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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.

Lockers in schools are often dilapidated, making student's valuables susceptible to theft.

- A. making student's valuables susceptible to theft
- B. which makes student's valuables susceptible to theft
- C. that makes student's valuables susceptible to theft

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 2

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

Natural disasters have been increasingly effecting nearly every part of the world in the past decade with catastrophic tornadoes, hurricanes and tsunamis.

- A. have been increasingly effecting
- B. has been increasingly effecting
- C. have been increasingly affecting
- D. will be increasingly effecting
- E. will be increasingly affecting

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The only problem with the underlined portion of this sentence is the use of the word "effecting" instead of "affecting." When an object/s undergoes changes, these changes are effects such as in the following sentence: John's excellent attendance at school has had positive effects on his education. However, in the verb form, "effects" turns into "affects" such as in the following sentence: John's excellent attendance has affected his education. Noun (effect) vs. verb (affect). Only choice "have been increasingly affecting" and choice "will be increasingly affecting" properly used "affecting" but choice "will be increasingly affecting" uses the future tense when the sentence clearly describes an occurrence of the past ("...in the past decade...").

QUESTION 3

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Even though I worked all day to clean the house and leave it in immaculate condition, my mother was not satisfied about the job that I completed diligently.

- A. leave



B. immaculate

C. about

D. diligently

E. No error

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The proper idiom is "to be satisfied with" and not "to be satisfied about." Knowing this proper idiom, one can see why choice "about" is erroneous. It is okay to say, "leave it..." because it is in the same infinitive form as "to clean" so pick choice "about".

QUESTION 4

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

Most of my favorite movies contain slapstick humor, however physical comedy is not the only way to make me laugh.

A. slapstick humor, however physical comedy is not

B. slapstick humor, but physical comedy is not

C. slapstick humor, and physical comedy is not

D. slapstick humor; physical comedy is not

E. slapstick humor, but it is not physical comedy that is

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: "slapstick humor, however physical comedy is not" is a run-on: "however" is NOT a conjunction. "slapstick humor, and physical comedy is not" and "slapstick humor; physical comedy is not" are missing contrast. "slapstick humor, but it is not physical comedy that is" is not at all concise.

QUESTION 5

Identify the error in the following sentence:

Because Juan had never been stung before, he had no way to foresee the life-threatening effect the bee sting would have on him.

A. had never been stung

B. he

C. effect

D. him

E. No error



Correct Answer: E

Explanation: The correct answer is "No error" because there is no error in this sentence. One commonly misused word found in this example is "effect," which is often confused with "affect." In general, "effect" is a noun and "affect" is a verb. In this sentence "effect" is used correctly as a noun: it is the thing that happened to Juan after he was stung by the bee.

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