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QUESTION 1

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

"I didn't hear you." she exclaimed.

- A. No error
- B. hear you!" she
- C. hear you," she
- D. hear you:" she
- E. hear you." She

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A comma is necessary if an attribution is going to be made.

QUESTION 2

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

Firefighters and police officers risk their lives often by stepping into the way of danger physically; therefore, professionals such as doctors and lawyers have an equally significant impact on individuals' lives medically and legally. Therefore, but nevertheless as a result and Firefighters and police officers risk their lives often by stepping into the way of danger physically; therefore, professionals such as doctors and lawyers have an equally significant impact on individuals' lives medically and legally.

- A. therefore
- B. but
- C. nevertheless
- D. as a result
- E. and

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The first clause (everything before the semi colon) definitely does not cause what is explained in the second clause (everything after the semi colon), so "therefore" is an inappropriate transition. This sentence is presenting contrasting professions (firefighter/police officer and doctor/lawyer) since two are viewed as blue-collar (working class) and the others are white-collar (professional); therefore, a contrasting conjunction is needed. Choice "therefore", choice "as a result" and choice "and" do not present contrasting conjunctions. In this sentence "but" is not your best option for a conjunction. A semi-colon is used, so the three simple conjunctions (and/but/yet/etc.) are not as appropriate as the complex conjunctions (therefore/however/nevertheless/etc.). If just a comma was used, then "but" would have been appropriate (i.e. "...into the way of danger physically, but professionals such as doctors..."). So now it's down to "nevertheless." Choice "nevertheless" is the best answer.



QUESTION 3

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

The argument between Paarin and me about the dent in his car continued until the early morning.

- A. between Paarin and me about the dent in his car continued
- B. between Paarin and I about the dent in his car continued
- C. about the dent in his car continued for Paarin and I
- D. on the dent in his car between Paarin and me continued
- E. between Paarin and I on the dent in his car continued

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: "between Paarin and I about the dent in his car continued", "about the dent in his car continued for Paarin and I", and "between Paarin and I on the dent in his car continued" all have pronoun case errors: when the pronoun is the object of a preposition like "between," you need to use the objective case. "on the dent in his car between Paarin and me continued" is awkward, especially in its misused idiom: "argument on."

QUESTION 4

Identify the error in the following sentence:

It is ineffective for high school administration to make policy without even asking for student input; banning flip flops and enforcing strict dress codes has merit but there must be a happy medium in school policy.

- A. ineffective
- B. administration
- C. student
- D. has
- E. No error

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: This sentence is correct as written.

QUESTION 5

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

Even though I have seen the movie countless times, I still laughed when the sheriff throws his mug.



- A. laughed when the sheriff throws his mug.
- B. laugh when the sheriff throws his mug.
- C. laugh when the sheriff threw his mug.
- D. laughed whenever the sheriff throws his mug.
- E. laugh when the sheriff will throw his mug.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: "laughed when the sheriff throws his mug", "laugh when the sheriff threw his mug", "laughed whenever the sheriff throws his mug", and "laugh when the sheriff will throw his mug" all have verb tense mismatches.

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