

Sentence corrections practice

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Good luck on your test.

In the thirties and forties, devotees of Willa Cather's maintained that her writing has all the qualities found in the highest order of American writers of the nineteenth and twentieth century.

- A. Cather's maintained that her writing has
- B. Cather's maintained that her writing had
- C. Cather's have maintained that her writing had
- D. Cather maintained that her writing had
- E. Cather maintained that her writing has

The best answer is D. The phrase *devotees of Willa Cather* presents a complete possessive without adding an apostrophe to her last name. Because the sentence describes a past event, the verb *has* in the present tense is incorrect.

William Hornby acquired bison herds for breeding stock hoping that this move would eventually lead to increasing in their numbers, and a fortification of their environment.

- A. increasing in their numbers,
- B. an increase in their numbers,
- C. their increase in numbers,
- D. an increasing in numbers,
- E. an increasing in the numbers of them,

The best answer is B. Choice B clearly and correctly uses parallel noun phrases to list the effects of Hornby's actions: *an increase in...* *a fortification of...*

Robinson is a botanist whose dream is to reestablish an authentic pre-human piece of Hawaii, a place now awash with introduced species of plants and animals.

- A. who has the dream to reestablish an authentic pre-human piece of Hawaii,
- B. whose dream it is to reestablish an authentic pre-human piece of Hawaii,
- C. who it is his dream to reestablish an authentic pre-human piece of Hawaii,
- D. that is dreaming to reestablish an authentic pre-human piece of Hawaii,
- E. whose dream is to reestablish an authentic pre-human piece of Hawaii,

The best answer is E. The pronoun *whose* is the best way to link the *dream* with *Robinson is a botanist*.

As literary criticism grows more complex, students majoring in specialized areas like those of post-colonialism and Marxist discourse have been becoming increasingly successful at finding positions in the faculties of top universities.

- A. majoring in specialized areas like those of post-colonialism and Marxist discourse have been becoming increasingly
- B. who major in such specialized areas as post-colonialism and Marxist discourse are becoming more and more
- C. who majored in specialized areas such as those of post-colonialism and Marxist discourse are being increasingly
- D. who major in specialized areas like those of post-colonialism and Marxist discourse have been becoming more and more
- E. having majored in such specialized areas as post-colonialism and Marxist discourse are being increasingly

The best answer is B. The phrase *As literary criticism grows more complex* introduces an ongoing condition that leads to consequences described in the rest of the sentence, which should be expressed with simple present-tense or present progressive. The use of *like* rather than *such as* is incorrect. In A, C, and D, *those of* is too wordy.

The woodland sub-species were in isolation from contact with humans longer than either their marsh cousins or the tree-dwelling sub-species.

- A. in isolation from contact with humans longer than
- B. isolated from contact with humans longer than
- C. in isolation from contact with humans longer than were
- D. isolated from contact with humans longer than were
- E. in isolation and without contacts with humans longer than

The best answer is D. The phrasing of the comparisons in choices A, B, and E is incomplete, so the comparisons are ambiguous. Choice D employs concise, idiomatic phrasing to express a logically complete comparison.

Drinking milk enriched with vitamin D may significantly reduce the risk of rickets and also aid for sufferers of heart disease, according to studies recently completed at the University of California in San Francisco.

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

The best answer is C. Choices A, B and D each produce a clearly unintended meaning: by using *aid* as a noun rather than a verb, each creates a misleading parallel with the noun *risk*. Choice E lacks grammatical parallelism.

Having logged thousands of hours watching primates from chimpanzees to macaques, chimps and other primates are no longer thought to be natural-born killers by Dr. Swenson, they are attuned to peacemaking.

- A. chimps and other primates are no longer thought to be natural-born killers by Dr. Swenson, they
- B. Dr. Swenson has come to believe that far from being natural-born killers, chimps and other primates
- C. Dr. Swenson has now the belief that far from being natural-born killers, chimps and other primates
- D. chimps and other primates are not longer thought to be natural-born killers by Dr. Swenson, they
- E. chimps and other primates are no more thought to be natural-born killers by Dr. Swenson, they

The best answer is B. The noun that comes directly after the comma is modified by *having logged thousands of hours watching primates from chimpanzees to macaques*. Answers A, D, and E illogically have the chimps observing other primates.

The strand fills with water during the rainy season that the peat then holds and keeps it humid, all of which creates conditions enabling trees to grow.

- A. enabling trees to grow.
- B. for the trees to grow.
- C. for growing trees.
- D. that enable the trees to grow.
- E. that the trees can grow.

The best answer is D. In choices B and C the preposition *for* is used unidiomatically. In choice A the omission of the word *the* makes it sound as though these conditions are necessary for all trees.

People can debate the aesthetic merits of these overwrought, disquieting, sometimes gruesome works of art, but no one can dispute their creators' mastery of the paintbrush as a blunt instrument.

- A. but no one can dispute their creators' mastery of the paintbrush as a blunt instrument.
- B. but none can dispute their creators' mastery of the paintbrush as a blunt instrument.
- C. but not a one can dispute their creators' mastery of the paintbrush as a blunt instrument.
- D. but no person can dispute their creators' mastery of the paintbrush as a blunt instrument.
- E. but none can dispute to their creators' mastery of the paintbrush as a blunt instrument.

The best answer is B. The use of *none* is idiomatically correct. Choice E is incorrect because *dispute* can only be followed by a direct object.

For almost five thousand years after its beginning 2.5 million years ago, *Homo habilis* roamed the earth, lived in semi-permanent camps, gathered food and shared their economy.

- A. For almost five thousand years after its beginning 2.5 million years ago,
- B. Beginning 2.5 million years ago for a period of almost five thousand years,
- C. Beginning a period of almost five thousand years 2.5 million years ago,
- D. During five thousand years, a period beginning 2.5 million years ago,

E. Over a period of five thousand years beginning 2.5 million years ago,

The best answer is E. Choice E is precise and idiomatically phrased. Choice A is illogical because *its* refers grammatically to *Homo habilis*. Choice B is less clear and direct.

Despite protests from some share holders, committee members have ordered the levels of department head involvement to be curtailed and that the advertising program be undertaken.

- A. the levels of department head involvement to be curtailed and that the advertising program be
- B. the levels of department head involvement to be curtailed and that the advertising program being
- C. the measure of levels of department head involvement to be curtailed and the advertising program to be
- D. the levels of department head involvement to be curtailed with their advertising program being
- E. that the levels of department head involvement be curtailed and the advertising program be

The best answer is E. Choice E clearly and correctly uses parallel phrases: *the levels of department head involvement be.... The advertising program be.....*

Advances in networking technology and home computers have made it easy for millions of Americans to work in their homes, often facilitating the communication between the manager, who continues to work on-site at the office, with his distant employees.

- A. communication between the manager, who continues to work on-site at the office, with his distant employees.

- B. communication between the manager, who continues the work on-site at the office, with his distant employees.
- C. communication between the manager, who continues to work on-site at the office, to his distant employees.
- D. communication between the manager, who continues to work on-site at the office, and his distant employees.
- E. communication between the manager, who continues to work on-site at the office, with his distance employees.

The best answer is D. The communication has to be *between* the manager *and* his employee.

There are any number of skilled freelancers who can develop strategy and create marketing materials with a keen eye to using proven methods, but also to developing new and innovative techniques.

- A. with a keen eye to using proven methods, but also to developing new and innovative techniques.
- B. with a keen eye for using proven methods, and also to developing new and innovative techniques.
- C. with a keen eye not only to using proven methods, but also to developing new and innovative techniques.
- D. with a keen eye to using proven methods, but to developing now and innovative techniques.
- E. with a keen eye not only to using proven methods, and also to developing now and innovative techniques.

The best answer is C. Choice C correctly develops the parallel *not only... but also....*

The expedition did not enter the water-filled clearing because it believed that to do it endangers the rare Spanish moss hanging from the trees.

- A. to do it endangers
- B. doing it endangers
- C. to do this would endanger
- D. doing so would endanger
- E. to do it would endanger

The best answer is D. Choice D appropriately used the adverb *so* to refer back to the verb *accord*.

The rising of costs of medication has created growing concern about the long-term threat the virus presents to human health on a national level.

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

The best answer is C. Choice A is unidiomatic, and B *costs...has* lacks subject-verb agreement. Choices D and E produce sentence fragments since *Because* makes the clause subordinate rather than independent.

While royal governor of New Jersey, William Franklin's conviction that the colonies should remain part of England was not unlike that of his father Benjamin Franklin, who initially preferred a continued association with England, though he eventually played a role in forging America's independence, helping craft the Declaration of Independence after a change of heart

- A. not unlike that of his father Benjamin Franklin, who initially preferred
- B. not unlike his father Benjamin Franklin, who initially preferred
- C. like his father Benjamin Franklin, and his initial preference
- D. like that of his father Benjamin Franklin, for preferring
- E. as that of his father Benjamin Franklin, who initially preferred

The best answer is A. Choices B and C present faulty comparisons, comparing William's conviction with Benjamin Franklin himself. Choice D does not make clear whether it was the father or the son who helped craft the Declaration of Independence. Choice E incorrectly uses *as* to compare two noun phrases.

After adopting broadband internet access, wireless personal digital assistants, and super-fast home PCs, Weston Insurance has hired new employees, which doubles to 250 the junior staff in the claims department working from home.

- A. which doubles to 250 the junior staff in the claims department
- B. doubling to 250 the number of junior staff members in the claims department
- C. which doubles to 250 the junior staff of the claims department
- D. doubling to 250 the number of junior staff members of the claims department
- E. which doubles to 250 the junior staff in the claims department that

The best answer is B. The pronoun *which* should be used to refer to a previously mentioned noun, not to the idea expressed in an entire clause. In A, C, and E there is no specific noun.

The National Museum of American History owns Harley-Davidsons of various vintages on account of having evolved into an American touchstone.

- A. on account of having
- B. on account of their having
- C. because they have
- D. because of having
- E. because it has

The best answer is C. As used in choices A, B, and D, the phrases *on account of* and *because of* are unidiomatic. Choice E has a subject-verb agreement problem.

The U.S. Forest Service, then five years old, decided to put out every fire in its domain, and within three decades the agency formulated what it called the 10 A.M. policy, directing that fires be extinguished quicker than they had been in the past.

- A. within three decades the agency formulated what it called the 10 A.M. policy, directing that fires be extinguished quicker than they had been in the past.

- B. within three decades the agency has formulated what it called the 10 A.M. policy, directing that fires be extinguished quicker than they had been in the past.
- C. within three decades the agency had formulated what it called the 10 A.M. policy, directing that fires be extinguished quicker than they had been in the past.
- D. within three decades the agency formulated what it called the 10 A.M. policy, directing that fires be extinguished more quickly than they had been in the past.
- E. within three decades the agency has formulated what it called the 10 A.M. policy, directing that fires be extinguished more quickly than they had been in the past.

The best answer is D. Choices D and E correctly use the adverbial phrase *more quickly than*. E is incorrect because of the unwarranted use of the present perfect tense.

Able to out-navigate other vehicles on rutted roads, it was decided that the police chief would allot motorcycles to some of her staff.

- A. it was decided that the motorcycle would be by the police chief to allot motorcycles to some of her staff.
- B. the decision of the police chief was to allot to some of her staff motorcycles
- C. the police chief decided to allot to her staff motorcycles
- D. some of her staff was allotted motorcycles by the police chief
- E. motorcycles were allotted to some of the staff by the police chief.

The best answer is E. Grammatically, the participial phrase beginning with *able to* must modify the subject of the main clause. The word *motorcycles* has to follow the comma to become the subject of that clause.

If a latter-day Robinson Crusoe was marooned on an island with an eclectic mix of palms, he could eat dates and coconut meat, relax in a palm recliner in his palm-post bungalow under a palm-thatch roof, buff his palm-plank surfboard with carnauba palm wax and watch a palm-fringed sunset.

- A. If a latter-day Robinson Crusoe was marooned on an island with an eclectic mix of palms, he could eat dates and coconut meat, relax in a palm recliner in his palm-post bungalow under a palm-thatch roof,
- B. If a latter-day Robinson Crusoe was marooned on an island with an eclectic mix of palms, he could eat dates and coconut meat, relaxing in a palm recliner in his palm-post bungalow under a palm-thatch roof,
- C. If a latter-day Robinson Crusoe were marooned on an island with an eclectic mix of palms, he could eat dates and coconut meat, relax in a palm recliner in his palm-post bungalow under a palm-thatch roof,
- D. If a latter-day Robinson Crusoe were marooned on an island with an eclectic mix of palms, he could eat dates and coconut meat, relaxing in a palm recliner in his palm-post bungalow under a palm-thatch roof,
- E. If a latter-day Robinson Crusoe was marooned on an island with an eclectic mix of palms, he could eat dates and coconut meat, to relax in a palm recliner in his palm-post bungalow under a palm-thatch roof,

The best answer is C. The sentence starts with the word *if* setting up a conditional situation. The correct form of *to be* with a conditional is *were*.

While some economists believe that Germany should be warned by the European Commission that it could face the imposition of radical restrictions on its domestic fiscal policymaking as early as the beginning of next year, others say that Germany will take the warning seriously only if it would be backed by sanctions.

- A. only if it would be backed by sanctions.
- B. only if it is backed by sanctions.
- C. if it is backed only by sanctions.
- D. if it was only backed by sanctions.
- E. if it would only be backed by sanctions.

The best answer is B. In sentences expressing a conditional result (X will happen if Y happens), the verb of the main clause should be in the future tense and the verb of the *if* clause should be in the present indicative. Thus, *is backed* (in B) is consistent with *will take*.

Unlike musical talent or other creative skills, there is a disinclination on the part of many participants in the program to acknowledge the degree to which their writing talents are weak.

- A. Unlike musical talent or other creative skills, there is a disinclination on the part of many participants in the program to acknowledge the degree to which their writing talents are weak.
- B. Unlike musical talent or other creative skills, which they admit they lack, many participants in the program are disinclined to acknowledge that their writing talents are weak.
- C. Unlike musical talent or other creative skills, writing talents bring out a disinclination in many participant in the program to acknowledge that they are weak to a degree.
- D. Many people in the program, willing to admit that they lack musical talent or other creative skills, are disinclined to acknowledge that their writing skills are weak.
- E. Many people in the program have a disinclination to acknowledge the weakness of their writing talents while willing to admit their lack of musical talent or other creative skills.

The best answer is D. Choice A illogically compared *talents* to a *disinclination*. B compares *talent* to *many people in the program*. Choice C is awkward and unidiomatic. In E, *have a disinclination... while willing* is grammatically incomplete, and *admit their lack* should be *admit to their lack*.

What was as remarkable as the development of the after-school enrichment programs has been New York City's nonprofit Chess-in-the-Schools initiative, giving more girls than ever before the opportunity to learn the rules of the game.

- A. What was as remarkable as the development of the after-school enrichment programs
- B. The thing that was as remarkable as developing the after-school enrichment programs
- C. No less remarkable than the development of the after-school enrichment programs
- D. Developing the after-school enrichment programs has been none the less remarkable than
- E. Development of the after-school enrichment programs has been no less remarkable as

The best answer is C. Besides being wordy, the beginnings of Choices A and B cause inconsistencies in verb tense: *the development of the after-school programs* cannot

logically be described by both the present perfect and the past. The phrases *none the less... than* in choice D and *no less... as* in E are unidiomatic.

The increase in land area which the virus has colonized suggest that birds are the more usual host for the virus, strengthening researchers' original contention that migratory birds have contributed to the virus's spread across the nation.

- A. suggest that birds are the more usual host for the virus,
- B. suggest that birds are the more usual host to the virus,
- C. suggests that birds are the more usual host for the virus,
- D. suggests that birds are the more usually host for the virus,
- E. suggests that birds are the more usually host of the virus,

The best answer is C. In choices A and B, the verb *suggest* does not agree with its singular subject, *rise*. Choices D and E use the adverb *usually* where the adjective form is required.

Over his 65-year life span, Hughes, one of America's most enduring writers and a key figure in the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's, will have published hundreds of poems, plus novels, short stories, autobiographies, librettos, essays and children's books.

- A. will have published hundreds of poems, plus novels, short stories, autobiographies, librettos, essays and children's books.

- B. is publishing hundreds of poems, plus novels, short stories, autobiographies, librettos, essays and children's books.
- C. would have published hundreds of poems, plus novels, short stories, autobiographies, librettos, essays and children's books.
- D. will publish hundreds of poems, plus novels, short stories, autobiographies, librettos, essays and children's books.
- E. would publish hundreds of poems, plus novels, short stories, autobiographies, librettos, essays and children's books.

The best answer is E. Choices A, B and D use tenses that can only be used for the living. Hughes, the subject of the sentence, is deceased, as is evidenced by the sentence. Choice C sets up a condition *would have published...* but the condition is then not specified.

Of all the possible disasters that threaten the upcoming Olympic games, the possibility of forceful winds affecting the rowing venue is maybe the more difficult for analysis.

- A. is maybe the more difficult for analysis.
- B. is probably the most difficult for analysis.
- C. is maybe the most difficult for analysis.
- D. is probably the more difficult for analysis.
- E. is, it may be, the analysis that is most difficult.

The best answer is B. The sentence compares one thing, *forceful winds affecting the rowing venue*, to all other possible disasters. Therefore, the superlative form, *most*, is required. The use of *maybe* is unidiomatic.

A warrant was issued on Sunday by a New York prosecutor for the arrest of Henry Urick, until recently chairman of the mobile telecommunications company Telecom, including eleven other people connected with his family's business empire.

- A. including eleven other people connected with his family's business empire.
- B. along with eleven other people connected with his family's business empire.
- C. and including eleven other people connected with his family's business empire.
- D. for eleven other people connected with his family's business empire.
- E. and for including eleven other people connected with his family's business empire.

The best answer is B. The preposition *for* governs both *Henry Urick* and *eleven other...* so *along with* is sufficient. In choice A, C and E, the word *including* is used

incorrectly because the other people were arrested in addition to Henry Urick, and not included in his arrest.

Having seen first-hand this recipe for disaster, Roberta Henson wished to make clear that free trade is unfair and that poor nations should be liberated from the one-size-fits-all trading model, promoted by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization.

- A. Roberta Henson wished to make clear that free trade is unfair and that poor nations should be liberated from the one-size-fits-all trading model,
- B. Roberta Henson wished to make clear that free trade is unfair and that poor nations should being liberated from the one-size-fits-all trading model,
- C. free trade was called unfair by Roberta Henson, who wished to make clear that poor nations should be liberated from the one-size-fits-all trading model,
- D. free trade was called unfair by Roberta Henson, who wished to make clear that poor nations should being liberated from the one-size-fits-all trading model,
- E. free trade was called unfair by Roberta Henson, who wished to clarify that poor nations should be liberated from the one-size-fits-all trading model,

The best answer is A. Choices C, D and E present dangling modifiers. Choice B incorrectly places the gerund *being* after the model, *should*.

The exhibition of ancient Egyptian funerary art — imposing statues, intricately painted coffins, and numerous accoutrements, drew hundreds of people each day, equivalent to the number of visitors to last year's Impressionist show.

- A. equivalent to the number of visitors to last year's Impressionist show.
- B. the equivalent of those that visited last year's Impressionist show.
- C. equal to those who visited
- D. as many as the visitation to
- E. as many as visited

The best answer is E. The phrases *equivalent to*, the equivalent of, and *equal to* have too broad a range of meanings to be used precisely here. *As many as* is preferable. Choice D compares the hundreds of people incorrectly to *enrollment*.

Mahatma Gandhi's is credited as having championed a nonviolent approach to reform as a practical and moral means to struggle against social injustice.

- A. as having
- B. with having
- C. to have
- D. as the one who
- E. for being the one who

The best answer is B. In English it is idiomatic usage to *credit* someone *with* having done something.

Denying that one of its many irregularities had been the long-term mismanaging of company funds, the AD & M company produced clear evidence to back its claim.

- A. its many irregularities had been the long-term
- B. its many irregularities has been the long-term
- C. its many irregularities is the long-term
- D. their many irregularities is the long-term
- E. their many irregularities had been the long-term

The best answer is A. The singular pronoun *its* agrees in number with the singular noun referent *AD & M*; the past perfect verb form *had been* is used appropriately to refer to an action completed prior to the action of the simple past tense *produced*.

Lewis and Clark were not the first white men to cross the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific north of Mexico, and they did not visit places not already seen and mapped by generations of native people.

- A. and did not visit places not already seen and mapped by generations of native people.
- B. and they did not visit places not already seen and mapped by generations of native people.
- C. and they had not visit places not already seen and mapped by generations of native people.
- D. nor had they visited places not already seen and mapped by generations of native people.

E. nor did they visit places not already seen and mapped by generations of native people.

The best answer is E. Being the second thing that Lewis and Clark did not do, the word *nor* is required. The first negative phrase is in the past simple, so the second one must be in past simple form as well.

Electric boats have eliminated the noise pollution that conventional powerboats made and reduce the loathsome discharges of oil that foul American rivers and lakes, threatening fish and bird life.

- A. reduce the loathsome discharges of oil that foul American rivers and lakes, threatening fish and bird life.
- B. reduce the loathsome discharges of oil that foul American rivers and lakes, threaten fish and bird life.
- C. reduce the loathsome discharges of oil that foul American rivers and lakes, to threaten fish and bird life.
- D. reduced the loathsome discharges of oil that fouled American rivers and lakes, to threaten fish and bird life.
- E. reduced the loathsome discharges of oil that fouled American rivers and lakes, threatening fish and bird life.

The best answer is E. The form of the word *reduce* is governed by first verb phrase because it continues in a parallel construction: *Have eliminated..* and *reduced*.

Being literal-minded about the afterlife, both royalty and commoners arranged to fill their tombs with household objects, each object a necessity for daily life, ready for use.

- A. each object a necessity for daily life, ready for use.
- B. all the objects a necessity for daily life, ready for use.
- C. all the objects a necessity for daily life, they are ready for use.
- D. every object a necessity for daily life, it is ready for use.
- E. each object a necessity for daily life, was ready for use.

The best answer is A. In choice A, the words *object* and *necessity*, both singular, agree.

Among the era's triumphs were the Civil Rights Act of 1964, barring segregation in public places; the 24th Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1964, prohibiting the poll tax; and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which ordered the state should abolish literacy tests as a requirement for registering to vote.

- A. should abolish literacy tests as a requirement for registering to vote.
- B. would abolish literacy tests as a requirement for registering to vote.
- C. to abolish literacy tests as a requirement for registering to vote.
- D. abolishing of literacy tests as a requirement for registering to vote.
- E. the abolishing of literacy tests as a requirement for registering to vote.

The best answer is C. The infinitive *to abolish* follows the verb *ordered*, producing the grammatical and idiomatic sequence *X ordered Y to do Z*.

The Sumerians, who founded the first cities, not only invented writing, created poetry and the rule of law, and were also extraordinary craftsmen.

- A. and were also extraordinary craftsmen.
- B. but were also extraordinary craftsmen.
- C. but also were extraordinary craftsmen.
- D. but also fashioned extraordinary crafts.
- E. and also fashioned extraordinary crafts.

The best answer is D. Choice d correctly uses the *not only... but also...* construction, with parallel phrases.

Researchers blamed the low rate of growth in the harbor's toad population on lake toxicity as well as on the weather, hotter and more humid than average in the Ohio region, which slowed metabolism and reproductive activity.

- A. hotter and more humid than average in the Ohio region, which slowed
- B. which was hotter and more humid than average in the Ohio region, slowing
- C. since it was hotter and more humid than average in the Ohio region, which slowed
- D. being hotter and more humid than averages in the Ohio region, which slowing

E. having been hotter and more humid than was average in the Ohio region, and slowed

The best answer is B. It is concise and idiomatic, and *which* has a clear referent, *the weather*.

Twenty-five years ago in this month, Camp David became the setting for an unprecedented episode of American diplomacy—and entered the lexicon as a near synonym for high-level peacemaking—when Jimmy Carter, Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian president Anwar El-Sadat gathered there for a tense and grueling 13 days.

- A. Twenty-five years ago in this month,
- B. Twenty-five years ago this month,
- C. In this month, twenty-five years previously,
- D. In this month, twenty-five years previous,
- E. It was twenty-five years ago to this month,

The best answer is B. Choice B is idiomatic and precise.

As well as getting away unscathed, Kim managed to gather valuable knowledge about orchids and bring home scores of rare specimens, compliments of Brazilian environmentalists.

- A. As well as getting away unscathed, Kim managed to gather valuable knowledge about orchids and bring home scores of rare specimens
- B. Besides getting away unscathed, Kim also managed to gather valuable knowledge about orchids and bring home scores of rare specimens
- C. Besides getting away unscathed, also Kim managed to gather valuable knowledge about orchids and bring home scores of rare specimens
- D. Kim not only got away unscathed, but also managed to gather valuable knowledge about orchids and bring home scores of rare specimens,
- E. Kim got away not only unscathed, but also managed to gather valuable knowledge about orchids and bring home scores of rare specimens,

The best answer is D. Choice D has no modification errors and uses parallel phrases to complete the idiomatic construction *not only... but also*.

Starting in the west at St. Bees on the Irish Sea, the route meanders through heather and woods, over stiles, past lakes, among sheep, and across three of Britain's finest national parks, all the way to the village of Robin Hood's Bay on the North Sea.

- A. heather and woods dot the route that meanders over stiles, past lakes, among sheep,
- B. heather and woods dot the route which meanders over stiles, past lakes, among sheep,
- C. the route meanders through heather and woods, over stiles, past lakes, among sheep,
- D. the meandering route through heather and woods, over stiles, past lakes, among sheep,
- E. the route that meanders through heather and woods, over stiles, past lakes, among sheep,

The best answer is C. The noun phrase that appears after the first comma is modified by *starting in the west at St. bees on the Irish Sea*. *The route* is the only logical subject.

Although the term “entrepreneur” is popularly applied to a high-profile, risk-taking businessman, it is anyone who organizes and manages a business.

- A. it is anyone who organizes and manages a business.
- B. it is any person that organizes and manages a business.
- C. they are people who organize and manage a business.
- D. it is in reference to any people who organize and manage a business.
- E. it refers to anyone who organizes and manages a business.

The best answer is E. In choices A, B and C, the pronoun *it* simultaneously refers forward to *anyone* and backward to the term *entrepreneur*. As a result, the sentence asserts illogically that the term is actually a kind of person rather than a word referring to a kind of person.

Scientists from the Cytolab team are conducting experiments to see whether proteins will prematurely turn into solids in silk-producing animals under laboratory conditions.

- A. to see whether proteins will prematurely turn into solids

- B. to see whether proteins should prematurely turn into solids
- C. to see if proteins will prematurely turn into solids
- D. that see if proteins would prematurely turn into solids
- E. that see whether proteins would prematurely turn into solids

The best answer is A. *Whether* is preferable to *if* in presenting the situation which is possible rather than conditional. In D and E *experiments that see* is imprecise, because it is the Cytolab scientists that will see, not the experiments themselves.

The governing council met over the weekend to continue talks over appointing ministers to run the government so as to avoid public anger at deteriorating services.

- A. so as to avoid
- B. and so could they avoid
- C. so that they could avoid
- D. so that it could avoid
- E. in order that it could avoid

The best answer is D. The sentence calls for an adverbial clause of purpose to explain why the governing council met over the weekend. Choice D employs an appropriate conjunction, *so that*, and contains a logically appropriate verb form, *could avoid*.

Jennifer Wilson suggested that funding for the business' development, which could be franchised early next year, is obtained through local investors.

- A. that funding for the business' development, which could be franchised early next year, is
- B. that funding for the development of the business, which could be franchised early next year, be
- C. funding for the development of the business, perhaps franchised early next year, to be
- D. funds for the business' development, perhaps franchised early next year, be
- E. development funding for the business, which could be franchised early next year, is to be

The best answer is B. Choice A attaches the relative clause *which could be open...* to the noun *development*, when in fact, it is the *business* that could be open. Choice C omits *that*. Choices C incorrectly use *perhaps open to the public*, to modify development. Choice E seriously distorts meaning.

Although few would disagree that small classrooms of a maximum of 15 students are ideal environments in which to educate the young, financially strained counties point out that small classrooms cost twice as much as maintaining regular sized classrooms.

- A. small classrooms cost twice as much as maintaining regular sized classrooms.
- B. small classrooms cost twice as much to maintain as regular sized classrooms do.
- C. maintaining small classrooms cost twice as much as regular sized classrooms do.
- D. maintaining small classrooms cost twice as much as it does for regular sized classrooms.
- E. to maintain small classrooms cost twice as much as for regular sized classrooms.

The best answer is B. This sentence compares the cost required *to maintain* two kinds of classroom. B, the best choice, preserves parallelism in the comparison as well.

National zoos involved in modernization have found the local citizens are difficult to reach, taciturn and are suspicious of innovations.

- A. the local citizens are difficult to reach, taciturn and are
- B. local citizens to be difficult to reach, taciturn and are
- C. that local citizens are difficult to reach, taciturn and
- D. local citizens are difficult to reach, taciturn and are they are
- E. that local citizens are difficult to reach, and taciturn and they are

The best answer is C. This sentence requires parallelism in the three coordinate complements that form the direct object clause: *local citizens as (1) difficult..., (2) taciturn, and (3) suspicious...* Only C fulfils this requirement appropriately.

With only 12 percent of the hounds in the annual Seclusival Dog Competition trials, the 200-year-old Shipman Kennel won 42 percent of first, second and third place ribbons, stunning dog handlers, judges and observers alike.

- A. With

- B. As
- C. Being
- D. Despite having
- E. Although accounting for

The best answer is E. The word or phrase that begins this sentence should establish the contrast between the percentage of dogs from the Shipman kennel and the success of its dogs. Only choices D and E do this, and only E expresses meaning accurately with the phrase *although accounting for*.

The expedition diarists wrote about such things as bison, thunderstorms, river currents, mountain ranges and prairie plants, when they might have been expected for their diaries to focus on tribal politics.

- A. they might have been expected for their diaries to focus on tribal politics.
- B. they might have been expected to focus on tribal politics.
- C. they might have been expected that it should focus on tribal politics.
- D. its focus might have been expected to be on tribal politics.
- E. there might have been an expectation that it would focus on tribal politics.

The best answer is B. In English *x [is] expected to y* is idiomatic usage, thus A and C are unidiomatic. D awkwardly substitutes *its focus* for the pronoun *they* as a subject. E is needlessly wordy.

Conceived outside her mother's body by in vitro fertilization (IVF) developed by Patrick Steptoe and Robert Edwards, her widely publicized birth prompted a heated ethical debate.

- A. her widely publicized birth prompted a heated ethical debate.
- B. a heated ethical debate followed her widely publicized birth.
- C. her birth, which was widely publicized, prompted a heated ethical debate.
- D. she was born amid great publicity that prompted a heated ethical debate.
- E. a heated ethical debate has followed her widely publicized birth.

The best answer is D. The noun that follows the comma must be the subject modified by *Conceived outside her mother's body by in vitro fertilization (IVF) developed by Patrick Steptoe and Robert Edwards*. Only *she* is a logical subject.

In the 17th century, the average life span in England for a working class family was 12 years less than a member of the aristocracy.

- A. a member of the aristocracy.
- B. of a member of the aristocracy.
- C. that of a member of the aristocracy.
- D. a member to the aristocracy.
- E. those of members of the aristocracy.

The best answer is C. Choices A and D illogically compare the *average life span* to a *member*. Choice c, the best choice, uses the singular pronoun *that*, to stand for *life span* thus establishing a logical comparison.

Using computer animation programs, animators are now able to produce triple the frames per hour that they could in the 1960's.

- A. triple the frames per hour that they could
- B. three times as many frames per hour as they did
- C. as much as triple the frames per hour they had
- D. three times as many frames as there were
- E. a tripling of the frames per hour that they did

The best answer is B. Choice B correctly uses the adverbial phrases *twice as many...* to modify the verb *produce*, and properly employs *many* rather than *much* to describe a quantity made up of countable units (frames).

Although X-ray absorption spectroscopy has its limitations, it is so precise that scientists investigated atoms surrounding mercury found in muscle tissue were able to determine that the metal was most often bound to a carbon atom on one side and sulfur on the other.

- A. it is so precise that scientists investigated atoms surrounding mercury found in muscle tissue
- B. it is of such precision, scientists investigated atoms surrounding mercury found in muscle tissue

- C. so precise is it so scientists investigated atoms surrounding mercury found in muscle tissue
- D. such is its precision, that scientists investigated atoms found in muscle tissue surrounding mercury
- E. there is so much precision that scientists investigated atoms surrounding mercury found in muscle tissue

The best answer is A. *is* links the noun *x-ray absorption spectroscopy* with its modifier, *precise*, and *so precise that* idiomatically introduces a clause that provides a further explanation of *precise*.

His experience on the prairies convinced him that there were numerous American species in danger of disappearing forever, each breed a treasure living inside its unique habitat.

- A. each breed a treasure living inside its unique habitat.
- B. all the breeds a treasure living inside its unique habitat.
- C. all breeds a treasure living inside its unique habitat.
- D. every breed a treasure living inside their unique habitat.
- E. each breed a treasure living inside their unique habitat.

The best answer is A. The appositive terms *breed* and *treasure*, both singular, agree in number; both also agree with the singular possessive pronoun *its*.

From the start, the Zoo's funding was provided, for the most part, by the District of Columbia when it might have been expected for it to be provided by the federal government.

- A. it might have been expected for it to be provided by the federal government.
- B. it might have been expected to be provided by the federal government.
- C. it might have been expected that it should be provided by the federal government.
- D. it's funding might have been expected to be provided for by the federal government.
- E. there might have been an expectation it would be provided by the federal government.

The best answer is B. In English, *x [is] expected to y* is idiomatic usage.

In the DOE Corporation, a larger percentage of the resources is spent on building data than is spent on the Microbial Genome Program in Genetix Inc.

- A. In the DOE Corporation, a larger percentage of the resources is spent on building data than is spent on the Microbial Genome Program in Genetix Inc.
- B. In DOE they spend a larger percentage of their resources on building data than Genetix Inc. spends on the Microbial Genome Program.
- C. A larger percentage of DOE Corporation's resources are spent on building data than Genetix Inc. spends on the Microbial Genome Program.
- D. DOE spends a larger percentage of resources on building data than spending on the Microbial Genome Program by Genetix Inc.
- E. DOE spends a larger percentage of resources on building data than Genetix Inc. spends on the Microbial Genome Program.

The best answer is E. Parallel phrasing in choice E allows a logical comparison to be made between what DOE spends and what Genetix does.

The loggers' railway roadbed, with its narrow spurs jutting fingerlike into the swamp, had turned into a hazard for tourists visiting the area requiring that government officials agree to have the area razed.

- A. that government officials agree to have the area razed.
- B. that government officials agree for to have the area razed.
- C. the agreeing by government officials to have the area razed.
- D. government officials agreeing to have the area razed.
- E. government officials to agree to have the area razed.

The best answer is E. In English, the idiom is *requiring x to y* or *requiring that x y* with x as the noun subject and y the unconjugated form of the verb. Choice E follows the first paradigm.

The greater the bandwidth requirements of an application, the higher speed network link you need to get adequate performance.

- A. The greater the bandwidth requirements of an application, the higher speed network link you need to get adequate performance.
- B. The greater the bandwidth requirements of an application, the speed of the network link you need to get adequate performance must be higher.
- C. The greater the bandwidth requirements of an application, the highest speed network link you need to get adequate performance.
- D. As the bandwidth requirements of an application becomes greater, the higher speed network link you need to get adequate performance.
- E. As the bandwidth requirements of an application becomes greater, the speed of network link you need to get adequate performance becomes higher.

The best answer is A. Only choice A employs the grammatically correct construction *the greater the ..., the higher the*

In a move that surprised many political analysts, Republicans were forced to yield to conservative Christians demanding that they should modify their party platform to reflect public concerns about social issues, including abortion.

- A. demanding that they should
- B. demanding it to
- C. and their demand to
- D. who demanded that it
- E. who demanded it to

The best answer is D. Choice D uses the grammatically correct expression *demanding that it reflect* in which *demanding that it* is followed by the subjunctive verb *reflect*.

Helium atoms never form stable molecules, as other inert gases, by chemically bonding with other atoms.

- A. Helium atoms never form stable molecules, as other inert gases, by chemically bonding with other atoms.
- B. As other inert gases, Helium atoms never form stable molecules by chemically bonding with other atoms.

- C. Helium atoms, same as other inert gases, never form stable molecules by chemically bonding with other atoms.
- D. Helium atoms never form stable molecules by chemically bonding with other atoms, as other inert gases.
- E. Helium atoms, like other inert gases, never form stable molecules by chemically bonding with other atoms.

The best answer is E. In choice E, the modifying phrase begun by *like* immediately follows the noun it modifies, Helium atoms.

Indus civilization was either in decline when it was destroyed by Aryan invaders from the northwest speaking an Indo-European language from which most of the languages of Pakistan, Northern India, and Bangladesh descend or that it was militarily vulnerable.

- A. that it was militarily vulnerable.
- B. had militarily vulnerability.
- C. was militarily vulnerable.
- D. militarily vulnerable.
- E. was it militarily vulnerable.

The best answer is C. Choice C is the only one that maintains grammatical parallelism with the *either... or...* construction.

In early 1998, Michael Govan, the director of the Dia Art Foundation, has flown about 60 miles north of New York City looking for a new permanent home for his museum when he spotted a faded factory sign along the banks of the Hudson River.

- A. has flown about 60 miles north of New York City looking for a new permanent home for his museum when he spotted
- B. was flying about 60 miles north of New York City looking for a new permanent home for his museum when he has spotted
- C. has flown about 60 miles north of New York City looking for a new permanent home for his museum when he has spotted
- D. was flying about 60 miles north of New York City looking for a new permanent home for his museum when he spotted
- E. was flying about 60 miles north from New York City looking for a new permanent home for his museum when he spotted

The best answer is D. Choice correctly uses the past progressive and past simple verb forms *was flying* and *spotted*. Choice D uses the form *north from* which is not idiomatic.

The species with the greatest sustained commercial catch in the Chesapeake is the blue crab, long a symbol of the bay and a source of livelihood for many inhabitants of the region as well as for regular visitors.

- A. as well as for regular visitors.
- B. as well as the regular visitors.
- C. and regular visitors too.
- D. and regular visitors as well.
- E. and also regular visitors.

The best answer is A. Two elements connected by a coordinate conjunction should be expressed in parallel form. Only A correctly observes this rule. Choices B, C, D, and E omit the necessary *for* in the second element.

In an interview with the Financial Times last week, Solomon Maah accused the government of a campaign against his family business interests because it wanted to discredit his brother Timothy.

- A. on account of wanting to discredit his brother Timothy
- B. on account of its wanting to discredit his brother Timothy
- C. because it wanted to discredit his brother Timothy
- D. because of wanting to discredit his brother Timothy
- E. being it wanted to discredit his brother Timothy

The best answer is C. As used in choices A, B and D, the phrase *on account of* and *because of* are unidiomatic; *because*, which appears in C and E, is preferable here since *because* can introduce a complete subordinate clause explaining the reason why accused the government.

The Music Foundation Fund is debating on a proposal requiring certain orchestras provide musicians with unpaid leave so as to care for sick family members.

A. provide musicians with unpaid leave so as to

B. to provide musicians with unpaid leave so as to

C. provide musicians with unpaid leave so as to

D. to provide musicians with unpaid leave so that they can

E. provide musicians unpaid leave and

The best answer is D. After *requiring orchestras...* the infinitive *to provide* is needed. *So as to* in choices A and B fail to specify that the musicians receiving the leave will be the people caring for the sick family members.

Bryant, a noted humorist, journalist, playwright and raconteur, is both the author of 15 previous books and the editor of *The Book of Wayward Humor*.

A. Bryant, a noted humorist, journalist, playwright and raconteur, is both the author of 15 previous books and the editor of *The Book of Wayward Humor*.

B. Bryant, a noted humorist, journalist, playwright and raconteur, is both the author of 15 previous books and the editor of *The Book of Wayward Humor*.

C. Bryant, a noted humorist, journalist, playwright and raconteur, is the author of both 15 previous books and the editor of *The Book of Wayward Humor*.

D. Bryant, a noted humorist, journalist, playwright and raconteur, both wrote 15 previous books and edited *The Book of Wayward Humor*.

E. Bryant, a noted humorist, journalist, playwright and raconteur, is both the author of 15 previous books and the editor of *The Book of Wayward Humor* too.

The best answer is A. Best must come before *the author* if it is to link *author* and *editor*.

As a photojournalist, commercial photographer, artist and filmmaker, he has ventured everywhere from the remote highlands of New Guinea to the glitzy beaches of Saint-Tropez and saw many outstanding sites, many of which are depicted in his latest book.

- A. saw many outstanding sites, many of which are depicted in his latest book.
- B. saw many outstanding sites, many of whom are depicted in his latest book.
- C. saw many outstanding sites, many of them are depicted in his latest book.
- D. seen many outstanding sites, many of which are depicted in his latest book.
- E. seen many outstanding sites, in which many are depicted in his latest book.

The best answer is D. The parallel construction, *has ventured... has seen...* is required in place of *has saw*.

It was not until the late 19th, century, that the city of Louisville, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts adopted the secret ballot system, but the system was accepted only after Henry Winslow returned from New South Wales, then a territory in Australia and reported on how secret ballots were used there.

- A. but the system was accepted only after when Henry Winslow returned from New South Wales, then a territory in Australia and reported on how secret ballots were used there.
- B. but the system was accepted only after when Henry Winslow returned from New South Wales, then a territory in Australia and reporting on how secret ballots were used there.
- C. but the system was accepted only after Henry Winslow returned from New South Wales, then a territory in Australia and reported on how secret ballots were used there.
- D. but the system was accepted only at a time after Henry Winslow returned from New South Wales, then a territory in Australia and reported on how secret ballots were used there.
- E. but the system was accepted only subsequent to Henry Winslow returning from New South Wales, then a territory in Australia and reported on how secret ballots were used there.

The best answer is C. The phrase *after when* is unidiomatic. Choice E is awkward. Choice C, grammatical and idiomatic, is the best answer.

This past New Year's, along Route 88 in the Sierra Nevada, Joel Allen ordered his winter maintenance crew should work through the night and into New Year's Day, clearing the pavement at Carson Pass, the highway's summit.

- A. should work through the night and into New Year's Day, clearing the pavement at Carson Pass, the highway's summit.
- B. would do the work through the night and into New Year's Day, clearing the pavement at Carson Pass, the highway's summit.
- C. working through the night and into New Year's Day, clearing the pavement at Carson Pass, the highway's summit.
- D. the work through the night and into New Year's Day of clearing the pavement at Carson Pass, the highway's summit.
- E. to work through the night and into New Year's Day, clearing the pavement at Carson Pass, the highway's summit.

The best answer is E. The infinitive *to work* correctly follows the verb *ordered*, producing the grammatical and idiomatic sequence *x ordered y to do z*.

Extending about 150 miles from Sedan in the west to beyond Wissembourg in the east, the Maginot Line bristled with some 50 large fortifications, each within cannon range of another.

- A. all the cannons within range of another.
- B. every within cannon range of another.
- C. each cannon within cannon range of the others.
- D. each within cannon range of another.
- E. all of them within cannon range of the others.

The best answer is D. Only choices C and D correctly use *each* to refer to the fortifications separately. Similarly, *another* is correctly used to refer to the other fortifications individually instead of collectively.

Some ancient societies mistook tides, which are a natural phenomenon involving the alternating rise and fall in the large fluid bodies of the earth caused by the combined gravitational attraction of the sun and moon, as a magical phenomenon controlled by invisible water nymphs.

- A. as a magical phenomenon controlled by invisible water nymphs.
- B. for a magical phenomenon controlled by invisible water nymphs.
- C. to a magical phenomenon controlled by invisible water nymphs.
- D. with a magical phenomena controlled by invisible water nymphs.
- E. for a magical phenomena controlled by invisible water nymphs.

The best answer is B. Choice B is best because it alone correctly handles the idiom *to mistake x for y*. *Phenomena* is the plural form of *phenomenon* and therefore is inappropriate in choice E.

Outlined in the new Small Business Guide, these plans require business owners to make assumptions about the tax and regulatory environment or that they pay the maximum taxes up front and request reimbursement at the end of the year.

- A. that they pay the maximum taxes up front and request reimbursement at the end of the year.
- B. for paying the maximum taxes up front and request reimbursement at the end of the year.
- C. they should pay the maximum taxes up front and request reimbursement at the end of the year.
- D. that they should pay the maximum taxes up front and request reimbursement at the end of the year.
- E. to pay the maximum taxes up front and request reimbursement at the end of the year.

The best answer is E. Choice E is the only one that maintains grammatical parallelism by using an infinitive, *to pay*, to complete the construction *either to approve... or...*

From the start, the fluoroscope invoked the authority of modern science and technology to sell more shoes, and functioned so fast, and in some cases even faster than the old-fashioned manual fitting.

- A. so fast, and in some cases even faster than the old-fashioned manual fitting.
- B. so fast, and in some cases even faster than, how the old-fashioned manual fitting did.
- C. as fast, and in some cases even faster than the old-fashioned manual fitting.
- D. as fast as, and in some cases even faster than, the old-fashioned manual fitting.
- E. so fast as, and in some cases even faster than the old-fashioned manual fitting.

The best answer is D. The properly completed sentence here must (1) use the proper form of the comparative conjunction, *as fast as* and (2) enclose the parenthetical statement *and... even faster than* in commas.

As he follows Keneely's Weather Channel team through Bonnie's path, writer David Laskin discovers that the Weather Channel's appeal lies in a particular mix of working professionally, live field reporting, and behind-the-scenes technical wizardry.

- A. working professionally, live field reporting, and behind-the-scenes technical wizardry.
- B. working professionally, dramatically live field reports, and behind-the-scenes technical wizardry.

- C. professionalism, dramatically live field reports, and a wizard technically working from behind-the-scenes.
- D. professionalism, reporting live from the field, and behind-the-scenes technical wizardry.
- E. professionalism, live field reporting, and technical wizardry from behind-the-scenes.

The best answer is E. Only choice E has a correctly put together parallel construction.

After having wintered in what is now known as James Bay, the southern pocket of the huge bay that would be named for Henry Hudson, some of his crew mandated for Hudson to leave the ship.

- A. some of his crew mandated for Hudson to leave the ship.
- B. some of his crew mandated that Hudson be forced to leave the ship.
- C. some of his crew mandated for forcing Hudson to leave the ship.
- D. some of his crew had a mandate that Hudson be forced to leave the ship.
- E. some of his crew mandated to Hudson be forced to leave the ship.

The best answer is B. When *mandate* is used as a verb to mean “make it mandatory,” it must be followed by *that* and a verb in the subjunctive mood.

During their years on the frontier, they had numerous pitched battles against Lipans, Kickapoos, Kiowas, Comanches — and their most determined foe, the Apaches, including ferocious encounters with the great war chief Victorio, possibly the most skillful enemy in frontier history.

- A. the Apaches, including ferocious encounters with the great war chief Victorio, possibly the most skillful enemy in frontier history.
- B. the Apaches, including ferocious encounters with the great war chief Victorio, the possibly most skillful enemy in frontier history.
- C. the Apaches, including ferocious encounters with the great war chief Victorio, the most skillful enemy, possibly, in frontier history.
- D. the Apaches, including ferocious encounters with the great war chief Victorio, possibly a most skillful enemy in frontier history.
- E. the Apaches, including ferocious encounters with the great war chief Victorio, possibly the more skillful enemy in frontier history.

The best answer is A. Choice A places the word *possibly* before the phrase that it modifies and correctly uses the superlative form.

Warsaw began to rebuild not only with brand-new structures, injecting a much-needed boost to the local economy, and also painstaking reconstructions of the old ones that had been demolished.

- A. with brand-new structures, injecting a much-needed boost to the local economy, and also painstaking reconstructions of the old ones
- B. with brand-new structures, injecting a much-needed boost to the local economy, as well as painstaking reconstructions of the old ones
- C. brand-new structures, injecting a much-needed boost to the local economy, but also painstaking reconstructions of the old ones
- D. brand-new structures, injecting a much-needed boost to the local economy, but also painstakingly reconstructing the old ones
- E. brand-new structures, injecting a much-needed boost to the local economy, but they also painstakingly reconstructing the old ones

The best answer is C. Choice C correctly employs the correlative construction *not only x but also y*, where x and y are grammatically parallel.

Cold weather causes surface waters to become dense and sink, displacing lower layers upward; in spring, the process reverses.

- A. displacing lower layers upward; in spring, the process reverses
- B. a method to displace lower layers upward; reversing, in spring, the process
- C. as a displacement of lower layers upward; in spring, the process reverses
- D. to displace lower layers upward; in spring, the process reverses
- E. to displace lower layers upwards; reversing, in spring, the process

The best answer is A. Choice A is best because the participle *displacing* begins a phrase that explains what the surface waters did.

The first consideration for most patients undergoing being operated on is if to sign a waiver form.

- A. being operated on is if to sign
- B. being operated on is whether they should be signing
- C. being operated on is whether or not they sign
- D. an operation is if to sign
- E. an operation is whether to sign

The best answer is E. Choice E idiomatically completes *whether* with an infinitive, *to sign*.

In addition to having more engineers than Brunswick Inc. does, the qualifications of the engineers are better than those of Newton Group.

- A. the qualifications of the engineers are better than those of
- B. the engineers have qualifications better than those of
- C. the qualifications of the engineers are better than they are of
- D. the quality engineers are better than those of
- E. the engineers have qualifications better than

The best answer is B. Choice B logically compares the qualifications of the engineers in Brunswick Inc. to those of Newton Group.

Each of the fallen soldiers – Henry Johnson, Paul Rider, Brent Hall and Bob McCay - were hard workers, very different from the soldiers that remained to guard the hospital.

- A. Each of the fallen soldiers – Henry Johnson, Paul Rider, Brent Hall and Bob McCay - were hard workers
- B. Henry Johnson, Paul Rider, Brent Hall and Bob McCay - each of them fallen soldiers – were hard workers
- C. The fallen soldiers – Henry Johnson, Paul Rider, Brent Hall and Bob McCay - were all hard workers
- D. Hard workers - Henry Johnson, Paul Rider, Brent Hall and Bob McCay - each a fallen soldier
- E. Hard workers - Henry Johnson, Paul Rider, Brent Hall and Bob McCay - every one a fallen soldier

The best answer is C. Each choice but C contains errors of agreement. Choice C correctly links *soldiers* with *were*, eliminates the unnecessary pronouns, and provides a clearer structure.

The carvers who turned whale bone and teeth into cane handles rich with scrimshaw for the folks back in New Bedford or Nantucket, were part of a widespread culture of colonial artists.

- A. were part of a widespread culture of colonial artists
- B. had been part of a widespread culture of colonial artists
- C. were people who were part of a widespread culture of colonial artists
- D. had been people who were part of a widespread culture of colonial artists
- E. were a people which had been part of a widespread culture of colonial artists

The best answer is A. Choice A is best because it correctly uses the simple past tense and because it is the most concise.

Bases on accounts of various researchers, Colstrom scientists have known for decades that for every kind of particle--whether the familiar electrons, neutrons or protons, or the more recently discovered quarks and neutrinos--there exists a particle that is its mirror image, identical in mass and amount of charge, but different in at least one crucial way.

- A. Bases on accounts of various researchers

- B. Basing it on various researchers' accounts
- C. With accounts of various researchers used for a basis
- D. By the accounts of various researchers they used
- E. Using accounts of various researchers

The best answer is E. Choice E is clear and concise; it correctly uses a present participle to introduce the modifier describing how the scientists worked.

Its collection includes such treasures as a woven funerary headdress, one that they believe is a type unique to ancient Thebes.

- A. that they believe is
- B. that they believe it to be
- C. they believe it is of
- D. they believe that is
- E. they believe to be

The best answer is E. The pronoun *that* is redundant since *one* is sufficient to introduce the modifier. Choice E follows the idiomatic construction “believe X to be Y”.

Studies conducted in the 1990s indicate that even after fifty years, patients are still suffering the long term effects of polio occurring when a child.

- A. contracted when a child
- B. contracted when children
- C. that was contracted when a child
- D. contracted when they were children
- E. that has been contracted as each was a child

The best answer is D. The phrasing *polio contracted when they were children* correctly uses *contracted* to modify *polio* and includes a pronoun and a verb that refer unambiguously to their antecedent, *patients*.

The granddaddy of manufacturers, the Shutters Company, headquartered in Milton, is nearly 50 yeas as old as any of their supposed 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

The best answer is B. Choices A, C and E do not state the comparison logically. The expression *as old as* indicates equality of age, but the sentence indicates that the Shutters company predates other companies. *Older than* makes the point of comparison clear.

Unlike H. G. Wells, who wrote more than 100 books, and countless essays and articles, the novel written by Henry Williams in 1923 would prove to be his only one.

- A. Unlike H. G. Wells, who wrote more than 100 books, and countless essays and articles, the novel written by Henry Williams in 1923
- B. Unlike H. G. Wells' oeuvre, with more than 100 books, and countless essays and articles, the novel written by Henry Williams in 1923
- C. Unlike those of H. G. Wells, who wrote more than 100, and countless essays and articles, the novel written by Henry Williams in 1923
- D. In comparison with H. G. Wells, who wrote more than 100 books, and countless essays and articles, the novel written by Henry Williams in 1923
- E. H. G. Wells wrote over 100 books and countless essays and articles, but Henry Williams wrote a novel in 1923 which

The best answer is E. In comparative structures, the things being compared must be both logically and grammatically parallel. Choice E solves the problem by using two independent clauses linked by *but*.

Recent commercial offshoots of Manson's imagination are toys, one which is a colorful foam tube with variously shaped pieces that children can bend and fit together to make otherworldly creatures.

- A. one which
- B. one of them which
- C. and one of them which
- D. one of them
- E. one of which

The best answer is E. *Toys*, must be followed by a limiting appositive, such as *one of which*, that identifies and individual from among a larger group.

When Crawford has begun farming with his wife, Rosemary, in the early 1970s, it was a time when sturdy wooden fruit boxes were being phased out among local farmers in favor of lighter-weight baskets for picking, and dressy cardboard boxes for shipping.

- A. When Crawford has begun farming with his wife, Rosemary, in the early 1970s
- B. When Crawford had begun farming with his wife, Rosemary, in the early 1970s
- C. When Crawford has begun farming with his wife, Rosemary, early in the 1970s
- D. When Crawford began farming with his wife, Rosemary, in the early 1970s
- E. When Crawford began farming with his wife, Rosemary, early in the 1970s

The best answer is D. Choice D correctly uses the past tense verb form of *began* to refer to an action completed in the past. It also uses the idiomatic *in the early 1970s*.

For almost 11 years after having its inception in 1992, Smith housed some 400 rescued orangutans before returning them to the wild, adding to a population estimated at between 15,000 and 20,000.

- A. For almost 11 years after having its inception in 1992,
- B. Beginning in 1992 for a period of almost 11 years,
- C. Beginning a period of almost 11 years, in 1992
- D. During 11 years, a period beginning in 1992,
- E. Over a period of 11 years beginning in 1992,

The best answer is E. In choices A and B, it is Smith who illogically has his inception in 1992. Choices C and D are awkward and imprecise. Choice E is logical, precise and idiomatic.

The district manager claimed that providing on-site child care helps to reduce sick leave, but also enhances job satisfaction.

- A. helps to reduce sick leave, but also
- B. helps the reduction of sick leave, and also

- C. not only helps to reduce sick leave, but also
- D. helps to reduce not only sick leave, but
- E. not only helps to reduce sick leave, and also

The best answer is C. To convey the idea that providing on-site child care has two benefits, the correct sentence must link grammatically parallel statements of these effects with *and also* or with *not only... but also*. Choices B and C do this, but B introduces a construction which is not parallel.

The World Forestry Association has predicted that the rate of addition to wooded 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

The best answer is D. Choice D uses the idiomatic and clear construction *the rate of addition... will drop while the rate of loss rises*. Choice E supplies the idiomatic expression but introduces it with the unidiomatic and wordy *there are rises for*.

Of Mark Twain's many fans, none could feel more pleased—or more vindicated—by the renewed interest than the steadfast editors of the Mark Twain Project at the University of California at Berkeley, who have been at work for 36 years on a scholarly undertaking of almost inconceivable proportions: to hunt down, organize and interpret every scrap of writing that issued from Sam Clemens during his 74 years on earth.

- A. to hunt down, organize and every scrap of writing that issued from Sam Clemens during his 74 years on earth was interpreted.
- B. to hunt down, to organize and every scrap of writing that issued from Sam Clemens during his 74 years on earth was interpreted.
- C. to hunt down, organize and interpret every scrap of writing that issued from Sam Clemens during his 74 years on earth.
- D. to hunt down, organize and interpret every scrap of writing that issued from Sam Clemens while on earth 74 years.

E. to hunt down, organize and every scrap of writing that issued from Sam Clemens while on earth for 74 years.

The best answer is C. Choice C had a grammatically correct parallel construction and uses the idiomatic *during his 74 years*.

By enabling him to demonstrate the correctness of his fitting, it permitted him to significantly reduce the number of complaints and also aid for customers in finding the configuration that best suited them.

- A. significantly reduce the number of complaints and also aid for
- B. be significantly reduce the number of complaints and aid for
- C. significantly reduce the number of complaints and aid
- D. cause a significant reduction in the number of complaints and also aid to
- E. significantly reduce the number of complaints as well as aiding

The best answer is C. Choice C avoids the preposition *for* and *to*, instead using *aid* as a verb that is parallel with *reduce*.

In his article, Hoffman profiles the rivalry between 22-year-old Yvonne Meadows, chess's new fresh face with Brian Hanson, winner of numerous championships.

- A. rivalry between 22-year-old Yvonne Meadows, chess's new fresh face with Brian Hanson
- B. rival 22-year-old Yvonne Meadows, chess's new fresh face against her competitor Brian Hanson
- C. rivalry that has developed between 22-year-old Yvonne Meadows, chess's new fresh face and Brian Hanson
- D. developing rivalry between 22-year-old Yvonne Meadows, chess's new fresh face with Brian Hanson
- E. 22-year-old Yvonne Meadows, chess's new fresh face and the rivalry with Brian Hanson

The best answer is C. The enumeration of the rivals requires the conjunction *and*; either *the rivalry between x and y* or *the rivals x and y*.

Moody, who manages the National Numismatics Collection at the National Museum of American History, started buying unpainted miniature soldiers and to do it soon got swept into the field of military history, researching not only the battles themselves but the uniforms worn at the time.

- A. and to do it soon got swept
- B. and doing it soon got swept
- C. and to do this soon got him swept
- D. and doing so soon got swept
- E. and to do it would soon got swept

The best answer is D. Choice D appropriately uses the adverb *so* to refer back to the verb *buying*.

Like Johnson, the mutant instruments of Samuel Meadow are ‘thumbing their noses’ at eons of musical tradition, making music that can be merely weird, but is more often whimsical, even mystifying.

- A. Like Johnson, the mutant instruments of Samuel Meadow
- B. Like Johnson, Samuel Meadow’s mutant instruments
- C. Like Johnson’s, Samuel Meadow’s mutant instruments
- D. As with Johnson, Samuel Meadow’s mutant instruments
- E. As is Johnson’s the mutant instruments of Samuel Meadow

The best answer is C. At issue is a comparison of Johnson’s instruments with Meadow’s. Only C, the best choice, uses the elliptical *like Johnson’s (instrument being understood)*, to compare Johnson’s instruments with Meadow’s instruments.

A dedication by Colin Powell, given in the same year as his appointment as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commemorated the buffalo soldiers at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the birthplace of one of the regiments.

- A. A dedication by Colin Powell, given in the same year as his appointment as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- B. A dedication by Colin Powell, given in the same year as his appointment to chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- C. A dedication by Colin Powell, given in the same year that he was appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

- D. Colin Powell gave a dedication in the same year as his appointment as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that
- E. Colin Powell gave a dedication in the same year of appointment as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that

The best answer is C. In this sentence, the relative pronoun *that* should introduce the clause *he was appointed... commemorated* to make a relative clause modifying *year*.

For three decades, Waterman carried a Leica or Nikon camera and committed thousands of musicians to film, catching the magical and the mundane in order to keep from being forgotten.

- A. keep from being forgotten.
- B. keep them from being forgotten.
- C. avoid being forgotten.
- D. avoid them from being forgotten.
- E. avoid from their forgetting.

The best answer is B. Choice B is the best because it use the pronoun *them* which refers to the musicians. It also uses the more precise *keep* rather than *avoid*.

If Sam Thomas was right, any apparent connections of modern tap and Lancashire clogging is purely coincidental.

- A. If Sam Thomas was right, any apparent connections of modern tap and
- B. Should Sam Thomas be right, any apparent connections of modern tap and
- C. If Sam Thomas is right, any apparent connections of modern tap and
- D. If Sam Thomas is right, any apparent connections between modern tap and
- E. Should Sam Thomas have been right, any apparent connections of modern tap and

The best answer is D. Choice D uses the present indicative verb form in the conditional clause, *If Sam Thomas is right*, in order to agree with the verb in the main

clause, *any connection is... coincidental*. It also presents the coordinate objects of the preposition *between x and y*.

There were concerns that the nation's new center for the contemporary arts — a complex of 27 buildings totaling more than 720,000 square feet — might be successful and it would eventually bring about the closing of the Massy Art Complex.

- A. it would eventually bring about the closing of the Massy Art Complex.
- B. it might eventually over about the closing of the Massy Art Complex.
- C. eventually bring about the closing of the Massy Art Complex.
- D. eventually bring over the closing of the Massy Art Complex.
- E. it will eventually bring about the closing of the Massy Art Complex.

The best answer is C. This sentence requires parallel verb forms *be successful... bring about*.

Found only in Sichuan, the giant panda roams the mountainous government-protected reserves and eats two species of bamboo that grow in the mixed forests, they feed for 12 to 16 hours a day.

- A. giant pandas roam the mountainous government-protected reserves and eat two species of bamboo that grow in the mixed forests, feeding for 12 to 16 hours a day.
- B. the giant panda roams the mountainous government-protected reserves, they eat two species of bamboo that grow in the mixed forests, and with so much feeding, up to 12 to 16 hours a day.
- C. giant pandas roam the mountainous government-protected reserves eat two species of bamboo that grow in the mixed forests, and feed for 12 to 16 hours a day.
- D. the giant panda roams the mountainous government-protected reserves eating two species of bamboo that grow in the mixed forests and feeding for 12 to 16 hours a day.
- E. the giant panda roams the mountainous government-protected reserves eats two species of bamboo that grow in the mixed forests, and it feeds for 12 to 16 hours a day.

The best answer is D. Choice D clearly subordinates *eating* and *feeding* to *rooms*.

In the 1984 case -- Price Corp. versus Universal Industries -- the Supreme Court ruled that Price owed restitution to Universal for substantial noninfringing uses.

- A. that Price owed restitution to Universal for substantial noninfringing uses.
- B. that Price owed restitution to Universal because of substantial noninfringing uses.
- C. Price to owe restitution to Universal for substantial noninfringing uses.
- D. on Price owed restitution to Universal for substantial noninfringing uses.
- E. on the restitution Price owed to Universal for substantial noninfringing uses.

The best answer is A. Choice A uses *that* appropriately to introduce a clause that describes the Supreme Court's ruling. Choice A also employs the idiomatic phrase *restitution ...for*.

Like many successful authors, Salman Rushdie's first novel, *Grimus*, about a Native American who receives the gift of immortality, was an abject failure.

- A. Like many successful authors, Salman Rushdie's first novel, *Grimus*, about
- B. As have many successful authors, the first of Salman Rushdie's novels, *Grimus*, about
- C. Just as with many successful authors, the first of Salman Rushdie's novels, *Grimus*, about
- D. Just like many successful authors, Salman Rushdie's first novel, *Grimus*, on
- E. As did many successful authors, Salman Rushdie's first novel, *Grimus*, on

The best answer is A. Choice A is concise and grammatically correct, using the comparative preposition, *like*, to express the comparison between *many successful authors* and *Salman Rushdie*.

2. One of the points the therapist stressed was the realization that as a child grows, their ability to share and comprehend time, enables them to take turns, albeit reluctantly.

- A. the realization that as a child grows, their

- B. the realization that as children grow, their
- C. to realize that that when a child grows, his or her
- D. to realize that as a children grow, their
- E. realizing that as children grow, their

The best answer is B. In choice A, the plural pronoun *their* does not agree in number with the singular noun *child*. In C, D, and D *to realize* and *realizing* are not an appropriate continuations of: *one of the points the therapist stressed*.

3. Planners in Pyongyang are also banking on wonder crops that will offer an escape route for a country where the land area of only 14 percent of it is arable.

- A. where the land area of only 14 percent of it is arable.
- B. where they have 14 percent of the land area arable.
- C. where only 14 percent of the land area is arable.
- D. which has 14 percent of the land area arable.
- E. in which 14 percent of it has arable land area.

The best answer is C. Choice C uses a clear, direct, and economical adjective clause to indicate the percentage of land that is arable in the country in question.

4. Pigments, produced from natural sources — slate; metals, such as iron, and various types of earth — starts off as powders that are pounded, ground, sieved, then refined and finally one must heat them.

- A. starts off as powders that are pounded, ground, sieved, then refined and finally one must heat them.
- B. start off as powders that are pounded, ground, sieved, then refined and heated.
- C. are starting off as powders that are pounded, ground, sieved, then refined and finally one must heat them.
- D. had started off as powders that are pounded, ground, sieved, then refined and heated.
- E. start off as powders that are pounded, ground, sieved, then you refine and heat them.

The best answer is B. Choice B uses the simple past tense to describe a past condition. It also correctly uses a parallel construction: *pounded, ground sieved, then refined and heated*.

5. When we look at the star Alpha Centauri, we see it as it was a little over four years ago, for it took the light that long to get here.

- A. we see it as it was a little over four years ago
- B. we see it as it had been a little over four years ago
- C. we see it as if it was a little over four years ago
- D. it appears to us as it did in a little over four years ago
- E. it appears to us as though a little over four years ago

The best answer is A. Choice A employs the simple past verb tense to describe a past condition.

6. Because of the recent growth in e-commerce required to survive in the global marketplace, a marketplace characterized by a constant reinventing of the medium, such companies have had to re-think their pace of expansion.

- A. Because of the recent growth in e-commerce required to survive
- B. Because of the recent growth in e-commerce required of traditional companies to survive
- C. Because of the growth, recently, of e-commerce required for surviving
- D. Because of the recently growth in e-commerce required for survival
- E. Because the recent growth in e-commerce required for companies survival

The best answer is B. The subject of the main clause (*such companies*) presumes a prior reference to the companies in question. Furthermore, the logical subject of *to survive* and the logical complement of *required* should be made explicit.

7. For the last fifteen years, Penbrook University has had the smallest tenured and tenure-track faculty in the state with only six full professors, one whom is now retiring.

- A. one whom is now retiring

- B. one of them who is now retiring
- C. and one of them who he is now retiring
- D. one of whom now retires
- E. one which is now retires

The best answer is D. The subject, *full professors*, must be followed by a limiting appositive, such as *one of whom*, that identifies an individual from among a larger group.

8. The tragedian Seneca, tutor to the insane emperor Nero, was as controversial to his own time as he is compelling in ours.

- A. were as controversial to his own time as he is
- B. was as controversial in his own time as he is
- C. has been as controversial to his own time as he is
- D. had been as controversial in his own time as he is
- E. have been as controversial in his own time as he is

The best answer is B. Choice B exhibits correct subject-verb agreement and uses appropriate verb tenses. Additionally, it uses the idiomatic *in his own time*.

Like Foucault, Derrida shows the power of discourse and language and attempts to deconstruct how meaning is made.

- A. Like Foucault, Derrida shows
- B. Like Foucault, Derrida is showing
- C. As Foucault, Derrida shows
- D. As did Foucault, Derrida's showing
- E. Derrida shows, as does Foucault,

The best answer is A. In choice A, a clear and logical comparison is made between Foucault and Derrida.

Over the past three decades the poems of W. S. Merwin have appeared in these pages more frequently than any poet.

A. have been appearing in these pages more frequently than any poet.

B. have appeared in these pages more frequently than any other poet.

C. appeared in these pages more frequently than are any poet.

D. have appeared in these pages more frequently than those of any other poet.

E. appeared in these pages more frequently as are those of any other poet.

The best answer is D. Choice D correctly compares Merwin's works to the works of other poets.

In 1998, resulting from the diligence in capturing photographs on subjects as diverse as the cosmopolitan cafés of Paris and the impoverished villages of Cambodia, he received the Outstanding Photographic Achievement Award.

A. resulting from his diligence in capturing photographs on subjects as diverse as the cosmopolitan cafés of Paris and the impoverished villages of Cambodia

B. his diligence in capturing photographs on subjects as diverse as the cosmopolitan cafés of Paris and the impoverished villages of Cambodia resulted and

C. because of the result of his diligence in capturing photographs on subjects as diverse as the cosmopolitan cafés of Paris and the impoverished villages of Cambodia

D. as a result of his diligence in capturing photographs on subjects as diverse as the cosmopolitan cafés of Paris and the impoverished villages of Cambodia

E. as a result of his diligence in capturing photographs on subjects so diverse as the cosmopolitan cafés of Paris and the impoverished villages of Cambodia

The best answer is D. Choice D uses the idiomatic *as a result of* and conveys information unambiguously.

Being a Canadian citizen since 1958 and born in Czernowitz in 1938, artist Sarah Willensky has since lived in the U. S. and England, and first came to Canada in 1957 to study at York University.

A. Being a Canadian citizen since 1958 and born in Czernowitz in 1938, artist Sarah Willensky has

- B. Having been a Canadian citizen since 1958, she was born in Czernowitz in 1938; artist Sarah Willensky
- C. Born in Czernowitz in 1938, artist Sarah Willensky became a Canadian citizen in 1958; she has
- D. Being born in Czernowitz in 1938 and having been a Canadian citizen since 1958, artist Sarah Willensky
- E. Having been born in Czernowitz in 1938 and being a Canadian citizen since 1958, artist Sarah Willensky

The best answer is C. The first clause presents its information clearly and in logical sequence. The use of a semicolon to set apart the remaining information further assists the clarity of the sentence.

13. The way in which Taylor and the other the participants, Mason, Adams and Jones, moved were determined from their own reported levels of involvement in school-based sports activities like soccer and track, extramural classes and activities like swimming, hiking, running, and tennis.

- A. moved were determined from
- B. moved were determined because of
- C. moved was determined through
- D. moved was determined by
- E. moved was determined as a result of

The best answer is D. Choice D is clear and concise, and uses correct subject-verb agreement. Choices A and B are incorrect because they use the plural verb were to refer to the singular subject The way.

The wife of the poet Shelly wrote the world-famous and increasingly relevant Gothic horror tale, Frankenstein, in response to a challenge to create a ghost story.

- A. The wife of the poet Shelly wrote the world-famous and increasingly relevant Gothic horror tale, Frankenstein, in response to a challenge to create a ghost story.
- B. To create a ghost story, the wife of the poet Shelly wrote the world-famous and increasingly relevant Gothic horror tale, Frankenstein, in response to a challenge.
- C. The world-famous and increasingly relevant Gothic horror tale, Frankenstein, the wife of the poet Shelly wrote in response to a challenge to create a ghost story.
- D. Writing in response to a challenge to create a ghost story, the wife of the poet Shelly made the world-famous and increasingly relevant Gothic horror tale, Frankenstein.

E. In response to a challenge to create a ghost story, the wife of the poet Shelly wrote the world-famous and increasingly relevant Gothic horror tale, Frankenstein.

The best answer is E. Choice E conveys its meaning clearly, without ambiguity, and uses straightforward syntax.

Two out of every four participants in the Earth Day rallies also attend our annual conference on biodiversity and endangered species.

- A. Two out of every four participants in the Earth Day rallies also attend our annual conference on biodiversity and endangered species.
- B. Two out of every four participants in the Earth Day rallies also they attend our annual conference on biodiversity and endangered species.
- C. Our annual conference on biodiversity and endangered species is attended by two out of every four participants in the Earth Day rallies.
- D. Our annual conference, it is on biodiversity and endangered species, is attended by two out of every four participants in the Earth Day rallies.
- E. Two out of every four participants in the Earth Day rallies our annual conference on biodiversity and endangered species is attended by them.

The best answer is A. Choice A is concise, idiomatic, and maintains subject-verb agreement. Additionally, choice A avoids problems with doubled subjects found in B D and E.

16. Prior to the development of this vaccine, meningitis and pneumonia, due to Hib were much more common among Navajo and Apache children than other children in the United States.

- A. than other children in the United States.
- B. than among other children in the United States.

- C. than is so of other children of the United States.
- D. compared to other children in the United States.
- E. in comparison with other children of the United States.

The best answer is B. Choice B correctly uses the idiomatic construction *more common among x than among y*.

17. Prendhurst Public Library recently calculated that it has loaned 40 items that they do not expect return when due.

- A. they do not expect return when
- B. it does not expect return when it is
- C. it does not expect will be returned when they are
- D. returns are not expected to be made when
- E. returns are not expected to be made when they will be

The best answer is C. Choice C has subject verb agreement throughout, using *it* as a pronoun to refer to the singular noun, *library*.

The Watsons, a prominent Staten Island family, has survived a close brush with financial ruin; its assets are now almost three times greater than what they were before their problems commenced.

- A. financial ruin; its assets are now almost three times greater than
- B. financial ruin; its assets are now almost three times more than
- C. financial ruin; their assets are now almost threefold
- D. financial ruin; now with threefold the assets
- E. financial ruin; now with assets three times greater than

The best answer is A. Choice A uses a singular pronoun, *its*, to refer to the singular antecedent, *The Watsons*, and it properly uses the construction *its assets are now...greater than*.

Like their French counterparts, Latin flans are coated with a dark caramelized sugar, but unlike French flans, their Latin counterparts get their flavor and texture from egg yolks and from canned, condensed milks that impart a particularly nutty caramel taste.

- A. their Latin counterparts get their flavor and texture from
- B. their flavor and texture is from
- C. one place they get their flavor and texture from is
- D. they get their flavor and Latin texture from
- E. Latin flans get their flavor and texture from

The best answer is E. The meaning is clear despite the relative complexity of the sentence, the comparison of *Latin* with *French* is logical.

As we now enter an era of broadband communication, most analysts agree that no less than a new breakthrough is necessary to meet the need for higher data storage capacity and faster data transfer rate.

- A. that no less than a new breakthrough is necessary
- B. that nothing other than a new breakthrough is needed
- C. that a new breakthrough is necessary
- D. the necessity for a new breakthrough
- E. the necessity for a new breakthrough occurring

The best answer is C. The word *that* functions grammatically to introduce the clause that describes the point on which analysts agree. Choices A and B needlessly lengthen the statement by expressing the idea through negation: *no less than* and *nothing other than*.

As well as a fool and a liar, Shields was called bad-smelling because he only bathed once every month or so.

- A. As well as a fool and a liar, Shields was called bad-smelling because
- B. Besides a fool and a liar, also Shields was called bad-smelling because
- C. Besides a fool and a liar, they called Shields bad-smelling because
- D. Shields was called not only a fool and a liar, but also bad-smelling because
- E. Shields was not only called a fool and a liar, but also bad-smelling because

The best answer is D. Choice D has no modification errors and uses parallel phrases to complete the idiomatic construction *not only...but also*.

According to a recent census, the number of high school students working part time in sales has grown every decade since the 70's.

- A. the number of high school students working part time in sales has grown
- B. the number of high school students who are working part time in sales have grown
- C. there has been growth in the number of high school students working part time in sales
- D. a growing number of high school students have been working part time in sales
- E. high school students working part time in sales have been growing in number

The best answer is A. The singular verb *has* agrees with the subject of the clause, *the number*. Moreover, A conveys the intended meaning concisely and unambiguously.

The 20-year alligator protection program has been declared a success, because trapping is low and alligator births in the wild are high since habitats have been restored to their natural state.

- A. low and alligator births in the wild are high as
- B. low and the births of the alligators in the wild are high since
- C. low with higher alligator births in the wild as
- D. low and alligator births in the wild are higher as
- E. low and alligator births in the wild are highest as

The best answer is A. Choice A correctly balances the contrasting terms *low* and *high* in parallel form (adjectives in the positive degree).

A couple of years later, he decided not to buy Mary Jane the Florida retreat of her dreams because he believe that to do it rewards her disrespectful conduct.

- 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

The best answer is D. Choice D appropriately uses the adverb *so* to refer back to the verb *buy*. The other choices inappropriately use pronouns (*it* or *this*) to refer back to the verb.

In brief and halting remarks after the service at the church, the mayor remembered those who lost their lives, and the heroism, decency and compassion shown by all on that sad and terrible day.

Recorded in New York city, the songwriter and singer of The Gift were two teenaged singers, Melissa Booth and Darlene Berman, who would later make her reputation as an actress.

- A. Recorded in New York city, the songwriter and singer of *The Gift* were two teenaged singers, Melissa Booth and Darlene Berman, who would later make her reputation as an actress.
- B. Recorded in New York city, two teenaged singers, Melissa Booth and Darlene Berman, who would later make her reputation as an actress, were the songwriter and singer of *The Gift*.
- C. Recorded in New York city, *The Gift* was written and sung by two teenaged singers, Darlene Berman, who would later make her reputation as an actress, and Melissa Booth.
- D. *The Gift* was written and sung by two teenaged singers, Melissa Booth and Darlene Berman, who would later make her reputation as an actress, and recorded in New York city.
- E. The songwriter and singer being two teenaged singers, Melissa Booth and Darlene Berman, who would later make her reputation as an actress, *The Gift* was recorded in New York city.

The best answer is C. Only in C is *Recorded in New York city* followed immediately by *the gift*. Also, C makes it clear that the clause beginning *who* refers to Darlene.

The first decision for most people which consider the use of an irrevocable trust is if or not to make the gift outright or in trust.

- A. The first decision for most people which consider the use of an irrevocable trust is if or not to make the gift outright or in trust.
- B. The first decision for most people who consider the use of an irrevocable trust is if or not to make the gift outright or in trust.

C. The first decision for most people considering the use of an irrevocable trust is if to make the gift outright or in trust.

D. The first decision for most people which consider the use of an irrevocable trust is whether or not they make the gift outright or in trust.

E. The first decision for most people considering the use of an irrevocable trust is whether to make the gift outright or in trust.

The best answer is E. Only E idiomatically completes *whether* with an infinitive *to make*.

Unlike traditional MBA programs, which aim to convey broad-based business and management concepts, the students are encouraged, in the JSWU program, to build on their technical backgrounds and experience, and the program emphasizes planning and design skills that are specifically required in project-based organizations.

A. in the JSWU program, to build on their technical backgrounds and experience, and the program emphasizes planning and design skills that are specifically required in project-based organizations the students are encouraged,.

B. planning and design skills are emphasized in the JSWU program emphasizes, that are specifically required in project-based organizations and encourages students to build on their technical backgrounds and experience.

C. planning and design skills that are specifically required in project-based organizations are emphasized by the JSWU program, and the program encourages students to build on their technical backgrounds and experience.

D. planning and design skills that are specifically required in project-based organizations are emphasized by the JSWU program, as well, the program encourages students to build on their technical backgrounds and experience.

E. the JSWU program emphasizes planning and design skills that are specifically required in project-based organizations and encourages students to build on their technical backgrounds and experience.

The best answer is E. Choice E correctly uses a parallel construction to draw a logical comparison: *Unlike traditional MBA programs... the JSWU program...*

The UN distinguishes two sorts of Security Council resolution, those that deal with the peaceful resolution of disputes and entitle the council to make non-binding recommendations, and those that give the council broad powers to take action.

- A. The UN distinguishes two sorts of Security Council resolution, those that deal with the peaceful resolution of disputes and entitle the council to make non-binding recommendations, and
- B. The UN distinguishes two sorts of Security Council resolutions, some that deal with the peaceful resolution of disputes and entitle the council to make non-binding recommendations, and
- C. The UN distinguishes two sorts of Security Council resolutions, there are those that deal with the peaceful resolution of disputes and entitle the council to make non-binding recommendations, and
- D. The UN distinguishes between two sorts of Security Council resolutions, those that deal on the peaceful resolution of disputes and entitle the council to make non-binding recommendations, and
- E. The UN distinguishes between two sorts of Security Council resolution, those that deal with the peaceful resolution to disputes and entitle the council to make non-binding recommendations, and

The best answer is E. The best choice is E because it used the idiomatically correct expression *distinguishes between x and y*. In addition, choice C uses the idiomatic *deal with* construction.

By licensing technologies to private companies and awarding grants for innovative research, the project is catalyzing the multibillion-dollar U.S. biotechnology industry, fostering the development of new medical applications, and to make their applications known world-wide.

- A. fostering the development of new medical applications, and to make their applications known world-wide
- B. fostering the development of new medical applications, and making their applications known world-wide
- C. to foster the development of new medical applications, and make their applications known world-wide
- D. to foster the development of new medical applications, and to make their applications known world-wide
- E. to foster the development of new medical applications, and making their applications known world-wide

The best answer is B. Choices A, C, D and E all violate parallelism by employing infinitive in place of participial phrases: *catalyzing, fostering and making*.

According to a recent study performed at Stanford University, the more time people spend using the Internet, their contact with their social environment the lost.

- A. the more time people spend using the Internet, the more the contact with their social environment is lost
- B. the more time people spend using the Internet, their contact with their social environment the lost
- C. the more time people spend using the Internet the more they lose contact with their social environment
- D. the more time it is that people spend using the Internet, their contact with their social environment the lost
- E. the longer time people spend using the Internet, the more they lose contact with their social environment

The best answer is C. The phrase *the more time people spend...* should be completed a parallel phrase that begins with a comparative adjective and a noun phrase, as in *the more they lose....*

Despite objection to the tax policies of town auditor, the yearly expenses have increased from 500,000 to two million, an amount that is about the size of the entire education budget.

- A. have increased from 500,000 to two million, an amount that is about the size of the entire education budget
- B. have increased from 500,000 to two million, about the size of the entire education budget
- C. have increased from 500,000 to two million, an amount about the size of the entire education budget
- D. has increased from 500,000 to two million, an amount which has about the size of the entire education budget
- E. has increased from 500,000 to two million, about the entire education budget's size

The best answer is C. In choice C, *an amount about the size of the entire education budget* clearly describes an equivalence between the budget and the savings.

However much doctors would like medicine to be a science - because life would be simpler that way - the fact is that with its human element, it is not.

- A. However much doctors would like medicine to be a science - because life would be simpler that way - the fact is that with its human element, it is not.
- B. Despite agreement among doctors that to the fact that they would like medicine to be a science - because life would be simpler that way - the fact is thanks to its human element, it is not.
- C. Although doctors agree they would like medicine to be a science - because life would be simpler that way - the fact is that with its human element, it is not.
- D. Although doctors agree they would like medicine to be a science - because life would be simpler that way - the fact is that with its human element, it is not.
- E. There is agreement among doctors that they would like medicine to be a science - because life would be simpler that way - the fact is that owing to its human element, it is not.

The best answer is A. In choice B, *agreement to the fact* is unidiomatic. Choices C and D omit the word *that* after *agree*. Choice E is unnecessarily wordy.

Based on an account from a survivor who talks about her own history of abuse in childhood and in adulthood, the author weaves a story about the experience of multiple selves, and its impact on other family members.

- A. Based on an account from a survivor who talks on her own history of abuse in childhood and in adulthood
- B. Basing it on an account from a survivor who talks about her own history of abuse in childhood and in adulthood

- C. With an account from a survivor who talks about her own history of abuse both in childhood and in adulthood
- D. By the account from a survivor who talks about her own history of abuse in childhood and in adulthood
- E. Using the account of a survivor who talks about her own history of abuse in both childhood and adulthood

The best answer is E. Choice E is clear and concise; it correctly uses a present participle, *using*, to introduce the modifier describing how the author gathered information.

Of those 2 percent of needle-stick injuries where HIV-infected blood is known to be present, the chance of HIV transmission is estimated at between 0.3 and 0.45 percent.

- A. the chance of HIV transmission is estimated at between 0.3 and 0.45 percent
- B. the chance of HIV transmission is estimated as being between 0.3 and 0.45 percent
- C. the chance for HIV transmission is estimated that it is between 0.3 to 0.45 percent
- D. the chance of HIV transmission is estimated to be between 0.3 and 0.45 percent
- E. the chance for HIV transmission is estimated as between 0.3 to 0.45 percent

The best answer is D. D, the best choice, follows *estimated* with *to be*. In addition, choice D uses the idiomatic *the chance of*.

Eager to prove a point, it was decided by the brothers to employ the medieval justice of trial by combat, using both sword and pistol to wipe out the insult.

- A. it was decided by the brothers to employ the medieval justice of trial by combat, using both sword and pistol to wipe out the insult
- B. the decision of the brothers was to employ the medieval justice of trial by combat, using both sword and pistol to wipe out the insult
- C. the brothers decided to employ the medieval justice of trial by combat, using both sword and pistol to wipe out the insult
- D. the medieval justice of trial by combat, using both sword and pistol to wipe out the insult was decided upon by the brothers
- E. and using both sword and pistol to wipe out the insult, the medieval justice of trial by combat was decided upon by the brothers

The best answer is C. Grammatically, the participial phrase beginning *Eager...* must modify the subject of the main clause. Because it is the brothers who were eager, choice C, in which the brothers appears as the subject, is the best answer.

At the height of Manchu power, the situation was not unlike that which can exist between a superpower and a satellite or protectorate, and therefore one which, though politically significant, does not extinguish the independent existence of the weaker state.

- A. the situation was not unlike that which can exist between a superpower and a satellite or protectorate
- B. the situation was not unlike between a superpower to a satellite or protectorate
- C. the situation was like between a superpower to a satellite or protectorate
- D. there was a situation which was like that which can exist between a superpower and a satellite or protectorate
- E. the situation was as that which can exist between a superpower to a satellite or protectorate

The best answer is A. In B and C there are faulty comparisons. Choice D is unnecessarily wordy. Choice E incorrectly uses *as* rather than *like* to compare two noun phrases.

In England, a larger percentage of the students take their A Level exams in college than is the case in Northern Ireland.

- A. In England, a larger percentage of the students take their A Level exams in college than is the case in Northern Ireland.
- B. In England, a larger percentage of students take their A Level exams in college than do so in Northern Ireland.
- C. A larger percentage of students in England than is the case in Northern Ireland, take their A Level exams in college.
- D. A larger percentage of the students in England than do so in Northern Ireland, take their A Level exams in college.
- E. In England, a larger percentage of the students take their A Level exams in college than the Northern Ireland students do.

The best answer is B. Choice B is clear and concise. *Do so* is correctly used to refer back to *take their A level exams*.

Despite being a carnivore, the diet of the bear is largely vegetarian – fresh leaves, fruits, berries, nuts, roots, and tubers - and animal carcasses rarely.

- A. and animal carcasses rarely.
- B. and animal carcasses is rare.
- C. with animal carcasses as rare.
- D. animal carcasses a rarity.
- E. with animal carcasses a rarity.

The best answer is E. The best answer here must qualify the statement made in the main clause, *the diet of the bear is largely vegetarian*: it cannot be treated as part of the list of vegetarian foods. In other words, the best answer must logically and grammatically attach to the main clause when the list is omitted.

The newly appointed principal, being worried about the presence of drugs in her school and the failing of her students to improve on the state tests, revamped school policy.;

- A. being worried over the presence of drugs in her school and the failing
- B. worrying over the presence of drugs in her school and the failure
- C. worried about the presence of drugs in her school and the failure
- D. in that they were worried over the presence of drugs in her school, also the failing
- E. because of her worry concerning the presence of drugs in her school as well as the failing

The best answer is C. Choice C is best because its phrasing is parallel and concise. A, D and E begin with unnecessarily wordy phrases. Choice C also uses the idiomatic *worried about*.

To make negotiations successful, one must look at the interests of the parties, instead of a series of positions, in order to make it easier to reach a compromise on the particulars.

- A. instead of a series of positions, in order to make it easier
- B. as opposed to a series of positions, in order to make it easier
- C. in contrast with a series of positions, in order to make it easier
- D. rather than at a series of positions, in order to make it easier
- E. as against being at a series of positions, in order to make it easier

The best answer is D. Having no word such as *at* to indicate location, choices A, B and C fail to complete the parallel construction at the interests of the parties rather than at... Choice E is wordy and unidiomatic.

The only way for seamstresses to salvage leftover material is to transform them into patchwork quilts once enough of them have been collected.

- A. to transform them into patchwork quilts once enough of them have been collected.
- B. if they are transformed into patchwork quilts once enough of them have been collected.
- C. for them to be transformed into patchwork quilts once the collection is big enough.
- D. if the pieces are transformed into patchwork quilts once enough of them have been collected.
- E. to have it transformed into patchwork quilts once enough pieces have been collected.

The best answer is E. Choice E has parallel infinitives and uses *pieces* to refer unambiguously to *material*.

A report by the National Refiners Association has concluded that much of the untapped oil reserves they had counted on will remain inaccessible for the foreseeable future.

- A. much of the untapped oil reserves they had counted on will remain inaccessible for the foreseeable future
- B. much of the untapped oil reserves that they had counted on will remain inaccessible for the foreseeable future

- C. much of the untapped oil reserves they would have been counting on will remain inaccessible for the foreseeable future
- D. many of the reserves that are currently untapped oil they had counted on will remain inaccessible for the foreseeable future
- E. many of the untapped oil reserves they had counted on will remain inaccessible for the foreseeable future

The best answer is E. Choice E is both grammatically correct and concise. It uses *many* with the word *reserves* which is a count noun.

Using a laparoscopy, ovaries can be removed without opening the abdomen, which allows the procedure to be done on an outpatient basis.

- A. Using a laparoscopy, ovaries can be removed without opening the abdomen, which allows the procedure to be done on an outpatient basis.
- B. Ovaries can be removed without opening the abdomen, using a laparoscopy, which allows the procedure to be done on an outpatient basis.
- C. Removing the ovaries without opening the abdomen, the doctor can use a laparoscopy, which allows the procedure to be done on an outpatient basis.
- D. Using a laparoscopy, a doctor can remove ovaries without opening the abdomen, allowing the procedure to be done on an outpatient basis.
- E. By being done on an outpatient basis using a laparoscopy, ovaries can be removed by a doctor without opening the abdomen.

The best answer is D. Choice A presents a dangling modifier. Choice B contains the same main clause and dangling modifier, now at the end. Choice C suggest that doctors can use a laparoscopy after they remove the ovaries. In choice E, *by being done*, is awkward.

Undercover police detectives have observed large concentrations of gang members in the west end of the Meadowvale district, which is consistent to the growth of crime there.

- A. the Meadowvale district, which is consistent to the growth of crime there
- B. the Meadowvale district, where the crime's growth is consistent with these findings
- C. the Meadowvale district, findings consistent to its growth of crime
- D. the district of Meadowvale, findings consistent with the growth of crime in the area
- E. the district of Meadowvale, consistent with the growth of the crime there

The best answer is D. Choices A and C use the unidiomatic *consistent to*. In choice B, the expression *crime's growth* instead of *growth of crime* is awkward. In choice E, the use of the definite article before *crime* is unwarranted.

What was as remarkable as the development of his distinctive brush strokes in the many sketches and watercolors van Gogh produced in his ten short years as an artist, has been the continued popularity of his letter sketches.

- A. What was as remarkable as the development of his distinctive brush strokes
- B. The thing that was as remarkable as develop his distinctive brush strokes
- C. No less remarkable than the development of his distinctive brush strokes
- D. Developing his distinctive brush strokes has been none the less remarkable than
- E. Development of his distinctive brush strokes has been no less remarkable as

The best answer is C. Besides being wordy, the clauses beginning with *What was* and *The thing that was* cause inconsistencies in verb tense. In C, the noun *development* is parallel to *popularity*.

You can copy and paste text from web pages just as you would copy and paste text in a word processing document, which is maybe the most easy way to copy sample text to your computer.

- A. is maybe the most easy way to copy sample text to your computer.
- B. is probably the easiest way to copy sample text to your computer.
- C. is maybe the easiest way to copy sample text to your computer.

D. is probably the more easy way to copy sample text to your computer.

E. is, it may be, the way that is easiest to copy sample text to your computer.

The best answer is B. In choices A and C the use of *maybe* is unidiomatic. The phrase *more easy* used in D is incorrect. Choice E is awkwardly phrased. B is therefore the best answer.

If he was to decide to take military action, no doubt they would choose the best path to achieve their objectives, but I expect they would not be announcing those plans publicly, especially not to the United States Congress.

- A. If he was to decide to take military action, no doubt he would choose the best path for to achieve their objectives,
- B. If he were to decide to take military action, no doubt he would choose the best path to achieve their objectives,
- C. Had he decided to take military action, no doubt he would choose the best path to achieve their objectives,
- D. In the event that he decides to take military action, no doubt he would choose the best path for achieving their objectives,
- E. Supposing he was to decide to take military action, no doubt he would choose a best path to achieve their objectives,

The best answer is B. Choice B correct the misuse of the subjective, and correctly chooses the infinitive *to achieve* following *would choose the best path*.

The blister rust fungus is native to Asia but was introduced to British Columbia via Europe on a shipment of seedlings in 1910, and has since quickly spread throughout most of the range of five-needle pines in the West.

- A. The blister rust fungus is native to Asia but was introduced to British Columbia via Europe on a shipment of seedlings in 1910
- B. The blister rust fungus is a native in Asia but was introduced to British Columbia via Europe on a shipment of seedlings in 1910
- C. The blister rust fungus are natives to Asia but were introduced to British Columbia via Europe on a shipment of seedlings in 1910
- D. The blister rust fungus had been native of Asia and were introduced to British Columbia via Europe on a shipment of seedlings in 1910
- E. The blister rust fungus had been natives to Asia but was introduced at British Columbia via Europe on a shipment of seedlings in 1910

The best answer is A. The phrasing *are native to* correctly suggest that the rust is indigenous to, and still exists in, British Columbia. The expression *native to* is idiomatic.

Except for the ban that the president announced last week, his career has been characterized by progressive policy decisions, especially in the area of welfare.

- A. Except for the ban that the president announced
- B. Except for the ban with the president announcing it
- C. Besides a ban being announced by the president himself
- D. Excepting a ban that the president announced
- E. With the exception of a ban that the president announced

The best answer is A. In choice B, the participle *announcing* inappropriately expresses ongoing rather than completed action. Choice C uses the participle *being* inappropriately. In D, the use of *excepting* is unidiomatic. Choice E is awkward and wordy.

Humphry Davy was one of the most celebrated British chemists of the early 19th century, credited as having discovered several elements through electrolysis.

- A. credited as having discovered several elements through electrolysis
- B. credited with having discovered several elements through electrolysis
- C. credited to have discovered several elements through electrolysis
- D. and he is credited as the one who discovered several elements through electrolysis
- E. credited for being the one who has discovered several elements through electrolysis

The best answer is B. In English it is idiomatic usage to *credit* someone *with* having done something. Hence, only choice B is idiomatic.

In a press conference given last week, the Mills Company spokesman explained that although other machines are cheaper, the competitor's product costs twice as much as maintaining the new Mills' machine.

- A. the competitor's product costs twice as much as maintaining the new Mills' machine
- B. the competitor's product costs twice as much to maintain as the new Mills' machine

- C. maintaining the competitor's product costs twice as much as the new Mills' machine does
- D. maintaining the competitor's product costs twice as much as it does for maintaining the new Mills' machine
- E. to maintain the competitor's product costs twice as much as for the new Mills' machine

The best answer is B. This sentence compares the costs required *to maintain* two machines. Choice B is able to maintain parallelism in the comparison as well.

Over the last decade, salaries in most types of technological professions rose almost so fast, and in some areas even faster than what they did outside the field.

- A. so fast, and in some areas even faster than what they did
- B. so fast, and in some areas even faster than, those
- C. so much faster, and in some areas even faster than, those
- D. as fast as, and in some areas even faster than, those
- E. as fast as, and in some areas even faster than what they did

The best answer is D. The properly completed sentence here must (1) use the proper form of the comparative conjunction, *as fast as*; (2) enclose the parenthetical statement *and ... even faster than* in commas; and (3) preserve parallel structure, clarity of reference, and economy by using *those*.

Literary critics have often said that all of the thousands of stories written by the world's authors are essentially variations of six basic plot themes.

- A. that all of the thousands of stories written by the world's authors are essentially variations of
- B. that the world's thousands of stories written by authors of which all are essentially variations of
- C. that the world's thousands of stories written by the authors are essentially variations of
- D. all of the thousands of stories written by the world's authors to be essentially variations of
- E. that the world's authors have written thousands of stories which are essentially variations of

The best answer is A. Choice A correctly uses a noun clause introduced by *that* after *said*; keeps the contention clear by making *all of the thousands of stories* the subject of the noun clause, and precisely indicates the relationship of the *thousands of stories* to the *six basic plot themes*.

Mr. Torres, whose sturdy appearance conceals a surprising sensitivity, described how his patient use to rain epithets upon all the doctors and nurses treating her so frail that none dared to put her in her place.

- A. treating her so frail
- B. treating her being so frail
- C. treating her yet being so frail
- D. treating her, and so frail
- E. treating her yet was so frail

The best answer is E. Choice E states that although the patient rained epithets she was frail. Here, the conjunction *yet* is appropriately and correctly used to link the two verb phrases.

Having the company of one of his four brothers, 6-year-old Luke would ramble through the bayous along the Mississippi River near his home in Donaldsonville, sporting a Daisy Red Ryder air rifle.

- A. Having the company of one of his four brothers
- B. With four brothers, having the company of one
- C. Because one of his four brothers accompanied him
- D. One of his four brothers being his company
- E. Accompanied by one of his four brothers

The best answer is E. The construction *Accompanied by...* clearly and grammatically modifies the subject of the sentence, *6-year-old Luke*.

Using a diagnostic tool called the AT-2020, hard data can be yielded that reveals why one's heating and air conditioning system is not delivering better comfort and efficiency.

- A. Using a diagnostic tool called the AT-2020, hard data can be yielded that reveals why one's heating and air conditioning system is not delivering better comfort and efficiency.
- B. Using a diagnostic tool called the AT-2020, the testing process yields hard data that reveals why one's heating and air conditioning system has not delivered better comfort and efficiency.
- C. Called the AT-2020, using a diagnostic tool, the testing process yields hard data that reveals why one's heating and air conditioning system is not delivering better comfort and efficiency.
- D. By use of a diagnostic tool called the AT-2020, the testing process yields hard data that reveals why one's heating and air conditioning system is not delivering better comfort and also efficiency.
- E. Using a diagnostic tool called the AT-2020, a technician can obtain hard data that reveals why one's heating and air conditioning system is not delivering better comfort and efficiency.

The best answer is E. *Using a diagnostic tool called the AT-2020* clearly modifies the subject of the sentence, *a technician*.

Before closing, one should note that, as to certain elected positions, the principle would be the same for a person who is appointed and subsequently elected, as a person who is elected to an unexpired term, without having first been appointed to fill the vacancy.

- A. as a person who is elected to an unexpired term
- B. as for a person who is elected to an unexpired term
- C. just as it would to a person who is being elected to an unexpired term
- D. as it would to the person who is elected to an unexpired term
- E. just as to the person who is elected in an unexpired term

The best answer is B. Choice B uses the idiomatic and grammatically parallel form *the same for x as for y*.

This pattern of genetic inheritance has not been studied, primarily on account of the late onset and relatively benign course of the trait.

- A. on account of the late onset
- B. on account of their having a late onset
- C. because of the late onset
- D. it is because of the late onset
- E. it is because they have a late onset

The best answer is C. *On account of* and *because of* as used in A, B and D are unidiomatic; *because*, which appears in C and E is preferable since *because* can introduce a complete subordinate clause explaining the reason why the pattern of inheritance has not been studied.

With an average age of more than 40 years, houses in the United Kingdom are nearly 10 years as old as any of the average military home in the United States, concluded United States Air Forces civil engineer officials.

- A. houses in the United Kingdom are nearly 10 years as old as any of the average military home
- B. houses in the United Kingdom are nearly 10 years older than the average military home
- C. houses in the United Kingdom are nearly 10 years as old as of the military homes on average
- D. houses in the United Kingdom are nearly 10 years older than any of the military homes on average
- E. houses in the United Kingdom are nearly 10 years as old as military home on average

The best answer is B. In choice B, older than makes the point of comparison between homes in the United Kingdom and the US clear.

Unlike a typical high-tech job, which requires a 50 or 60 hour-per-week commitment, the person accepting our position is not required to make an agreement to work so excessively.

- A. the person accepting our position is not required to make
- B. with our position there is no requirement to make
- C. job applicants are not required to make
- D. for the person accepting our position there is no requirement to make
- E. our position does not require the prospective employee to make

The best answer is E. Choice E correctly uses a parallel construction to draw a logical comparison: *Unlike a typical high-tech job.... our position....* Additionally, choice E is the only option that supplies an active verb form, *does not require*, to parallel *requires*.

The club's display board was newly adorned with many long lost photographs of events gone by and albums, recalling stories of years past, and created enormous interest, with guests hovering around them, like bees around a honey pot.

- A. and created enormous interest
- B. and it created interest enormously
- C. and creating enormous interest
- D. and would create enormous interest
- E. and it had created enormous interests

The best answer is C. The second verb phrase describing the display board should have the same grammatical form as the first one. Only choice C has a present participle (or -ing form) that is parallel with *recalling*.

According to the manual, once a browser meets an appropriate tag on the page, the picture should be displayed instantly, others claim that the command will function only if the browser would be is set up to automatically load images.

- A. only if the browser would be set up to automatically load images
- B. only if the browser is set up to automatically load images.
- C. if the browser is set up only to automatically load images
- D. if the browser was set up only to automatically load images
- E. if the browser would be set up to automatically load images only

The best answer is B. In sentences expressing a conditional result (*x will happen if y happens*) the verb of the main clause should be in the future tense and the verb of the *if* clause should be in the present indicative.

There is no agreement on what role, if any, is played by diet in slowing the growth or destroying pre-cancerous cells in a benign brain tumor.

- A. slowing the growth or destroying
- B. the damage or the slowing of the growth of
- C. the damage to or the slowing of the growth of
- D. destroyed or slow growth of
- E. destroying or slowing the growth of

The best answer is E. The correct sentence must make clear that both *destroying* and *slowing the growth of* refer to *pre-cancerous cells*. E is the only choice that does so without introducing errors.

Local state regulations require that a company disclose to its associates when a security breach may have allowed someone to steal a person's name and social security number, driver's license number or customer account numbers from their files or computer systems.

- A. that a company disclose to its associates when a security breach may have allowed someone to steal a person's name and social security number, driver's license number or customer account numbers from their files or computer systems
- B. a company disclosing to its associates when a security breach may have allowed someone to steal a person's name and social security number, driver's license number or customer account numbers from their files or computer systems
- C. that a company disclose to its associates when a security breach may have allowed someone to steal a person's name and social security number, driver's license number or customer account numbers from its files or computer systems
- D. a company that it should disclose to its associates whether a security breach may have allowed someone to steal a person's name and social security number, driver's license number or customer account numbers from their files or computer systems
- E. that a company be disclosing to its associates when a security breach may have allowed someone to steal a person's name and social security number, driver's license number or customer account numbers from its files or computer systems

The best answer is C. In A, B and C the plural pronoun *their* does not agree with the singular noun *company*. In D, *requires a company that it should* is ungrammatical, as is *be disclosing* in choice E.

Any cable modem will occasionally fail to signal that there is a connection when it is present and mark that there is one when there is not.

- A. that there is a connection when it is present and mark that there is one
- B. when a connection is present and mark that there is one
- C. a connection when it is present and mark that there is one
- D. when a connection is present and mark that there is one
- E. the presence of a connection when it is there and mark its presence

The best answer is C. Choice C is the best answer, produces a sentence in which every pronoun refers clearly and logically to the noun connection.

When studying the origin of written language, one should not overlook the demand for written law that developed at the same time as the organization of cities.

- A. that developed at the same time as the organization of cities
- B. that had developed at the same time as had the organization of cities
- C. that developed at the same time as the organization of cities had
- D. developing at the same time as the organization of cities did
- E. developing at the same time as the organization of cities were

The best answer is A. Choice A uses the simple past tense *developed* to describe the written law that developed at the same time as the organization of cities.

The rain was caused by a combination of lower level moist, maritime air flowing onshore from the south-east, a high pressure cell and the southward flowing of moist tropical air.

- A. the southward flowing of moist tropical air
- B. moist tropical air flowing southward
- C. the flowing southward of moist tropical air
- D. the southward flowing of moist tropical air
- E. moist tropical air that flows southward

The best answer is B. Only choice B maintains a parallel structure by listing: (1) *maritime air flowing onshore...* and (2) *moist tropical air flowing southward*.

The Celestial Choir has been an important local cultural icon since the 19th century, and they are in demand as a top act, participating in several gala events at concert halls throughout the United States.

- A. they are still in demand as a top act
- B. they are still in demand as a top act
- C. it is still in demand as a top act
- D. it are still in demand as being a top act
- E. being still in demand as a top act

The best answer is C. All nouns and pronouns grammatically referring back to the singular noun *choir* must be singular.

A recent study has discovered that during the past few weeks, many consumers had chosen Topp's Supermarket rather than face the long drive to Savemore.

- A. had chosen Topp's Supermarket rather than face
- B. had chosen Topp's Supermarket instead of facing
- C. have chosen Topp's Supermarket instead of facing
- D. have chosen Topp's Supermarket rather than facing
- E. have chosen Topp's Supermarket rather than face

The best answer is E. Only E correct employs the present perfect tense and is idiomatic.

Richardson, widely considered the first novelist, was also one of the first English writers to consider a servant girl to be a legitimate subject for literature and portray her sympathetically.

- A. to be a legitimate subject for literature and
- B. should be a legitimate subject for literature and
- C. as being a legitimate subject for literature and
- D. as if she was a legitimate subject for literature and
- E. a legitimate subject for literature and to

The best answer is E. When the verb *consider* is used to mean “regard” or “deem,” it can be used more economically without the *to be* of choice A; *should be* in choice B, *as being* in choice C, and *as if* in choice D is used unidiomatically with this sense of *consider*.

In the 1920’s, clothing made up 11 percent of an average parent’s monthly expenditure; and 17 percent in the 1980’s.

- A. expenditure; and 17 percent in the 1980’s
- B. expenditure; in the 1980’s the figure was 17 percent
- C. expenditure, and in the 1980’s 17 percent
- D. expenditure, 17 percent in the 1980’s was the figure
- E. expenditure that rose to 17 percent in the 1980’s

The best answer is B. To establish the clearest comparison between circumstances in the 1920’s and those in the 1980’s, a separate clause is needed to describe each decade. In choice B, two properly constructed clauses that clearly express the comparison are separated by a semicolon.

Never before had the musicians faced so many challenges at once as they had in playing Schubert’s *Trout Variations*.

- A. so many challenges at once as they had in

- B. at once as many challenges as
- C. at once as many challenges that they were when
- D. as many challenges at once as they confronted in
- E. so many challenges at once that confronted them in

The best answer is D. Choice D is the best answer, stating grammatically and clearly that, with the Trout Variations, the musicians faced more simultaneous challenges than ever before.

A person who had no knowledge of the situation would have walked into the room and saw a wounded man sleeping on the sofa, whose clothes were torn as if he had been attacked.

- A. saw a wounded man sleeping on the sofa, whose clothes were torn
- B. saw a wounded man sleeping on the sofa, whose clothes torn
- C. saw a wounded man sleeping on the sofa, with clothes torn
- D. seen a wounded man sleeping on the sofa, whose clothes were torn
- E. seen a wounded man sleeping on the sofa, whose clothes have torn

The best answer is D. Choices A, B and C use *have... saw* where *have...seen* is required.

In one of the most tragic incidents in Milltown's history, on May 14, 1952, three times as many concert goers were hurt as would later be hurt at the infamous Mason Rock Festival tragedy.

- A. concert goers were hurt as
- B. concert goers were hurt than
- C. concert goers were hurt than those who
- D. more concert goers were hurt as there
- E. more concert goers were hurt as those who

The best answer is A. Choice A is the only option that accurately expresses the comparison by using the idiomatic form *as many...as*. In B and C, *as manythan* is unidiomatic, and in C and E, *those who* is a wordy intrusion. In D and E, *more* is redundant.

The faculty suggested that support for the physics laboratory's expansion, which could be opened next year, is obtained through the university's alumni association.

- A. that support for the physics laboratory's expansion, which could be opened next year, is
- B. that support for the expansion of the physics laboratory, which could be opened next year, be
- C. support for the expansion of the physics laboratory, perhaps opening next year, to be
- D. support for the physics laboratory's expansion, perhaps opening next year, is
- E. expansion support for the physics laboratory's, which could be opened next year, is to be

The best answer is B. Choice A attaches the relative clause *which could be opened...* to the noun *expansion* when, in fact, it is the lab that could be opened. Choice C omits *that*. Choice D uses *perhaps opening next year...* to modify *expansion* instead of *laboratory*. Choice E seriously distorts meaning.

The recent depletion of stratospheric ozone has resulted in greater exposure to ultra violet rays, to lead to an increase in the incidence of skin cancer in light skinned people and doubles the number of people suffering from eye diseases such as cataracts.

- A. to lead to 12 percent more incidence of skin cancer in light skinned people and doubles
- B. leading to 12 percent more of incidence of skin cancer in light skinned people and doubling
- C. to lead to a 12-percent increase in the incidence of skin cancer in light skinned people and double
- D. to lead to an increase of 12 percent in incidence of skin cancer in light skinned people and doubled
- E. leading to a 12-percent increase in the incidence of skin cancer in light skinned people and doubling

The best answer is E. In choice E, parallel structure is maintained in the participial phrases introduced by *leading* and *doubling*, and the phrase *12-percent increase in incidence* conveys the meaning more accurately than does the phrase *12 percent more incidence*.

Some parents have a very difficult time coming to grips with the fact that their offspring have become adults; consequently, they see their children as they were during their adolescence.

- A. they see their children as they were during
- B. they see their children as they had been during
- C. they see their children as if during
- D. their children appear to them as they did in
- E. their children appear to them as though in

The best answer is A. Choice A correctly employs the simple past verb tense to describe a past condition. Choice B inappropriately switches to the past perfect (*had been*); the past perfect properly describes action that is completed prior to some other even described with the simple past tense. In this case, the other action is described in the present tense (*see*).

Assize courts differ from other French courts because they are composed of a presiding judge and two judges additionally coming from either that court or one sitting with nine jurors - ordinary citizens whose names are drawn by lot from the electoral rolls.

- A. because they are composed of a presiding judge and two judges additionally
- B. because they are composed of a presiding judge and also two other judges
- C. because they are composed of a presiding judge and also of two other judges
- D. in that their composition is of a presiding judge and two other judges
- E. in that they are composed of a presiding judge and two other judges

The best answer is E. Choice E clearly states that Assize courts consist of a presiding judge and two other judges in contrast to the French courts.

Investors in the project, one who is Russian, will take part in more than 30 projects in the Federal Development Programme of the Kaliningrad Region, which is to continue until 2010.

- A. one who is Russian, will take a part in
- B. one of them who is Russian, will take part in
- C. and one of them who is Russian, will be taking part in
- D. one of whom is Russian, will take part in
- E. one of which is Russian, will take part in

The best answer is D. The subject, *investors*, must be followed by a limiting appositive – such as *one of whom*, that identifies an individual from among a larger group.

Currently, there is an increasing interest in multiple autonomous mobile robot systems due to their applicability to various tasks such as space missions, operating in hazardous environments, and military operations.

- A. operating in hazardous environments, and military operations.
- B. operations in hazardous environments, and in military operations.
- C. and operations in military or hazardous environments.
- D. operations in hazardous environments, and operations that are military.
- E. military and hazardous environments operations.

The best answer is C. Only choice C explains clearly and concisely what the various tasks are. Choice A violates parallelism. Choice B is misleading, while *operations that are military* in choice D is unidiomatic. Choice E is unclear.

Jock McDougall's mixed media works compile images from our cultural landscape on picture-thick canvases that are the artist's trying to visualize time, memory and perception.

- A. trying to visualize time, memory and perception
- B. trying that it visualizes time, memory and perception
- C. attempt to try to visualize time, memory as well as perception
- D. attempt to try and visualize time, memory and perception
- E. attempt to visualize time, memory and perception

The best answer is E. Although a gerund such as *trying* can sometimes be used as a noun, the phrase *the artist's trying* is unidiomatic because *trying* is used as the object of artist's. In C and D attempt to try is redundant.

In addition to having a greater number of students than Lexington Community College, the students in Vaughn College are academically stronger than those in Lexington, with more national achievement award winners among their ranks.

- A. the students in Vaughn College are academically stronger than those in
- B. Vaughn College is home to students who are academically stronger than those in

- C. the students in Vaughn College are academically stronger than they are in
- D. Vaughn College's students are academically stronger than they are in
- E. Vaughn College has students stronger academically than

The best answer is B. In this sentence, the initial clause modifies the nearest noun, identifying it as the thing being compared with *Lexington Community College*. A, C and D illogically compare *Lexington Community College* with *students*. Choice B logically compares *Lexington College* with *Vaughn* by placing the noun immediately after the initial clause. B also uses *those* to refer to the students in Lexington college.

Workplaces are often either dramatically restructured, which results in increasing rates of injury, and workload related stress, and left unchanged, creating an inefficient workplace environment.

- A. which results in increasing rates of injury, and workload related stress, and left
- B. resulting in increasing rates of injury, and workload related stress, or leaving
- C. with the result of increasing rates of injury, and workload related stress, or leaving
- D. resulting in increasing rates of injury, and workload related stress, or left
- E. with a resulting in increasing rates of injury, and workload related stress, and left

The best answer is D. Choice D is concise, idiomatic and parallel with the rest of the sentence. Choice A misuses *which* as a relative pronoun, *which* should refer to a specific noun rather than to the action of an entire clause.

Except for a reading that the author herself staged three years ago, Mary Withertree's insightful poetry has not been made public to this very day.

- A. Except for a reading that the author herself staged
- B. Except for a reading with the author herself staging it
- C. Besides a reading being staged by the author herself
- D. Excepting for a reading that the author herself staged
- E. With the exception of a reading with the staging done by the author herself

The best answer is A. In B, the participle *staging* inappropriately expresses ongoing rather than completed action, and the prepositional phrase containing this participle (*with...it*) is unidiomatic. Likewise, C uses the participle *being* inappropriately. In D,

the use of *Excepting* in place of the preposition *Except for* if unidiomatic. Choice E is awkward and wordy.

Base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

- A. adopt or that they show evidence of being already
- B. adopt or for showing evidence already of being
- C. adopt or they should show evidence of already being
- D. adopt or it should show its evidence of being already
- E. adopt or to show evidence of being already

The best answer is E. Choice E is the only one that maintains grammatical parallelism by using an infinitive, *to show*, to complete the construction *either to adopt... or.....* All of the other choices offer syntactic structures that are not parallel to the infinitive phrase *to adopt*.

Although the term “segue” has come into popular use in the last few years, especially in journalism, in musicology it is when one proceeds to what follows without pause.

- A. it is when one proceeds to
- B. it is proceeding to
- C. it is when one is proceeding to
- D. it refers to a direction to proceed to
- E. it is in reference to proceeding with

The best answer is D. In choice A, B and C, the pronoun *it* simultaneously refers forward to *when* or *proceeding* and backward to the term “segue”. As a result, the

sentence asserts illogically that the term is actually a time rather than a word referring to a musical direction.

No funds obtained through FDB proceedings should be utilized for the payment of payroll taxes, unless the funds obtained through these actions specifically includes an amount designated for the purpose, or unless the amounts far exceeds those that are necessary to fully satisfy all remedial requirements.

- A. far exceeds those that are necessary to fully satisfy
- B. exceeds by far those necessary to fully satisfy
- C. far exceeds those necessary to fully satisfy
- D. exceeds by far those necessary to the full satisfaction of
- E. far exceed those that are necessary to fully satisfy

The best answer is E. Only in choice E does the plural verb *exceed* agrees in number with its subject, *amounts*.

Faced with increased welfare spending, the government proposed a reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to support the Endangered Species Program and to expand the Wallaby Project.

- A. proposed a reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to support the Endangered Species Program and to expand
- B. proposed a reduction from the previous year in the amount allocated to support the Endangered Species Program and for expanding
- C. proposed to reduce the amount from the previous year allocated for the support of the Endangered Species Program and to expand
- D. has proposed a reduction from the previous year in the amount allocated for supporting the Endangered Species Program and to expand
- E. was proposing that the amount they allocate be reduced from the previous year for supporting the Endangered Species Program and for the expansion

The best answer is A. The construction *the amount allocated... to support... and to expand* is parallel, while the phrase *a reduction in the amount allocated the previous year* is both clear and concise.

As a result of modern DNA testing, many people that might at one time have been found guilty of crimes they did not commit, such as rape and murder, now walk out of the courtroom innocent individuals.

- A. that might at one time have been found as guilty
- B. who might once have been found guilty
- C. that at one time might have been found guilty
- D. who at one time might have been found to be guilty
- E. who, at one time, might then have been found guilty

The best answer is B. Choice B uses the preferred relative pronoun, *who*, to refer to *many people*. It observes formal and logical parallelism in the wording of the relative clause and the main clause: *once* and *now*; as well as, *guilty* and *innocent*.

Theologian Martin Luther changed his appearance so as to travel around Worms without being recognized.

- A. so as to travel
- B. and so could travel
- C. to travel
- D. so that he could travel
- E. in order that he would travel

The best answer is D. The sentence calls for an adverbial clause of purpose to explain why Martin Luther changed his appearance. Choice D does this clearly and correctly. It is introduced by an appropriate conjunction, *so that*, and contains a logically appropriate verb form, *could travel*.

Although Larson Pass is not often blocked, it is so difficult to navigate that is considered a serious safety hazard by the local mountaineers.

- A. it is so difficult to navigate that is considered a serious safety hazard
- B. it is of such difficulty to navigate that is seriously considered a safety hazard
- C. so difficult is it to navigate as to be considered a serious safety hazard
- D. such is its difficulty to navigate, it is considered a serious safety hazard
- E. there is so much difficulty in navigation that is considered a serious hazard in safety

The best answer is A. The pronoun *it* links the noun *Larson Pass* with its modifier *difficult*, and *so difficult that* idiomatically introduces a clause that provides a further explanation of *difficult*.

Unable to come up with a definitive diagnosis, one physician suggested that a rare African virus may have caused the low-grade fever, the difficulty swallowing, his body to shake violently, and the darkening of his fingernail beds.

- A. his body to shake violently
- B. the violent shaking of his body
- C. shake the body violently
- D. his body shaking violently
- E. a body that shook violently

The best answer is B. The work *shaking* must function as a noun to parallel the other items in the noun series of which it is part: *fever*, *difficulty*, and *darkening*.

Efforts made by York Laboratories to study how the atoms in metal crystals or other collections of tiny particles interact with one another, without having to move around individual atoms, has yielded interesting results and attracted the attention of several major research centers.

- A. has yielded interesting results and attracted the attention
- B. has yielded results of interest and has attracted the attention
- C. has yielded interesting results and have attracted the attention
- D. have yielded interesting results and attracted the attention
- E. have yielded results of interest and have attracted the attention

The best answer is D. In A, B and C, the singular auxiliary verb *has* does not agree with the plural subject of the sentence, *Efforts*. Choice E is wordy.

Never before had circus-goers confronted so much excitement at once as they had in 1871 when the Ringling brothers first opened their circus.

- A. so much excitement at once as they had in
- B. at once as much excitement as
- C. at once as much excitement that there were with
- D. as much excitement at once as they confronted in

E. so much excitement at once that confronted them in

The best answer is D. Choice D states grammatically and clearly that, with the opening in 1871, circus-goers confronted more simultaneous excitement than ever before.

Since it came to power in November, the Kashmir government, headed by Chief Minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, has followed a policy aimed at healing the physical, psychological and emotional wounds of the people, and easing the suffering of Kashmir's sick and homeless.

- A. aimed at healing the physical, psychological and emotional wounds of the people, and easing
- B. aimed at the healing of the physical, psychological and emotional wounds of the people, and to ease
- C. aiming at the healing the physical, psychological and emotional wounds of the people, and easing
- D. the aim of which is the healing of the physical, psychological and emotional wounds of the people, and easing
- E. with the aim to heal the physical, psychological and emotional wounds of the people, and to ease

The best answer is A. Choice A offers an adjective phrase unequivocally modifying *policy* and exhibiting grammatical parallelism (*healing, easing*).

After these symptoms began to affect the quality of her work, Ms. Greene repeatedly asked her employer to relieve her of the additional assignment, as she believed that to do it enables her to perform her regular job functions satisfactorily.

- A. that to do it enables
- B. doing it enables
- C. to do this would enable
- D. doing so would enable
- E. to do it would enable

The best answer is D. Choice D appropriately uses the adverb *so* to refer back to the verb *relieve*. The other choices inappropriately use pronouns (*it* or *this*) to refer back to the verb.

Sam Barr, and postdoctoral scholar, Greg Hill, are conducting experiments to see whether ozone can alter potassium channels in guard cells using an electrophysiological tool called patch clamping.

- A. to see whether ozone can alter potassium channels in guard cells using
- B. to see whether ozone can alter potassium channels in guard cells by the use of
- C. to see if ozone can alter potassium channels in guard cells with using
- D. that see that ozone is able to alter potassium channels in guard cells using
- E. that see whether ozone are able to alter potassium channels in guard cells using

The best answer is A. Choice B, which uses *by the use of*, is wordy. In choice C, *with using*, is unidiomatic. In D and E, *experiments that see* is imprecise, because it is the experimenters that do the seeing, not the experiments themselves.

The 2003 Earth Sciences Award recipient was Jacob Ells, whose contributions to our understanding of the earth were influential on the petroleum industry, and through his many years of teaching and academic administration was also an inspiration to generations of exploration geologists.

- A. were influential on the petroleum industry, and through his many years of teaching and academic administration was also an inspiration to generations
- B. influenced the petroleum industry, and through his many years of teaching and academic administration also inspired generations
- C. was influential to the petroleum industry; and through his many years of teaching and academic administration was also inspirational to generations
- D. was influential to the petroleum industry, and through his many years of teaching and academic administration also inspired generations
- E. were an influence on the petroleum industry, and through his many years of teaching and academic administration was also an inspiration for generations

The best answer is B. Choice B is idiomatic, clear and without agreement errors or redundancy. In A and E, the phrases *were influential on* and *were an influence on* are not idiomatic. Both C and D begin with the singular *was* which does not agree with *contributions*.

Testicular cancer is much more common among Caucasian men than afro-American, Hispanic, Asian and native American men, with 93% of testicular cancers occurring in white males.

- A. than afro-American, Hispanic, Asian and native American men, with
- B. than among afro-American, Hispanic, Asian and native American men, with

- C. than is so of afro-American, Hispanic, Asian and native American men, having
- D. compared to afro-American, Hispanic, Asian and native American men, having
- E. in comparison with afro-American, Hispanic, Asian and native American men, with

The best answer is B. Choice B correctly uses the idiomatic construction *more common among x than among y*.

Seven out of every ten school-age children years in Ghana suffer from anemia, the head of the nutrition unit of the Ghana Health Service has disclosed.

- A. Seven out of every ten school-age children in Ghana suffer from anemia, the head of the nutrition unit of the Ghana Health Service has disclosed.
- B. Out of every ten, seven children in the school age years in Ghana suffers from anemia, the head of the nutrition unit of the Ghana Health Service has disclosed.
- C. Anemia is suffered by seven out of every ten children in the school age years in Ghana, the head of the nutrition unit of the Ghana Health Service has disclosed.
- D. In Ghana, seven out of every ten school-age children suffers from anemia, the head of the nutrition unit of the Ghana Health Service has disclosed.
- E. Out of every ten children in the school age years in Ghana, seven suffer from anemia, disclosed the head of the nutrition unit of the Ghana Health Service.

The best answer is A. Choice A is concise, idiomatic and maintains subject-verb agreement between the noun phrase *seven out of every ten* and *suffer*.

NSD scholars testify frequently before congressional committees and provide expert reports to all branches of government, which are cited in the national media more often than any think tank.

- A. provide expert reports to all branches of government, which are cited in the national media more often than any think tank.
- B. provide expert reports to all government branches, which are cited in the national media more often than any other think tank
- C. provide expert reports to all branches of government, and are cited in the nation's media more often than are any think tank
- D. provide all branches of government with expert reports, which are cited in the national media more often than those of any other think tank
- E. provide all branches of government with expert reports, as well as cited in the national media more often as are those of any think tank

The best answer is D. Choice D correctly compares NSD scholars' reports to the reports of other think tanks.

Samuel Renton, the noted British economist, credited his high school history teacher with having had a profound influence on his work and his personal life.

- A. credited his high school history teacher with having had a profound influence
- B. credited his high school history teacher for his having a profound influence
- C. credited his high school history teacher to have had a profound influence
- D. credited his high school history teacher for having a profoundly strong influence
- E. gave credit his high school history teacher in that he had a profound influence

The best answer is A. In this sentence, where *credit(ed)* is used as a verb, the idiom in English is to *credit* something *with* having had some effect. Thus only choice A is idiomatic.

Singapore has become one of the world's most vibrant financial centers, in part that they have strategic location, and partly due to government policy.

- A. in part that they have strategic location,
- B. in part for its strategic location,
- C. partly because of their strategic location,
- D. partly because of their having a strategic location,
- E. partly because of its strategic location,

The best answer is E. Choice E best indicates the reason Singapore has become one of the world's most vibrant financial centers. It also correctly uses *partly* to set up a construction of *partly x and partly y*.

Melomel is a fermented drink popular in ancient Greece; it is basically a kind of mead to which has been added apple juice or grape.

- A. to which has been added apple juice or grape
- B. added to which is apple or grape juice
- C. to which apple or grape juice has been added
- D. with apple or grape juice having been added to it
- E. and, in addition, apple or grape juice are added

The best answer is C. The underlined section must modify the noun *mead* by noting addition. Choice C does this clearly, directly and correctly in the form of a relative clause.

From the beginning of the meeting until it recessed seven hours later, the board was sharply divided between those who wanted to accept the merger with those who opposed.

- A. between those who wanted to accept the merger with those who opposed
- B. between those who wanted to accept the merger and those who opposed
- C. between those wanting to accept the merger with those opposing
- D. among those who wanted to accept the merger with those who opposed
- E. between those wanting to accept the merger with those opposing

The best answer is B. Choice B correctly uses the construction *between x and y* to describe the conflict between two opposing groups.

The influence of El Nino in the late 1990s demonstrated that global weather conditions are linked more closely than never before and events in one part of the world have a direct influence on event in other parts of the world.

- A. linked more closely than never before and
- B. closely linked more than ever before so
- C. more closely linked as never before while
- D. more closely linked than ever before and that
- E. more than ever before closely linked as

The best answer is D. Choice D produces a clear sentence in which parallel structures (two clauses introduced by *that*) underscores meaning. The other choices lack this parallel construction and contain additional faults.

Over the years, Hudson Net has developed several websites that range from standard web presence sites and e-commerce sites.

- A. and e-commerce sites
- B. to e-commerce sites
- C. and to e-commerce sites
- D. with sites of e-commerce
- E. in addition to sites of e-commerce

The best answer is B. The construction *range from x* must be completed by *to y*, as in choice B.

In their meticulous search for the ideal person to replace the retiring administration assistant, they not only received a large number of applications from suitable candidates, but the high quality of applicants.

- A. not only received a large number of applications from suitable candidates, but the
- B. not only received a large number of applications from suitable candidates, but also the
- C. not only received a large number of applications from suitable candidates, but also the
- D. received not only a large number of applications from suitable candidates, but also a
- E. received a large number of applications from suitable candidates, and also the

The best answer is D. The words *not also* must come after the verb *received* to make clear that they *received not only x but also y*, and not that they *not only received x but also "y-ed" it*.

With a renewal rate of less than 65 percent and fewer new subscribers than last year, the Flash fashion journal is in danger of folding by the end of the next quarter.

- A. of less than 65 percent and fewer
- B. lower than 65 percent and less
- C. lesser than 65 percent and fewer
- D. fewer than 65 percent and less
- E. of fewer than 65 percent and fewer

The best answer is A. Choice A appropriately uses *less* to talk about percent and *fewer* to talk about the countable number of new subscribers.

According to ancient Egyptian belief, when mortals died, whether noble or common, they, first of all, joined Re on his nocturnal journey through the underworld; and secondarily, emerged immortal at dawn.

- A. secondarily, emerged immortal at dawn.
- B. secondly, emerged immortal at dawn.
- C. secondly, at dawn emerged as immortal.
- D. second, at dawn they emerged immortal.
- E. second, emerged immortal at dawn.

The best answer is E. Choice E follows *first of all* correctly with *second*, and maintains parallel construction.

The recessed economy may hurt some corporations, but it is potentially devastating for small businesses, whose capital – often representing a life’s savings – can disappear in a short period of time.

- A. it is potentially devastating for small businesses, whose
- B. it can potentially devastate small businesses, in that their
- C. for small businesses it is potentially devastating, because their
- D. for small businesses, it is potentially devastating, in that their
- E. they can potentially devastate small businesses, whose

The best answer is A. The pronoun *whose* clearly refers to *small businesses* and efficiently connects them with the idea of lost capital.

With only seven percent of the jobs, finance, insurance, and real estate comprise the largest sector of the today’s economy.

- A. With only seven percent of the jobs
- B. As only seven percent of jobs
- C. Being only seven percent of the jobs
- D. Despite having only seven percent of jobs
- E. Although accounting for only seven percent of the jobs

The best answer is E. The word or phrase that begins this sentence should establish the contrast between the percentage of jobs and how much of the economy the sector comprises. Choice D and E are the only ones that establish the contrast, and only E expresses meaning accurately with the phrase *Although accounting for*.

Willow's Lake was used by David Meadows as the setting for his solitary retreat from civilization before 1966, when it was bought by the Finchcrest Railroad, who established an excursion park on the shore and used the land as a private sanctuary.

- A. who established an excursion park on the shore and used the land as a
- B. who, establishing an excursion park on the shore, used the land like a
- C. who, when he established an excursion park on the shore, used the land like a
- D. who had established an excursion park on the shore, using the land to be
- E. establishing an excursion park on the shore and using the land as a

The best answer is A. Choice A correctly supplies the past tense verbs *established* and *used* to describe two actions performed in 1966; also, it idiomatically employs the phrase *used the land as*.

An interior decorator that specializes in color claims from a one-hour interview with her clients that he can determine which colors will create the best atmosphere for the inhabitants of the space.

- A. from a one-hour interview with her clients that he can determine
- B. from a one-hour interview with her clients he has the ability of determining
- C. the ability, from a one-hour interview with her clients, of determining
- D. to be able, from a one-hour interview with her clients, to determine
- E. being able to access, from a one-hour interview with her clients,

The best answer is D. Choice D correctly uses an infinitive to connect the verb *claims* with the decorator's assertion: *claims to be able... to access... .*

The committee stressed the urgency to find a method to reveal the radiation-induced mutations since corrective treatments can be found only after when such a method is developed.

- A. found only after when such a method is developed

- B. found only after when such a method is has been developed
- C. found only after such a method has been developed
- D. found only at the time after such a method is developed
- E. found only after their being such a method developed

The best answer is C. In choice A and B *after when* is unidiomatic. In D, the phrase *at the time after* is awkward. In E, the construction *after their being... is ungrammatical*.

Students generally feel that the atmosphere both inside and outside the classroom is quite positive, though overall reports of the climate outside the classroom are slightly more negative than the climate inside the classroom.

- A. than the climate inside of the classroom
- B. than those of the climate inside the classroom
- C. than is so of the climate inside the classroom
- D. than compared to the climate inside the classroom
- E. compared to those of the climate inside of the classroom

The best answer is B. Choice B correctly uses the construction *more negative than* to compare the climate inside and outside of the classroom.

Paranthropus Paranthropus are a group of hominids that existed at the same time as the Australopithecines and some other species of the Homo genus.

- A. that existed at the same time as the Australopithecines
- B. that had existed at the same time as had the Australopithecines
- C. that existed at the same time as had the Australopithecines
- D. existing at the same time as the Australopithecines
- E. existing at the same time as were the Australopithecines

The best answer is A. Choice A uses the simple past tense *existed* to describe species existing simultaneously in the past.

Unlike the Chester House Organization, where the work is carried out by a team of dedicated volunteers, a paid-employee approach is the foundation of the Safe-home Shelter.

- A. a paid-employee approach is the foundation of the Safe-home Shelter
- B. the foundation of the Safe-home Shelter is a paid-employee approach
- C. the approach of the Safe-home Shelter is based on paid-employees
- D. a paid-employee approach is the foundation of the Safe-home Shelter
- E. the Safe-home Shelter is founded on a paid-employee approach

The best answer is E. In this sentence, the noun of the main clause grammatically identifies what is being compared with the *Chester House Organization*; to be logical, the comparison must be made between comparable things. Only E compares the system of one organization with that of another.

As faculty pushed to change financial priorities, the administration, being worried over the mounting operating expenses caused by inflation, played a muted counterpoint on the financial issue.

- A. being worried over the mounting operating expenses inflation has been causing
- B. worrying over the mounting operating expenses caused by inflation
- C. worried about the mounting operating expenses caused by inflation
- D. in that they were worried over the mounting operating expenses caused by inflation
- E. because of their worry concerning the mounting operating expenses caused by inflation

The best answer is C. The phrasing of choice C is parallel and concise. A, D and E begin with unnecessarily wordy phrases. Choice C also uses *worried about* rather than *worried over* or *worrying over*.

Developed in the Silicon Valley, the engineers of the revolutionary Starlight program were three high-school dropouts, Sandy Wilson, Marc Lefevre and Chris Babcock, who would later break away to found his own company.

- A. Developed in the Silicon Valley, the engineers of the revolutionary Starlight program were three high-school dropouts, Sandy Wilson, Marc Lefevre and Chris Babcock, who would later break away to found his own company.

- B. Developed in the Silicon Valley by three high-school dropouts, Sandy Wilson, Marc Lefevre and Chris Babcock, who would later break away to found his own company, were the engineers of the revolutionary Starlight program.
- C. Developed in the Silicon Valley, the revolutionary Starlight program was created by three high-school dropouts, Sandy Wilson, Marc Lefevre and Chris Babcock, who would later break away to found his own company.
- D. The revolutionary Starlight program was created by three high-school dropouts, Sandy Wilson, Marc Lefevre and Chris Babcock, who would later break away to found his own company, and was developed in the Silicon Valley.
- E. The engineers being three high-school dropouts, Sandy Wilson, Marc Lefevre and Chris Babcock, who would later break away to found his own company, the revolutionary Starlight program was developed in the Silicon Valley.

The best answer is C. Choices A and B present dangling modifiers that illogically suggest that the engineers were developed in the Silicon Valley. Only in C is *developed in the Silicon Valley* followed immediately by *the revolutionary Starlight program*. Also, C makes it clear that the clause beginning *who* refers to Chris Babcock.

Although pleased with the success of the program, it was recommended by the board that the SDC take additional steps to add new subscribers and ensure that others will be able to remain on the network.

- A. it was recommended by the board that the SDC take additional steps to add new subscribers and ensure that others will be able to remain on the network
- B. the decision of the board was to take additional steps to add new subscribers and ensure that others will be able to remain on the network
- C. the board recommended that SDC take additional steps to add new subscribers and ensure that others will be able to remain on the network.
- D. new subscribers were added and others were ensured that they will be able to remain on the network.
- E. new subscribers had been added and others had been ensured that they will be able to remain on the network.

The best answer is C. Grammatically, the participle beginning *Although pleased...* must modify the subject of the main clause. Because it is the board who was displeased, choice C, in which *the board* appears as the subject, is the best answer.

In statistics the term validity' denotes the extent to which an instrument is measuring what it is supposed to measure.

- A. to which an instrument is measuring that which it is supposed to measure
- B. to which an instrument measures what it is supposed to measure
- C. that an instrument is measuring what it is supposed to measure
- D. of instrument measuring what it is supposed to measure
- E. of the measuring of an instrument is what it is supposed to measure

The best answer is B. Choice B is best because *to which* is idiomatic. Choice A is unnecessarily wordy.

Jacqueline Kennedy, the wife of John F. Kennedy who was blessed with an unquenchable sense of adventure, inspired collectors and preservationists with her passion for art and history and she encouraged writers with her wild imagination quiet grace and unwavering strength.

- A. she encouraged writers with her wild imagination, quiet grace and unwavering strength
- B. encouraged writers with the wildness of her imagination, quiet grace and unwavering strength
- C. encouraging writers with her wild imagination, quiet grace and unwavering strength
- D. encouraged writers with her wild imagination, quiet grace and unwavering strength
- E. encouraging of writers with her wild imagination, quiet grace and unwavering strength

The best answer is D. Choice D correctly uses *encouraged writers...* to parallel *inspired collectors...* Choice D is also idiomatic and concise.

The ancient Romans piped hot water through the walls and under the floors so as to warm up the rooms.

- A. so as to warm up the rooms
- B. and so would be able to warm up the rooms

- C. to warm the rooms up
- D. so that they could warm up the rooms
- E. in order that they would warm up the rooms

The best answer is D. The sentence calls for an adverbial clause of purpose to explain why the Romans piped hot water through the walls and under the floors. Choice D does this clearly and correctly. It is introduced by an appropriate conjunction, *so that*.

A ballad by Simon Taylor, written in the same year as *The Golden Sun* were recorded, shows that Taylor was a more diverse musician than is commonly believed.

- A. A ballad by Simon Taylor, written in the same year as *The Golden Sun* were recorded
- B. A ballad by Simon Taylor, written in the same year of recording as *The Golden Sun*
- C. A ballad by Simon Taylor, written in the same year that *The Golden Sun* was recorded
- D. Simon Taylor wrote a ballad in the same year as he recorded *The Golden Sun* that
- E. Simon Taylor wrote a ballad in the same year of recording as *The Golden Sun* that

The best answer is C. In this sentence, the relative pronoun *that* should introduce the clause *The Golden Sun.. recorded* to make a relative clause modifying *year*. Also, the singular title of the song demands a singular verb: *was*.

From the 17th century to the 19th century literacy rates all over western Europe increased at a relatively constant rate.

- A. From the 17th century to the 19th century literacy rates all over western Europe increased at a relatively constant rate
- B. There was a relatively constant rate of increase from the 17th century to the 19th century of literacy rates all over western Europe
- C. Literacy rates all over western Europe increased at a relatively constant rate from the 17th century to the 19th century
- D. At a relatively constant rate from the 17th century to the 19th century literacy rates increased all over western Europe
- E. From the 17th century to the 19th century was an increase in literacy rates all over western Europe at a relatively constant rate

The best answer is A. Choice A conveys the relevant information clearly and directly. Because the focus of interest is the *increase in literacy*, that should be the subject of the sentence.

The country in which the antique music box was fashioned has been determined by Walter Essex, but what is much more difficult to determine are the company that produced it.

- A. has been determined by Walter Essex, but what is much more difficult to determine are
- B. has been determined by Walter Essex, but what is much more difficult to determine is
- C. have been determined by Walter Essex, but what is much more difficult to determine is
- D. have been determined by Walter Essex, but what is much more difficult to determine are
- E. has been determined by Walter Essex, but that which is much more difficult to determine are

The best answer is B. Two instances of subject-verb agreement must be observed in this sentence: *The country...**has** been determined and what is much more difficult to determine **is**.*

Although the word 'utility' has other uses, in economics it is the measure of satisfaction received from consuming a good or service.

- A. in economics it is the measure of satisfaction received from consuming a good or service
- B. in economics it is the measurement of satisfaction received from consuming a good or service
- C. in economics it is referring to the measure of satisfaction received from consuming a good or service
- D. in economics it refers to the measure of satisfaction received from consuming a good or service
- E. in economics it refers to the measure of satisfaction received from the consuming of a good or of a service

The best answer is D. The answer must use the verb *refer* so that the sentence does not illogically assert that the term itself is a measure of satisfaction. Choice E is unnecessarily wordy.

With the help of new technologies, Chile's production is so efficient that one hectare of land produces double the grapes that a similar piece of land in France does.

- A. double the grapes that a similar piece of land in France does
- B. twice as many grapes as a similar piece of land in France does
- C. as much as twice the grapes that a similar piece of French land does
- D. two times as many grapes as there were a similar piece of land in France does
- E. a doubling of the grapes that a similar piece of French land does

The best answer is B. Choice B correctly uses the adverbial phrase *twice as many...* to modify the verb *produces*.

New leaks caused by the torrential rain have damaged the historic Henson House, significantly compounding the effects of neglect, which already are a cost to the restoration fund of more than \$70,000.

- A. significantly compounding the effects of neglect, which already are a cost to the restoration fund of
- B. significantly compounding the effects of neglect, which already cost the restoration fund
- C. significantly compounding the effects of neglect, already the restoration fund costs of
- D. significant in compounding the effects of neglect, and already costing to the restoration fund of
- E. significant in compounding the effects of neglect, and already costs the restoration fund of

The best answer is B. Choice B uses clear and concise phrasing to state that it is the effects of neglect that already cost the restoration fund the sum mentioned.

Never in the history of the company had board members approved of so many dismissals at once as they had in the massive sweep of last April.

- A. so many dismissals at once as they had in
- B. at once so many dismissals as
- C. at once so many dismissals that there were with
- D. as many dismissals at once as they did in
- E. so many dismissals at once that they did in

The best answer is D. Choice D states grammatically and clearly that, with the sweep of last April, board members confronted more simultaneous change than ever before.

Recurring segment profit for the fourth quarter of 2001 is estimated at \$169.9 million versus \$547 million for the same period last year.

- A. at \$169.9 million versus \$547 million for the same period last year
- B. as being \$169.9 million versus \$547 million for the same period last year
- C. that it is \$169.9 million versus \$547 million for the same period of the last year
- D. to be \$169.9 million versus \$547 million for the same period last year
- E. as \$169.9 million versus \$547 million for the same period of the last year

The best answer is D. Choice D correctly follows *estimated* with *to be*. The other choices are unidiomatic.

Of all the football divisions, the outcome in the NFC North is maybe the easiest to predict.

- A. is maybe the easiest to predict
- B. is probably the easiest to predict
- C. is maybe the easiest for predicting
- D. is probably the easier to predict
- E. is, it may be, the one that is easier to predict

The best answer is B. The sentence compares one thing to all other things in its class – that is, to all the outcomes in all the football divisions. Therefore, the sentence requires the superlative form of the adjective: *easiest*.

Unlike a typical biopsy, which requires an overnight hospital stay, a colonoscopy patient is not required to stay overnight.

- A. a colonoscopy patient is not required to stay
- B. with a colonoscopy there is no requirement that the patient stay
- C. colonoscopy patients are not required to stay
- D. for the colonoscopy patient there is no requirement of
- E. a colonoscopy does not require the patient to stay

The best answer is E. Choice E correctly uses a parallel construction to draw a logical comparison: *Unlike a typical biopsy... a colonoscopy...*

Perhaps no one alive has known more jazz masters than Bert A. Waters who traveled with them, documented their personal lives and taking priceless photographs of them at work and rest.

- A. taking priceless photographs of them
- B. priceless photographs of them were taken
- C. took priceless photographs of them
- D. took of them priceless photographs
- E. was taking priceless photographs of them

The best answer is C. The third verb phrase in the series describing Bert Waters should have the same grammatical form as the first two, *traveled...documented...took*. Choice D incorrectly places the indirect object, *of them*, before the direct object, *priceless photographs*.

Studies indicate that even after twenty years, young men and women are reaping the benefits of the effects of breastfeeding received when an infant.

- A. received when an infant
- B. received when infants
- C. that was received when an infant
- D. that was received when they were infants
- E. that had been received as each was an infant

The best answer is D. Choice C correctly uses the relative clause *that was received* to modify *breastfeeding* and included a pronoun and verb *they were* that refer unambiguously to their antecedents.

A sudden improvement in the weather has been a boon to farmers in the south; so plentiful has the rain been for growing crops that farmers on the verge of bankruptcy have been able to save their farms.

- A. so plentiful has the rain been for growing crops that
- B. rain has been so plentiful for growing crops, so that
- C. the amount of rain for growing crops has been such that
- D. such has the rain been plentiful for growing crops that
- E. such has been plentiful the rain for growing crops that

The best answer is A. The construction *so plentiful has the rain been...that correctly and clearly expresses the relationship between the abundance and the investors' response.*

For members of the Samori tribe, ebony amulets were essential religious symbols, a method to protect family members against enemy curses.

- A. a method to protect
- B. as a method protecting
- C. protecting
- D. as a protection of
- E. to protect

The best answer is C. is best because the participle *protecting* begins a phrase that explains what the amulets did.

A recent article reports that many professors had elected early retirement rather than deal with the new rules in place at Hambleton College.

- A. had elected early retirement rather than deal
- B. had elected early retirement instead of dealing
- C. have elected retiring early rather than dealing
- D. have elected to retire early rather than dealing
- E. have elected to retire early rather than deal

The best answer is E. Because the sentence describes a situation that continues into the present, choice A and B are incorrect in using the past perfect *had elected*, which denotes an action completed at a specific time in the past. Also, *x rather than y* is the appropriate form.

At the last charity drive only 68 percent of the pledges were paid up to the Heartbeats Federation; at least as much as one hundred and more others had not made any payment whatsoever.

- A. at least as much as one hundred and more others had not made any
- B. at least as much as more than one hundred others made no
- C. more than one hundred others had not made any

- D. more than one hundred others made no
- E. there was at least one hundred or more others without any

The best answer is D. Choice D is idiomatic, clear and concise. Both A and B incorrectly use *much* rather than *many* to describe the countable noun *others*.

In a seven to four vote last week, Crane County officials decided to raise property taxes when it might have been expected for it to be lowered.

- A. it might have been expected for it to be reduced
- B. they might have been expected to have reduced them
- C. they might have been expected that it should be reduced
- D. its reducing might have been expected
- E. there might have been an expectation for them to be reduced

The best answer is B. In English, *x [is] expected to y* is idiomatic usage: *expected for it to* in choice A and *expected that it should* in choice C are thus unidiomatic.

While some banks have trained its employees to do various tasks, most banks still prefer to have different clerks take on different duties such as dealing with foreign currency accounts, working with the public and to process checks written by clients.

- A. working with the public and to process checks written by clients
- B. working with the public and processing checks written by clients
- C. to work with the public and process checks written by clients
- D. to work with the public and to process checks written by clients
- E. to work with the public processing checks written by clients

The best answer is B. Because the verb phrases used to describe the clerks' duties are governed by the phrase *different duties such as*, they should each be expressed in the present participial (-ing) form to parallel: *dealing*.

In addition to having more investors than DSN, the investors in Netflix are more financially sound than that in DSN, with more of them having scientific backgrounds.

- A. the investors in Netflix are more financially sound than that in
- B. Netflix has investors which are more financially sound than that in
- C. the investors in Netflix are more financially sound than they are in
- D. Netflix investors are more sound financially than they are in

E. Netflix has investors who are more financially sound than those in

The best answer is E. In this sentence, the initial clause modifies the nearest noun, identifying it as the thing being compared with *DSN*. By making *the investors* the noun modified, choices A and C illogically compare *DSN* with *investors*. Choice E correctly uses the pronoun *those* to refer back to *DSN investors*.

Dr. Wilson's research has shown that the more business students work together and exchange ideas, their advantage is greater in the workplace in skills involved in cooperation.

- A. their advantage is greater in the workplace in skills involved in cooperation
- B. their advantage is the greater in the workplace in skills involving cooperation
- C. the greater their advantage in the workplace in skills involving cooperation
- D. in skills involved in cooperation, their advantage is greater in the workplace
- E. in skills involved in cooperation, their greater advantage in the workplace is theirs

The best answer is C. The phrase *the more business students work together and exchange ideas* should be completed by a parallel phrase that begins with a comparative adjective and a noun phrase, as in *the greater their advantage....*

Islands in the Stream 2002: Exploring Underwater Oases" consisted of four scientific investigations to study the continental shelf break and slope from

Scientist exploring the eastern coast of Florida to North Carolina, an area known as the South Atlantic Bight, have come across a sponge, one that they believe is a type previously unknown to science.

- A. that they believe is
- B. that they believe it to be
- C. they believe that it is of
- D. they believe that is
- E. they believe to be of

The best answer is E. The pronoun *that* in A and B should be deleted, since the pronoun *one* is sufficient to introduce the modifier and the sentence is more fluid

without it. In B and C *it* and *that* are intrusive and ungrammatical. Additionally, A, B and D lack *of*.

Each of Johnson's children -- Cedric, Ethan and Selena -- were weak and ineffectual, very different from the great man himself.

- A. Each of Johnson's children -- Cedric, Ethan and Selena -- were weak and ineffectual
- B. Cedric, Ethan and Selena -- each of them Johnson's children -- were weak and ineffectual
- C. Johnson's children -- Cedric, Ethan and Selena -- were all weak and ineffectual
- D. Weak and ineffectual children -- Cedric, Ethan and Selena -- each a child of Johnson's, was
- E. Weak and ineffectual children -- Cedric, Ethan and Selena -- every one of Johnson's children were

The best answer is C. Each choice but C contains errors of agreement. Choice C correctly links *children* with *were*, eliminates the unnecessary pronouns, and provides a clearer structure.

Of all the mentally ill patients hospitalized in the Raymond Institute, the mind of the psychopathic patient is maybe the more difficult for analysis.

- A. is maybe the more difficult for analysis
- B. is probably the most difficult to analyze
- C. is maybe the most difficult for analysis
- D. is probably the more difficult to analyze
- E. is, it may be, the analysis that is most difficult

The best answer is B. The sentence compares one thing, *the mind of the psychopath*, to all other things in its class, namely *all the mentally ill patients hospitalized in the Raymond Institute*, therefore, the sentence requires the superlative form: *most difficult*.

In the spring elections, Judy Aronson, the democratic candidate received 758,000 votes and it was the greatest number of votes ever received by a democrat in a local election.

- A. the democratic candidate received 758,000 votes and it was
- B. the democratic candidate, who received 758,000 votes and it was

- C. the democratic candidate, received 758,000 votes,
- D. the democratic candidate has received 758,000 votes being
- E. the democratic candidate, received 758,000 votes, and was

The best answer is C. A comma is needed after *candidate*. Choice B and E produce the illogical statement that the candidate *was the greatest number of votes*. Choice C avoids this problem by using a noun phrase in which *number of votes* clearly refers to 758,000.

Military security personnel officers, being worried over leaks of military information through internet use, have decided to look beyond the solutions currently in use.

- A. being worried over leaks of military information through internet use
- B. worrying over leaks of military information through internet use
- C. worried about leaks of military information through internet use
- D. in that they were worried over leaks of military information through the use of the internet
- E. because of its worry concerning leaks of military information through the use of the internet

The best answer is C. Choice C uses the idiomatic expression *worried about*.

Dr. Cunningham believed that the CFS treatment would appear the same to someone receiving a placebo as a person receiving an actual course of treatment.

- A. placebo as a
- B. placebo as to a
- C. placebo; just as it would to a
- D. placebo; as it would to the
- E. placebo; just as to the

The best answer is B. Choice B uses the idiomatic and grammatically parallel form *the same to X as to Y*.

Dr. Russel's hypothesis of the teeth belonging to an extinct animal was verified by comparing the findings with large teeth and bone specimens at the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in England.

- A. of the teeth belonging to an extinct animal was verified by comparing the findings with large teeth and bone specimens at the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in England
- B. of the teeth belonging to an extinct animal was verified through a comparison with findings with large teeth and bone specimens at England's Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.
- C. that the teeth they found belonged to an extinct animal was verified by comparing the findings with large teeth and bone specimens at the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in England
- D. which was that the teeth belonged to an extinct animal, was verified by comparing the findings with large teeth and bone specimens at England's Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.
- E. which was verified by comparing the findings with large teeth and bone specimens at the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in England, was that the teeth belonged to an extinct animal

The best answer is C. Choice A and B are faulty because a relative clause beginning with *that* is needed to state Dr. Russel's hypothesis. D and E are awkward and wordy, and both use *which* where *that* would be the preferred pronoun for introducing a clause that states Dr. Russel's hypothesis.

The tennis committee has finally decided that grass will be the chosen surface for the final competition, like that when Australia lost to France two years ago.

- A. like that when Australia lost
- B. as that for Australia's loss
- C. just as when Australia lost
- D. as it has been the time that Australia lost
- E. as it was when Australia lost

The best answer is E. The intended comparison should be completed by a clause beginning with *as* and containing a subject and verb that corresponds to the subject and verb of the main clause.

Although he dealt with a number of similar cases while being a lawyer, Judge Gutterman had yet to preside over an embezzlement case, certainly not one as complex as the case at hand.

- A. while being a lawyer
- B. while in law
- C. at the time of his being a lawyer
- D. as being in law
- E. as a lawyer

The best answer is E. Choice A, B and D are unidiomatic and choice C is awkward and wordy. Choice E, idiomatic and precise, is the best answer.

Child psychologists believe that as a child grows, their range of emotions and the way they expresses those emotions mature as well.

- A. believe that as a child grows, their
- B. believe that as children grow, their
- C. hold the belief that when a child grows, his or her
- D. hold the belief that when children grow, their
- E. believing that as a child grows, his

The best answer is B. In choice A, the plural pronoun *their* does not agree in number with the singular noun *child*. *When*, in C and D, is less precise than *as* in characterizing a prolonged and gradual process such as growing. The verb, *believing*, is used incorrectly in choice E.

Though not all the economists are in agreement, the valuation of the July contracts seems like it is indicative that it may be a good time sell the maturity.

- A. like it is indicative that
- B. as if to indicate
- C. to indicate that
- D. indicative of
- E. like an indication of

The best answer is C. Choice C offers a concise and idiomatic grammatical sequence: the verb *seem* is followed by an infinitive (*to indicate*), which is in turn followed by its direct object, a noun clause introduced by the relative pronoun *that*.

Reporting that one of its many advisors had been detained by police, the organization expressed its support and reaffirmed its belief that the advisor would soon be released.

- A. its many advisors had been detained by police
- B. its many advisors has been detained by police
- C. its many advisors is the recently police-detained
- D. their many advisors is detained by police
- E. their many advisors had been detained by police

The best answer is A. The singular pronoun *its* agrees in number with the singular noun referent *organization*; the past perfect verb form *had been* is used appropriately to refer to action completed prior to the action of the simple past tense *expressed*.

Visitors to Toronto have often gone to the top of the CN tower, the world's tallest freestanding structure, and see the entire city beneath them.

- A. and saw the entire city beneath them
- B. and saw all of the entire city beneath them
- C. and saw beneath them the entire city
- D. and seen beneath them the entire city
- E. and seen the entire city beneath them

The best answer is E. Choice A, B, and C use *have...saw* where *have...seen* is required. Choice D incorrectly places *beneath them* between the verb and direct object.