as measured across a fault zone , and variations of
- (D) changes in the measured strain across a, fault zone , and variations in
- (E) changes in measurements of the strain across a fault zone , and variations among

Parallelism

This sentence uses four phrases to describe the warning signs for all earthquake . These phrases should be parallel . The first sign is sudden fluctuations in local seismic activity, the second is tilting and other deformations of the Earth's crust .Tilting this case is used as a noun ,just as deformations and fluctuations are nouns . The first two signs are parallel . The third and fourth warning signs resemble tilling in the—ing form , but they are not parallel because they are used as verbs rather than as nouns :changing . . . the strain ;varying . . . the properties . To make the latter two signs parallel , nouns must replace verbs : changes in . . variations in .

A Changing and varying are used as verbs and so are not parallel to the nouns fluctuations and tilting .

B The four signs are not parallel ; the substitution of measurements of the strain distorts meaning .

C Changing is used as a verb and so does not parallel the nouns fluctuations, tilting, and variations .

D Correct . In this sentence . the four nouns- fluctuations, tilting, changes, variations-are parallel , and the meaning of the measured strain is not distorted .

E This sentence says that the measurements indicate an earthquake when the measured strain is the warning sign .

The correct answer is D .

83 . If the proposed expenditures for gathering information abroad are reduced even further, international news reports have been and will continue to diminish in number and quality.

- (A) have been and will continue to diminish
- (B) have and will continue to diminish
- (C) will continue to diminish , as they already did ,
- (D) will continue to diminish , as they have already did,
- (E) will continue to diminish

Verb form + Grammatical construction

This sentence is based on the conditional construction if x happens, then y will happen . In this case ,x is proposed expenditures and the present-tense verb is are reduced ;y ,is news reports , but the verb is incorrect . The construction calls for a verb in the future tense, will continue to diminish .

- A Have been is the wrong verb tense ; the construction is also not grammatical .
- B Have is the wrong verb tense ; the construction is also not grammatical .
- C As they already did is awkward and redundant ; continue expresses this idea .
- D As they have already is awkward and redundant ; continue expresses this idea .
- E Correct . w ~~ill~~ continue to diminish provides the correct future-tense verb for the conditional construction in this sentence

The correct answer is E .

84 . The root systems of most flowering perennials either become too crowded , which results in loss in vigor, and spread too far outward , producing a bare center

- (A) which results in loss in vigor, and spread
- (B) resulting in loss in vigor, or spreading
- (C) with the result of loss of vigor, or spreading
- (D) resulting in loss of vigor or spread

(E) with a resulting loss of vigor and spread

Idiom +Parallelism

This sentence has two problems . It uses the construction either x or y ; x and y must be grammatically parallel . In this case , and spread must be or spread . The second problem is the use of a relative clause(which...vigor)when a descriptive phrase is required . Which is a pronoun and must refer to a noun preceding it , but here it refers vaguely to the whole clause that precedes it , creating a grammatically incorrect construction .Aphrase must be used instead :resulting in loss of vigor .

A Either is incorrectly followed by and ; which has no clear referent .

B Or spreading is not parallel to either become .

C With the result 0fis wordy ; or spreading is not parallel to either become .

D Correct . The phrase resulting in loss of vigor concisely modifies the first clause ; the either / or construction is correct and parallel in this sentence .

E Either is incorrectly followed by and ; with a resulting loss is wordy .

The correct answer is D .

85. Any medical test will sometimes fail to detect a condition when it is present and indicate that there is one when it is not .

(A) a condition when it is present and indicate that there is one

(B) when a condition is present and indicate that there is one

(C) a condition when it is present and indicate that it is present

(D) when a condition is present and indicate its presence

(E) the presence of a condition when it is there and indicate its presence

Grammatical construction

In this sentence the pronoun it does not always refer to condition , and , for the sake of clarity and correctness ,it must .Detect a condition when it is present is correct and should be followed by a corresponding construction :indicate that it is present when it is not . The construction of there is

one leaves it without a referent .

A There is one leaves it in the final clause without a referent .

B Detect a condition is more precise because it emphasizes the condition itself ;there is one leaves it without a referent .

C Correct . The three uses of the pronoun it refer clearly to condition , and the two parts of the sentence correspond .

D When a condition is present emphasizes the time of the detection rather than the condition itself ; the final it has no referent .

E Presence illogically repeats the same idea as when it is there, the final it has no referent.

The correct answer is C .

86 . Since 1986 , when the Department of Labor began to allow investment officers' fees to be based on how the funds they manage perform, several corporations began paying their investment advisers a small basic fee , with a contract promising higher fees if the managers perform well .

(A) investment officers' fees to be based on how the funds they manage perform , several corporations began

(B) investment officers' fees to be based on the performance of the funds they manage , several corporations began

(C) that fees of investment officers be based on how the funds they manage perform , several corporations have begun

(D) fees of investment officers to be based on the performance of the funds they manage , several corporations have begun

(E) that investment officers' fees be based on the performance of the funds they manage , several corporations began

Verb form +Logical predication

Since 1986 indicates action begun in the past and continuing into the present, and the form of the verb must show that continuity, as the present perfect tense does : since 1986 , corporations have begun . The pronoun they lacks a referent . While they would seem

to refer to investment officers' , grammatically it cannot because investment officers' is a possessive modifying fees, rather than a plural noun standing by itself. The sentence needs to be revised so that investment officers is a plural noun.

- A Have begun should replace began ; they has no referent .
- B Have begun should replace began ; they has no referent .
- C Allow that...be based on is not a correct idiom ; it should be allow ...to be based on .
- D Correct . Substituting fees of investment officers in this sentence allows the pronoun they to refer to the officers ; have begun properly indicates a continuing situation .
- E Allow that...be based on is an incorrect idiom ; they has no referent ; began does not indicate the continuity necessary after since 1986 .

The correct answer is D .

87. The diet of the ordinary Greek in classical times was largely vegetarian—vegetables , fresh cheese , oatmeal , and meal cakes , and meat rarely .

- (A) and meat rarely
- (B) and meat was rare
- (C) with meat as rare
- (D) meat a rarity
- (E) with meat as a rarity

Logical predication

The main clause establishes that the diet . . . was largely vegetarian ; the list details the foods of the vegetarian diet . Meat cannot be considered as a part of this list . The diet was largely , not wholly, vegetarian , and the final phrase about meat functions as a further explanation of the main clause : the diet...was largely vegetarian...with meat as a rarity .

- A And meat rarely is not a grammatical construction that explains the main clause .
- B And meat was rare could mean that meat was scarce or that it was not well done .
- C With meat as rare is not a correct idiomatic construction .

D Meat a rarity requires a word such as with to link it to the main clause .

E Correct . With meat as a rarity is a grammatically correct expression that further explains the main clause of this sentence .

The correct answer is E .

88. Down-zoning , zoning that typically results in the reduction of housing density, allows for more open space in areas where little water or services exist .

- (A) little water or services exist
- (B) little water or services exists
- (C) few services and little water exists
- (D) there is little water or services available
- (E) there are few services and little available water

Diction + Agreement

In this sentence , the adjective little correctly modifies the noun water because water is not a countable quantity . However, the noun services is a countable quantity and must be modified by few , not by little . Logically, the areas described would suffer from both little water and few services at the same time , so the correct conjunction is and, not or This compound subject requires a plural verb .

A Services should be modified by few not little .

B Singular verb exists does not agree with the plural subject services ; when a compound subject is joined by or, the verb agrees with the closer subject .

C When a compound subject consists of two distinct units joined by the conjunction and, the verb must be plural .

D Little cannot modify services .

E Correct In this sentence , few correctly modifies services and correctly joins services and water .

The correct answer is E .

89 . Those who come to church with a predisposition to religious belief will be happy in an auditorium or even a storefront , and there is no doubt that religion is sometimes better served by adapted spaces of this kind instead of by some of the buildings actually designed for it .

- (A) adapted spaces of this kind Instead of by some of the buildings actually designed for it
- (B) adapted spaces like these rather than some of the buildings actually designed for them
- (C) these adapted spaces instead of by some of the buildings actually designed for it
- (D) such adapted spaces rather than by some of the buildings actually designed for them
- (E) such adapted spaces than by some of the buildings actually designed for It

Idiom + Rhetorical construction

This comparison depends on the idiomatic construction better served by x than by y , so this sentence should be : better served by adapted spaces...than by some...buildings . Such is more concise than of this kind and clearly refers to places such as auditoriums and storefronts .

A Better served by x cannot be completed by instead of by y ; of this kind is wordy .

B Better served by x cannot be completed by rather than y ; like these is clumsy ; pronoun them does not agree with religion .

C Better served by x cannot be completed by instead of by y; these limits the adapted spaces too specifically to the auditorium and the storefront .

D Better served by x cannot be completed by rather than y ; pronoun them does not agree with religion .

E Correct . The correct idiomatic construction is used in this sentence ; such more concisely replaces of this kind ; it agrees with religion .

The correct answer is E .

90 . The concept of the grand jury dates from the twelfth century, when Henry II of England

ordered panels of common citizens should prepare lists of-who were their communities' suspected criminals.

- (A) should prepare lists of who were their communities' suspected criminals
- (B) would do the preparation of lists of their communities' suspected criminals
- (C) preparing lists of suspected criminals in their communities
- (D) the preparing of a list of suspected criminals in their communities
- (E) to prepare lists of suspected criminals in their communities

Grammatical Construction

The sentence fails to use the familiar idiomatic construction ordered x to do y . The awkward who were should be omitted . A list should be followed by the elements that compose it , so lists here should be followed by of suspected criminals , preventing the possible misreading of lists of communities .

A Ordered should be followed by to prepare ; who were is awkward and unnecessary ; lists should be followed by suspected criminals .

B Ordered is followed by would do rather than to prepare ;do the preparation is wordy ,lists should be followed by suspected criminals .

C Ordered is followed by preparing rather than to prepare .

D Ordered is followed by the preparing of rather than to prepare .

E Correct .In this sentence ,ordered is correctly followed by to prepare, lists is immediately followed by of suspected criminals , and placing in their communities at the end prevents misreading .

The correct answer is E .

91 . In theory, international civil servants at the United Nations are prohibited from continuing to draw salaries from their own governments ; in practice , however, some governments merely substitute living allowances for their employees' paychecks , assigned by them to the United Nations .

- (A) for their employees' paychecks , assigned by them
- (B) for the paychecks of their employees who have been assigned
- (C) for the paychecks of their employees , having been assigned
- (D) in place of their employees' paychecks , for those of them assigned
- (E) in place of the paychecks of their employees to have been assigned by them

Logical predication

It is difficult to tell which parts of this sentence go together because of errors and confusion in the underlined portion . Living allowances is the counterpart of paychecks , so it is better to say governments . . . substitute living allowances for the paychecks of their employees because it makes the substitution clearer . This change also makes it easier to correct the modification error that appears in the phrase assigned by them , which incorrectly modifies paychecks rather than employees . The modifying clause who have been assigned clearly describes employees and fits into the remaining part of the sentence , to the United Nations .

A Paychecks should balance living allowances ;assigned by them incorrectly and illogically modifies paychecks .

B Correct . In this sentence , the substitution is clearer when paychecks is separated from employees

C The sentence uses present-tense verbs ; having been assigned casts doubt on whether the employees are still assigned to the United Nations .

D The correct construction is substitutes x for y , not substitutes x in place of y ; the construction following paychecks is wordy and awkward .

E The correct construction is substitutes x for y , not substitutes x in place of y ; the construction following employees is wordy and awkward .

The correct answer is B .

92 . According to a study by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching , companies in the United States are providing job training and general education for nearly eight million people , about equivalent to the enrollment of the nation's four-year colleges and universities .

- (A) equivalent to the enrollment of
- (B) the equivalent of those enrolled in
- (C) equal to those who are enrolled in
- (D) as many as the enrollment of
- (E) as many as are enrolled in

Diction + Logical predication

This sentence compares two groups of people . The best phrase to use for a comparison of two countable quantities such as people)is as many as .Equivalent is incorrect because its meaning is much broader ; it is not limited to number only, which is the focus of this sentence . The number of people in ; ob training should be compared to the number of people in colleges , but the original sentence mistakenly compares people to enrollment .

A Equivalent is too broad and vague a term for comparing groups of people ; the groups being compared must be parallel . but enrollment is not parallel to people .

B The equivalent is too broad and vague a term for comparing groups of people·

C Equal is generally used for uncountable quantities , such as equal justice , not countable quantities , such as people ; its meaning is too broad for this context .

D People are incorrectly compared with enrollment rather than with other people .

E Correct In this sentence ,as many as compares countable quantities ,people are compared with people , the understood subject of are enrolled .

The correct answer is E .

93. Intar, the oldest Hispanic theater company in New York , has moved away from the Spanish classics and now it draws on the works both of contemporary Hispanic authors who live abroad

and of those in the United States.

(A) now it draws on the works both of contemporary Hispanic authors who live abroad and of those

(B) now draws on the works of contemporary Hispanic authors ,both those who live abroad and those who live

(C) it draws on the works of contemporary Hispanic authors now , both those living abroad and who live

(D) draws now on the works both of contemporary Hispanic authors living abroad and who are living

(E) draws on the works now of both contemporary Hispanic authors living abroad and those

Grammatical construction + Idiom+ Parallelism

As the subject of the main clause , Intar should be followed by the compound verbs has moved away and draws on . The pronoun it before the second verb results in an ungrammatical construction ;removing the pronoun removes the error .The construction both x and y ,where x and y , are parallel , is used incorrectly when the wrong two elements are linked : of contemporary Hispanic authors is not parallel to of those in the United States . The company draws on the works of contemporary Hispanic authors who live in two different places . Those who live abroad is parallel to those who live in the United States .

A The use of it creates an ungrammatical construction ;the elements following both ...and are not parallel .

B Correct . In this sentence , Intar is the subject of draws on ; parallel constructions follow both...and .

C It creates an ungrammatical construction ; those riving abroad is not parallel to who live .

D The construction following both is not parallel to the construction following and

E Now modifies the verb and should precede it ; the parallelism of the both ... and construction is violated .

The correct answer is B .

94. Last year, land values in most parts of the pinelands rose almost so fast, and in some parts even faster than what they did outside the pinelands .

- (A) so fast , and in some parts even faster than what they did
- (B) so fast , and in some parts even faster than , those
- (C) as fast , and in some parts even faster than , those
- (D) as fast as , and in some parts even faster than , those
- (E) as fast as , and in some parts even faster than what they did

Idiom + Parallelism

This sentence says z rose almost so fast y , which is not a correct idiomatic construction ; x rose almost as fast , as y is the correct idiom for this comparison . The two elements being compared , x and y , must be parallel , but the noun land values (x)is not parallel to what they did(y) ,a clause that results in an ungrammatical construction .Land values in the pinelands(x)must be compared with those(the pronoun correctly replacing land values)outside the pinelands(y) .

- A so fast is used instead of as fast as ; what they did is not parallel to land values .
- B So fast is not the correct idiom for comparison.
- C As fast must be followed by as in this comparison.
- D Correct . As fast as is the correct comparative conjunction used in this sentence ; those is parallel to land values .
- E What they did is not parallel to land values .

The correct answer is D .

95 . If Dr .Wade was right ,any apparent connection of the eating of highly processed foods and excelling at sports is purely coincidental .

- (A) If Dr . Wade was right , any apparent connection of the eating of

- (B) Should Dr . Wade be right, any apparent connection of eating
- (C) If Dr . Wade is right , any connection that is apparent between eating of
- (D) If Dr . Wade is right , any apparent connection between eating
- (E) Should Dr . Wade have been right , any connection apparent between eating

Verb form + Idiom + Parallelism

The verb in the main clause is present tense(is) , but the subordinate clause uses the simple past tense was when no change in time is indicated ; both verbs should be present tense . This sentence also uses the idiomatic construction connection between x and y ; x and y must be parallel . Thus , connection must be followed by between rather than of, and the eating of (x) must be made parallel to excelling at (y) . The eating is a gerund ,or noun form ,but eating is a participle and thus parallel to the participle excelling .

A The two verbs , was and is do not agree in tense ; connection must be followed by between ; the eating of is not parallel to excelling .

B Should be cannot be followed by a present-tense verb ; connection of is the incorrect idiom .

C Apparent connection is preferable to the wordy connection that is apparent .

D Correct .In this sentence ,the verb is present tense .and the correct idiom is used ;eating is also parallel to excelling .

E should have been cannot be followed by a present-tense verb ; apparent should precede connection rather than follow it .

The correct answer is D .

96 .The commission proposed that funding for the park's development, which could be open to the

public early next year, is obtained through a local bond issue .

(A) that funding for the park's development , which could be open to the public early next year, is

(B) that funding for development of the park, which could be open to the public early next year, be

(C) funding for the development of the park , perhaps open to the public early next year to be

(D) funds for the park's development , perhaps open to the public early next year, be

(E) development funding for the park , which could be open to the public early next year, is to be

Logical predication +Verb form

Which modifies the noun that precedes it ; in this sentence , the clause beginning which illogically refers to development rather than the park . This error can be corrected by substituting development of the park (which follows park) for park's development (which follows development) . When a verb such as recommend , request , or propose is used in the main clause , the verb following that in the subordinate clause is subjunctive(be)rather than indicative(is) .

A Which modifies development instead of park ; be is required , not is .

B Correct . In this sentence , which clearly modifies park ; the subjunctive be correctly follows proposed that .

C That is omitted when it is necessary ; be is required , not the infinitive to be .

D That is omitted when it is necessary ; the phrase modifies development, not park.

E Development funding distorts meaning ; be is required , not is to be .

The correct answer is B .

97. Seismologists studying the earthquake that struck northern California in October 1989 are still investigating some of its mysteries :the unexpected power of the seismic waves ,the upward thrust that threw one man into the air, and the strange electromagnetic signals detected hours before the

temblor.

(A) the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air, and the strange electromagnetic signals detected hours before the temblor

(B) the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air and strange electromagnetic signals were detected hours before the temblor

(C) the upward thrust threw one man straight into the air, and hours before the temblor strange electromagnetic signals were detected

(D) one man was thrown straight into the air by the upward thrust , and hours before the temblor strange electromagnetic signals were detected

(E) one man who was thrown straight into the air by the upward thrust ,and strange electromagnetic signals that were detected hours before the temblor

Parallelism

Some of the earthquake's mysteries are described in a series of three correctly parallel elements (1) the unexpected power ... (2) the upward thrust ... and (3) the strange electromagnetic signals ... Each of the three elements begins with an article (the) , a modifier, and a noun . This parallelism is crucial , but each mystery is allowed the further modification most appropriate to it, whether a prepositional phrase (1) , a clause (2) or a participial phrase (3) .

A Correct . This sentence correctly provides a parallel series of three mysteries .

B The is omitted before strange ; the verb were detected makes the last element not parallel to the previous two .

C Because they use complete independent clauses , the last two elements are not parallel to the first .

D The constructions beginning one man and hours before are not parallel to the construction beginning the unexpected power.

E The grammatical constructions describing the mysteries are not parallel .

The correct answer is A .

98 . Two new studies indicate that many people become obese more due to the fact that their bodies burn calories too slowly than overeating.

(A) due to the fact that their bodies burn calories too slowly than overeating

(B) due to their bodies burning calories too slowly than to eating too much

- (C) because their bodies burn calories too slowly than that they are overeaters
- (D) because their bodies burn calories too slowly than because they eat too much
- (E) because of their bodies burning calories too slowly than because of their eating too much

Comparison + Parallelism + Phetorical construction

To compare two explanations for weight gain ,this sentence uses the construction more x than y ;x and y must be parallel .Here ,x is due to the fact that their bodies burn calories too slowly and y is overeating . Due to the fact that uses five words to say what because does in one ; because is a better choice to introduce both elements . The single-word y can be made parallel to the clause x by introducing a subject , verb , and adverb : because they eat too much .

- A Due to the fact that is wordy and awkward ; the two Parts of the comparison are not parallel .
- B Due to is not the correct idiom ; the two parts of the comparison are not parallel .
- C That has no referent ; the two parts of the comparison are not parallel .
- D Correct . In this sentence , the two parts of the comparison are parallel and concise .
- E This alternative ,though parallel ,is awkward and wordy ;bodies must be bodies' because the possessive case is required before a gerund .

The correct answer is D .

99 . Judge Bonham denied a motion to allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day instead of to confine them to a hotel .

- (A) to allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day instead of to confine them to
- (B) that would have allowed members of the jury to go home at the end of each day instead of confined to
- (C) under which members of the jury are allowed to go home at the end of each day instead of confining them in
- (D) that would allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day rather than confinement in

(E) to allow members of the jury to go home at the end of each day rather than be confined to

Parallelism + Idiom

The logic of this sentence has two possible options for the members of the jury : they can go home or be confined to a hotel The first option is expressed using the infinitive to go home; the second option should use the parallel form(to understood)be confined . Since the members of the jury are not doing the confining themselves, the passive form must be used . The construction (x) instead of (y) , when x and y, are infinitives , is clumsy ; the idiomatic construction (x) rather than (x) is better here . Both constructions require x and y to be parallel .

A The passive form to be confined is required , since the jurors are not confining themselves .

B The infinitive form to be confined is required , rather than the past participle ; awkward and wordy .

C Members of the jury are the illogical object in confining them ;confining is not parallel to to go borne .

D The noun confinement is not parallel to to go home .

E Correct . Be confined to uses the infinitive form just as to go home does ; the to before be confined is understood and does not need to be repeated . The (x) rather than (y) construction is appropriately used in this sentence .

The correct answer is E .

100 . Proponents of artificial intelligence say they will be able to make computers that can understand English and other human languages , recognize objects , and reason as an expert does--computers that will be used to diagnose equipment breakdowns, deciding whether to authorize a loan , or other purposes such as these .

(A) as an expert does-computers that will be used to diagnose equipment breakdowns ,
deciding whether to authorize a loan , or other purposes such as these

(B) as an expert does , which may be used for purposes such as diagnosing equipment
breakdowns or deciding whether to authorize a loan

(C) like an expert-computers that will be used for such purposes as diagnosing equipment
breakdowns or deciding whether to authorize a loan

(D) like an expert , the use of which would be for purposes like the diagnosis of equipment
breakdowns or the decision whether or not a loan should be authorized

(E) like an expert , to be used to diagnose equipment breakdowns , deciding whether to
authorize a loan or not , or the like

Parallelism +Rhetorical construction

The sentence presents three functions of intelligent computers , but these functions(to
diagnose... , deciding... or other purposes) are not written in parallel ways . Moreover, the final
function is vague . Turning this final function into an introductory statement and using parallel
forms for the two elements diagnosing and deciding creates a stronger sentence . Either the clause ,
as an expert does, or the prepositional phrase, like an expert, is correct and idiomatic in this
sentence .

A The series to diagnose... , deciding... , or other purposes should be expressed in parallel
ways .

B which has no clear referent .

C Correct . Moving for such purposes as to an introductory position strengthens the
sentence ; diagnosing and deciding are parallel .

D To diagnose and deciding are not parallel ; the use of which would be for purposes like is
wordy and awkward ; which has no clear referent .

E To be used, deciding, and or the like are not parallel .

The correct answer is C .

101 .Unlike the United States ,where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long, the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka are concentrated in the monsoon months , June to September, and the skies are generally clear for the rest of the year.

(A) Unlike the United States , where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long , the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka

(B) Unlike the United States farmers who can usually depend on rain or snow all year long . the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka

(C) Unlike those of the United States ,where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long , most parts of Sri Lanka's rains

(D) In comparison with the United States , whose farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long , the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka

(E) In the United States , farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long , but in most parts of Sri Lanka the rains

Logical predication

The intent of the sentence is to compare seasonal rainfall patterns in the United States and Sri Lanka . There are many ways to set up such comparisons : unlike x, y ; in comparison with x, y : compared to x, y, and so on . The x and y being compared must be grammatically and logically parallel . An alternative way of stating the comparison is the use of two independent clauses connected by but . The original sentence compares the United States to rains in most parts of Sri Lanka ; this illogical comparison cannot convey the writer's intention .

A Illogically compares the United States to rains in most parts of Sri Lanka .

B Comparing United States farmer to the rains in most parts Sri Lanka is not logical .

C The sentence awkwardly and illogically seems to be comparing most parts of the United States with most parts of Sri Lanka's rains .

D This sentence compares the United States and the rains ; it is not a logical comparison .

E Correct . This sentence uses two independent clauses to make the comparison . The first clause describes conditions in the United States , and the second clause describes conditions in Sri Lanka . The comparison is clear and logical .

The correct answer is E .

102 . Although Napoleon's army entered Russia with far more supplies than they had in their previous campaigns , it had provisions for only twenty-four days .

- (A) they had in their previous campaigns
- (B) their previous campaigns had had
- (C) they had for any previous campaign
- (D) in their previous campaigns
- (E) for any previous campaign

Agreement + Verb form

The sentence incorrectly uses the plural pronouns they and their to refer back to the singular noun army . The verb tense would need to be the past perfect had had rather than the simple past had because this action occurs before the action in the main clause . In the context of supplies for a campaign , the preposition for is preferable to the preposition in . In cases such as this , where the sentence has multiple errors . it is often helpful to look among the answer choices for an alternate construction .

A Pronouns referring to the noun army should be it and its , not they and their the verb should be had had .

B Their does not agree with the singular noun army.

C They does not agree with the singular noun army ; the verb should be had had.

D The preposition used should be for, not in ; their should be its to agree with army .

E Correct . This simple construction avoids the problems of pronoun agreement and verb tense ; it is clear, correct , and concise .

The correct answer is E .

103 . After the Civil War, contemporaries of Harriet Tubman's maintained that she has all of the qualities of a great leader : coolness in the face of danger an excellent sense of strategy, and an ability to plan in minute detail .

- (A) Tubman's maintained that she has
- (B) Tubman's maintain that she had
- (C) Tubman's have maintained that she had
- (D) Tubman maintained that she had
- (E) Tubman had maintained that she has

Idiom + Verb form

The apostrophe in a possessive noun such as Tubman's indicates that the word of has been omitted . It is correct to write Tubman's or of Tubman ; it is incorrect to write of Tubman's . The verbs maintained and had describe actions that were completed in the past and occurred at about the same time . Since Tubman died long ago , she had, not has , the qualities of great leader . Her contemporaries were people who lived at the same time as Tubman ; the simple past should be used to describe their actions .

- A Of Harriet Tubman's is an incorrect possessive ; has should be the simple past tense had .
- B Of Harriet Tubman's is an incorrect possessive.
- C Of Harriet Tubman's is an incorrect possessive ; have maintained should be simple past tense maintained.
- D Correct . In this sentence , the possessive is properly expressed with the phrase of Tubman ; maintained and had both use the simple past tense .
- E Simple past tense should be used for both verbs .

The correct answer is D .

104 . The Federalist papers , a strong defense of the United States Constitution and important as a body of work in political science as well . represents the handiwork of three different authors .

- (A) and important as a body of work in political science as well , represents
- (B) as well as an important body of work in political science , represent
- (C) and also a body of work of importance in political science is representing
- (D) an important body of work in political science and has been representative of
- (E) and as political science an important body of work too, represent

Agreement + Parallelism

The subject of this sentence is the Federalist papers ; this plural subject requires the plural verb represent . The subject is followed by a long modifying phrase set off by commas ; both elements of the phrase should be parallel . Thus , important as a body of work should be revised so that is parallel to a strong defense .

A Represents does not agree with the Federalist papers ; important as a body of work is not parallel to a strong defense .

B Correct . The plural verb represent agrees with the plural subject ; an important body of work is parallel to a strong defense .

C The present progressive is representing does not agree with the plural subject and wrongly suggests a developing situation ; a body of work of importance in political science is wordy and awkward ; the closing comma of the pair is omitted .

D Omission of and is incorrect ; has been representative does not agree with the plural subject , uses an incorrect tense , and introduces an awkward construction .

E The inverted word order is awkward and is not parallel to a strong defense .

The correct answer is B .

105 .As business grows more complex ,students majoring in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming increasingly successful in the job market .

(A) majoring in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming increasingly

(B) who major in such specialized areas as finance and marketing are becoming more and more

(C) who majored in specialized areas such as those of finance and marketing are being increasingly

(D) who major in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming more and more

(E) having majored in such specialized areas as finance and marketing are being increasingly

Verb form +Idiom

The subordinate clause as business grows more complex uses the present tense verb grows to describe an ongoing situation .The main clause describes an effect of this growing complexity ;the verbs in the main clause should also use present-tense verbs . The present perfect progressive have been becoming is incorrect . The correct way to introduce examples is with the phrase such as . rather than with the word like .

A Like should be replaced by such the have been becoming is an incorrect verb tense .

B Correct .In this sentence ,major and are becoming are present-tense verbs ;such as is the correct form for introducing examples .

C Majored is a past-tense verb ;those of is unnecessary and wordy ;becoming is preferable to being for describing an unfolding pattern of events .

D Like should be replaced by such as ; those of is unnecessary and wordy ; have been becoming is an incorrect verb tense .

E Having majored is an awkward past participle ; becoming is preferable to being for describing an unfolding pattern of events .

The correct answer is B .

106 . Inuits of the Bering Sea were in isolation from contact with Europeans longer than Aleuts or Inuits of the North Pacific and northern Alaska.

(A) in isolation from contact with Europeans longer than

(B) isolated from contact with Europeans longer than

- (C) in isolation from contact with Europeans longer than were
- (D) isolated from contact with Europeans longer than were
- (E) in isolation and without contacts with Europeans longer than

Idiom + Logical predication

The construction in isolation from is awkward ; the idiomatic way to express this idea is isolated from . The comparison is ambiguous ; it could mean the Bering Sea Inuits were isolated from Europeans longer than they were isolated from Aleuts and other Inuits or that they were isolated from Europeans longer than Aleuts and other Inuits were isolated from Europeans . Adding were after than will solve this problem .

- A In isolation from is not the correct idiom ; the comparison is ambiguous .
- B The comparison is ambiguous .
- C In isolation from is not the correct idiom .
- D Correct . The idiom isolated from is correctly used in this sentence ; the comparison is clear and unambiguous .
- E In isolation...with is incorrect and confusing ; the comparison is ambiguous .

The correct answer is D .

107 .The physical structure of the human eye enables it to sense light of wavelengths up to 0 .0005 millimeters ;infrared radiation ,however is invisible because its wavelength-0 .1 millimeters-is too long to be registered by the eye .

- (A) infrared radiation ,however, is invisible because its wavelength—0 .1 millimeters-is too long to be registered by the eye
- (B) however, the wavelength of infrared radiation—0 . 1 millimeters--is too long to be registered by the eye making it invisible
- (C) infrared radiation , however, is Invisible because its wavelength-0 . 1 millimeters-is too long for the eye to register it
- (D) however, because the wavelength of infrared radiation is 0 .1 millimeters ,it is too long

for the eye to register and thus Invisible

(E) however, infrared radiation has a wavelength of 0 . 1 millimeters that is too long for the eye to register, thus making it invisible

Grammatical construction + Logical predication

This sentence requires attention to clear references and appropriate modification . Here its clearly refers to infrared radiation ; it is the radiation that is invisible, and the wavelength that is , too long .

A Correct . This sentence clearly and grammatically explains why infrared radiation is invisible .

B Making it invisible modifies eye, rather than wavelength .

C It is ambiguous and lacks a clear referent .

D It is imprecise ; thus ; invisible modifies wavelength , rather than infrared radiation .

E Using a restrictive clause introduced by that suggests that not all wavelengths of 0 . 1 millimeters are too long for the eye to register, it is ambiguous and lacks a clear referent .

The correct answer is A .

108 . As well as heat and light . the Sun is the source of a continuous stream of atomic of atomic particles known as the solar wind .

(A) As well as heat and light , the Sun is the source of a continuous stream

(B) Besides heat and light , also the Sun is the source of a continuous stream

(C) Besides heat and light , the Sun is also the source of a continuous streaming

(D) The Sun is the source not only of heat and light , but also of a continuous stream

(E) The Sun is the source of not only heat and light but, as well , of a continuous streaming

Idiom + Logical predication + Rhetorical construction

The underlined section must be revised to eliminate modification errors and to clarify

meaning by using parallel construction . As well as heat and light cannot logically modify the Sun as grammar requires ; the sentence seems to suggest that heat , light and the Sun are the source of the solar wind . The sentence can be improved by employing the construction not only (x)...but also (y) ; x and y should be parallel .

- A As well as heat and light is misplaced and confusing .
- B Besides heat and light is confusing ; the word order of also the Sun is awkward .
- C Besides heat and light is confusing ; streaming should be the more straightforward stream .
- D Correct . This sentence uses the not only . . . but also construction to solve the modification error ; of heat and light is parallel to a continuous stream .
- E As well is incorrect in the not only...but also construction , heat and light is not parallel to of a continuous streaming, streaming should be the more straightforward stream .

The correct answer is D .

109 .Bluegrass musician Bill Monroe ,whose repertory, views on musical collaboration ,and vocal style were influential on generations of bluegrass artists, was also an inspiration to many musicians, that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia , whose music differed significantly from his own.

- (A) were influential on generations of bluegrass artists , was also an inspiration to many musicians , that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia , whose music differed significantly from
- (B) influenced generations of bluegrass artists , also inspired many musicians , including Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia , whose music differed significantly from
- (C) was influential to generations of bluegrass artists , was also inspirational to many musicians ,that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia ,whose music was different significantly in

comparison to

(D) was influential to generations of bluegrass artists, also inspired many musicians . who included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia , the music of whom differed significantly when compared to

(E) were an influence on generations of bluegrass artists , was also an inspiration to many musicians ,including Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia ,whose music was significantly different from that of

Verb tense + Diction +Grammar

The original sentence logically intends to explain that Monroe's work influenced generations of artists in his own musical field and that he inspired many musicians in other musical fields . Who or what influenced or inspired whom must be more clearly stated . Additionally, the original sentence lacks precision , being overly wordy and using phrases that are not idiomatic .Concise and consistent verb forms ,as well as the use of subordinate phrases rather than clauses , improve the precision of the sentence .

A The phrase were influential on is wordy and is not idiomatic ; use of verb forms were(the predicate of repertory, views, and style) and was(the predicate of Monroe)is confusing ; incorrect use of that rather than who to refer musicians.

B Correct . The use of the concise verb forms of influenced and inspired simplifies and clarifies the sentence . The concise use of including avoids the pronoun. The concise use of including avoids the pronoun error and unnecessary wordiness.

C The subject-verb agreement in repertory, views ,and style ...was (compound subject with singular verb)is incorrect ; unnecessary wordiness in was influential to and in different...in comparison to; incorrect use of that rather than who to refer musicians.

D The subject-verb agreement in repertory, views, and style...was (compound subject with singular verb) is incorrect; unnecessary wordiness in was influential to and in when compared to; the music of whom is cumbersome and stilted.

E The phrase were an influence on is wordy and not idiomatic; phrases was an inspiration to and was significantly different are unnecessarily wordy; the phrase from that of is unclear and confusing.

The correct answer is B .

110 . The nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus .

(A) The nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus .

(B) To the historian Tacitus ,the nephew of pliny the Elder wrote two letters ,being the only eyewitness accounts of the great eruption of Vesuvius.

(C) The only eyewitness account is in two letters by the nephew of Pliny the Elder writing to the historian Tacitus an account of the great eruption of Vesuvius .

(D) Writing the only eyewitness account, Pliny the Elder's nephew accounted for the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus .

(E) In two letters to the historian Tacitus, the nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius.

Logical predication + Rhetorical construction

The challenge in this sentence lies in the correct placement of a prepositional phrase . In the original version , the placement of ; n two letters to the historian Tacitus suggests that Vesuvius erupted in the letters themselves . Placing the phrase at the beginning of the sentence solves the problem .

A The sentence suggests that the eruption of Vesuvius took place in the 1letters themselves .

B Beginning the sentence with to the historian Tacitus is clumsy and unclear ; the verb phrase being . . . seems illogically to modify the nephew ,creating with the use of the unnecessary being the awkward suggestion that the nephew was the eyewitness accounts .

C The sentence's meaning is unclear due to an extended sequence of prepositional phrases .

D An account is a narrative record ; to account for means to be the cause off using both words in the same sentence is confusing and here suggests that the nephew caused the eruption ; the sentence also suggests that the eruption of Vesuvius took place in the letters themselves .

E Correct . The placement of the prepositional phrase at the beginning of the sentence clarifies the meaning of the sentence ; the construction of the rest of the sentence is straightforward .

The correct answer is E .

111. Being a United States citizen since 1988 and born in Calcutta in 1940 , author Bharati Mukherjee has lived in England and Canada , and first came to the United States in 1961 to study at the Iowa Writers' Workshop .

(A) Being a United States citizen since 1988 and born in Calcutta in 1940 , author Bharati Mukherjee has

(B) Having been a United States citizen since 988 .she was born in Calcutta in 1940 ;author Bharati Mukheqee

(C) Born in Calcutta in 1940 . author Bharati Mukheqee became a United States citizen in 1988 ; she has

(D) Being born in Calcutta in 1940 and having been a United States citizen since 1988 , author Bharati Mukhedee

(E) Having been born in Calcutta in 1940 and being a United States citizen since 1988 , author Bharati Mukherjee

Grammatical construction + Rhetorical Construction

To be logical . the underlined portion of this sentence must use chronological order ; to be clear, it must omit wordy or awkward phrasing . Born in Calcutta in 1940 is a logically and grammatically correct way to begin the sentence , and this modifying phrase must be immediately followed by the noun it modifies , author Bharati Mukherjee . Being...since is an awkward, wordy construction better replaced by the more direct became a United States citizen in 1988 . Since the original phrase (being...)has been made into a main clause with this change , a semicolon should

separate it from the second main clause beginning she has lived .

A The phrases are expressed in an illogical and ungrammatical sequence .

B Having been suggests that the citizenship came chronologically before the birth ; the author's name must be used before the pronoun .

C Correct . In this sentence , the sequence of events is expressed logically, grammatically, and concisely in each independent clause .

D Progressive verb forms being born and having been illogically suggest continuous action and fail to establish a logical time sequence ; wordy and awkward .

E Progressive verb forms having been born and being illogically suggest continuous action and fail to establish a logical time sequence ; wordy and awkward .

The correct answer is C .

112 . Initiated five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992 , Project SETI a\$100 million Investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

(A) Initiated five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992 , Project SETI pledged a\$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence .

(B) Initiated on Columbus Day 1992 , five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World , a \$100 million investment In the search for extraterrestrial intelligence was pledged by Project SETI .

(C) Initiated on Columbus Day 1992 , five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World , Project SETI pledged a\$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

(D) Pledging a\$100 million investment In the search for extraterrestrial intelligence , the initiation of Project SETI five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992 .

(E) Pledging a\$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World , on Columbus Day 1992 , the initiation of Project SETI took place .

Logical predication

The original sentence becomes illogical when phrases do not modify what they are intended to modify . This sentence mistakenly says that Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day1992 . It also says that Project SETI was initiated five centuries after ... Columbus Day 1992 . To make the modifiers grammatically and logically correct , the sentence may be revised : Initiated on Columbus Day1992, five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World, Project SETI ...

A Project SETI cannot have been initiated five centuries after...1992 , nor did Europeans first arrive in 1992 .

B Initiated...modifies\$100 million investment instead of Project SETI .

C Correct . The modifiers are grammatically and logically correct in this sentence .

D Pledging ... incorrectly modifies the initiation ; this alternative is a sentence fragment .

E Pledging ... incorrectly modifies the initiation ; Europeans appear to have arrived on Columbus Day 1992 ; the construction is awkward , unbalanced , and imprecise .

The correct answer is C .

113 . In A . D . 391 , resulting from the destruction of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria, later generations lost all but the Iliad and Odyssey among Greek epics , most of the poetry of Pindar and Sappho , and dozens of plays by Aeschylus and Euripides .

(A) resulting from the destruction of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria ,

(B) the destroying of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria resulted and

(C) because of the result of the destruction of the library at Alexandria , the largest of the

ancient world ,

(D) as a result of the destruction of the library at Alexandria , the largest of the ancient world ,

(E) Alexandria's largest library of the ancient world was destroyed , and the result was

Logical predication + Idiom

Because it is introduced by a participle . the phrase that begins resulting from illogically modifies later generations . Substituting the idiom as a result of for resulting from corrects this error The largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria is both cumbersome and ambiguous because it suggests that the ancient world was located at (and only at) Alexandria . This problem is best corrected by breaking the series of phrases into two distinct parts : the library at Alexandria, the largest of the ancient world . Here , the second phrase clearly modifies the first .

A Resulting from illogically modifies later generations ; the series of prepositional phrases is confusing and ambiguous .

B The destroying of is wordy, awkward , and , when followed by resulted, ungrammatical ; and creates a second main clause , which would need to be appropriately punctuated with a comma before and .

C Because of the result of is redundant .

D Correct . As a result bears the phrase clearly and correctly in this sentence ; the library rather than the ancient world is properly located at Alexandria ; the largest of the ancient world correctly modifies library .

E Alexandria's largest library of the ancient world is an illogical reference ; the result was must be followed by that .

The correct answer is D .