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QUESTION NO: 1

Some of the perpetrators even foulmouth the voters and asked them to leave.

- A. even foulmouth the voters and asked them to leave.
- B. even foulmouthed the voters and asked them to leave.
- C. even foul mouth the voters and asked them to leave.
- D. even will foulmouth the voters and asked them to leave.
- E. even may be foulmouthed the voters and asked them to leave.

ANSWER: B**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error in the verb-time agreement. There cannot be two different tense pattern used in a single sentence. Option B only has verbs in same tense, being used in the sentence {foulmouthed the voters and asked} whereas other options have different tenses (foulmouth/ will foulmouth/ may be foulmouthed) in a single sentence; hence, option B is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 2

The management should identify the factors that motivated employees to come for work and help them in achieving their goals.

- A. that motivated employees to come for
 - B. that motivating employees to come for
 - C. that motivate employees to come for
- the other options are all using inappropriate forms of the verb (motivated - past tense/ motivating - gerund/ to motivate - infinitive verb/ will motivate - future tense). Option C is the correct answer.
- D. that to motivate employees to come for
 - E. that will motivate employees to come for

ANSWER: C**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error in the use of subject-verb agreement. The sentence starts with a tone of command and one of the subordinate verb (help) appears in the present tense so the preceding verb must also needs to be in the same tense (motivate) as it is in the option

C. the other options are all using inappropriate forms of the verb (motivated - past tense/ motivating - gerund/ to motivate - infinitive verb/ will motivate - future tense). Option C is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 3

Chandi's unhappy life ends on the rail tracks on which a local gang has placed huge tree trunks, to derail the train carry money from the government treasury.

- A. to derail the train carry money from the government treasury
- B. to derail the train to carry money from the government treasury
- C. to derail the train carries money from the government treasury
- D. to derail the train carrying money from the government treasury
- E. to derail the train carried money from the government treasury

ANSWER: D**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error by using a verb form in the place of gerund to refer a continuous action. Option A uses a present verb (carry). Option B uses an infinitive form (to carry). Option C uses a verb form of present tense third person singular (carries). Option E uses a past tense verb (carried). Option D uses a gerund (carrying) that is appropriate to refer to a continuous action; hence option D is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 4

Work calmly with complete clarity devoid of negative outbursts seem like an enviable W ideal.

- A. Work calmly with complete clarity devoid of negative
- B. Working calmly with complete clarity devoid of negative
- C. Worked calmly with complete clarity devoid of negative
- D. Works calmly with complete clarity devoid of negative
- E. To work calmly with complete clarity devoid of negative

ANSWER: E**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error by using a noun in the place of an infinitive verb, which will be appropriate when replaced. Option A uses a noun (work) form in the place of infinitive verb (to work). Option B uses a gerund (working), option C uses a past

tense of the verb (worked), and option D uses a present tense singular form of the verb (works) that are inappropriate. Option E

uses an infinitive form of the verb (to work), which is suitable to the context, option E is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 5

Allaying anger, controlling irritation and combating explosive behavior are imperative, at the work place especially.

- A. at the work place especially
- B. at the especially work place
- C. especially at the work place
- D. at especially the work place
- E. at the work place especially

ANSWER: C**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error in the place of modifier (especially). Options A and E are placing the adverb at the end (work place especially) so the adverb lacks its effect. Options B (at the especially work place) and D (at especially the work place) have placed in an inappropriate place. Option C has places it at the beginning of the sentence (especially at the work place) that is a very suitable place and so that it modifies the noun effectively; hence option C is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 6

One and half million barrels of oil flows every day through the pipeline, which stretches across 1,263 km of harsh terrain

- A. One and half million barrels of oil flows every
- B. One and an half million barrels of oil flows every
- C. One and the half million barrels of oil flows every
- D. One and a half million barrels of oil flows every
- E. One half million barrels of oil flows every

ANSWER: D**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error by lacking an article before a quantitative adjective (one and half). There are two halves in one so an indefinite article must take place before the word 'half'. Option A has no article in it. Option B uses an indefinite article (an) that is used before a word that starts with vowel sound. Option C uses the definite article (the). Option E uses an incorrect

form of adjective (One half). Option D uses the correct article that is used before the word (One and a half) that starts with a consonant sound as 'half; hence, it the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 7

Rewards and punishments are like two sides of the same coin. He must be ready to accept both.

- A. He must be ready to accept both.
- B. She must be ready to accept both.
- C. They must be ready to accept both.
- D. One must be ready to accept both.
- E. It must be ready to accept both.

ANSWER: D**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error in the use of the pronoun (he), which is more particular in a general statement. When something is generally stated it is better to use a general pronoun (one) like in the option D (One must be ready to accept both). Whereas other options use particular pronouns that denotes persons (he/ she/they/it). Option D is more appropriate to the context than other options so it is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 8

In the corporate scenario, this opinion of yours can have far-reaching benefits I provided it is expressed amiable and convincingly.

- A. provided it is expressed amiable and convincingly.
- B. provided it is expressed amiably and convincing.
- C. provided it is expressed amiably and convince.
- D. provided it is expressed amiably and convincingly.
- E. provided it is expressed amiablitively and convincingly.

ANSWER: D**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error by using a form of adjective (amiable) in the place of adverb (amiably). Options A (amiable and convincingly) and B (amiably and convincing) use an adjective form in either of the adverbs. Option C uses a verb form (convince) in the place of an adverb. Option E

uses an adverb form (amiably) that does not exist, option D uses both words in adverb form (amiably and convincingly) that is appropriate. Option D is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 9

When an European wanted to dance in the moon the American said he will try reach further planets.

- A. When an European wanted to dance in the moon the American said
- B. When a European wanted to dance in the moon the American said
- C. When an European wanted to dance in the moon a American said
- D. When a European wanted to dance in the moon an American said
- E. When the European wanted to dance in the moon a American said

ANSWER: D**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error in the use of inappropriate articles. The both nouns are not definite but indefinite persons so an indefinite article must be used. The proper noun 'European' starts with a consonant sound so the article 'a' must be placed before it and the noun 'American' starts with a vowel sound so it needs the article 'an' to be placed before it as it is put in the option D {a European wanted to dance in the moon an American) which is appropriate. Whereas other options use inappropriate articles in either of their places. Option D is the correct answer.

QUESTION NO: 10

Anger is often inevitable, yet what we deal with it can determine if it could result in disaster or yield a calm even positive outcome.

- A. yet what we deal with it can determine if it could
- B. yet who we deal with it can determine if it could
- C. yet how we deal with it can determine if it could
- D. yet which we deal with it can determine if it could
- E. yet that we deal with it can determine if it could

ANSWER: C**Explanation:**

This sentence has an error by using an inappropriate interrogative conjunction (what). This sentence needs a conjunction that refers to the means of dealing with the object (how). Option A uses a conjunction (what) that refers to the problem. Option B uses a conjunction (that) that refers to the person. Option D uses a conjunction (which) that refers to the problem.

Option E does not use an interrogative conjunction (that). Option C uses an appropriate conjunction (how) that refers the means reaching out to the object; hence, option C is the correct answer.

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