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QUESTION 1

Identify the error in the following sentence: "You know how I feel" he said quietly.

- A. "You
- B. feel"
- C. he said
- D. quietly.
- E. No error
- Correct Answer: B

Explanation: There should be a comma after the word feel but before the quotation marks.

QUESTION 2

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

Who knows who will be the winner?

- A. No error
- B. Whom knows who
- C. Who knew whom
- D. Who knows whom
- E. Whom knows whom
- Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Since in both cases who is being used as the subject of a clause, this form is correct.

QUESTION 3

Identify the error in the following sentence:

After the brilliant team that developed the atomic bomb for the United States government finished testing and realized the apocalyptic consequences of use, each member of the team felt remorseful and adamant urged the government to reach peace.

A. that

B. apocalyptic



- C. use
- D. adamant
- E. No error
- Correct Answer: D

Explanation: This sentence tests your knowledge of adverbs. Adverbs alter and describe the meaning of a verb, hence the name adverb as it represents an "adjective" for a "verb." Adverbs are most easily recognized by an "-ly" at the end such as "quickly," "shrewdly" and "nicely." In this sentence because the scientists "urged" against use of the atomic bomb, the adjective "adamant" must be modified to an adverb and be "adamantly."

QUESTION 4

Identify the error in the following sentence:

The day after the dance: he called her up at her parents\\' house and asked her to dinner.

A. dance:

- B. he called her
- C. parents\\'
- D. to dinner.
- E. No error
- Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A comma should be used rather than a semi-colon.

QUESTION 5

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

There are many reasons to see I Heart Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance being one reason.

- A. Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance being one reason.
- B. Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance is only one of them.
- C. Huckabees; Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance, for one.
- D. Huckabees, the performance of Jason Schwartzman is one of them.
- E. Huckabees, including Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance.

Correct Answer: E



Explanation: "Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance being one reason" has "being" and is redundant to boot. "Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance is only one of them" and "Huckabees, the performance of Jason Schwartzman is one of them" are run-ons. "Huckabees; Jason Schwartzman\\'s performance, for one" is semicolon misuse: the semicolon is not followed by an independent clause.

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