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## Question: 1

Among these choices, which demonstrates pronoun-antecedent and subject-verb agreement?

- A. The one who should apologize is he, not she.
- B. The person responsible for this task are you.
- C. The people who have to do the job are them.
- D. When asked who did it, Sylvia said it was her.

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

Each of these pronouns agrees with the antecedent "one," as each can replace that subject grammatically. In option (b), singular subject "person" and pronoun "you" agree, but the verb "are" disagrees with subject "person," instead incorrectly agreeing with pronoun "you." The third person plural pronoun to agree with "people... are" (c) is "they," not "them." Similarly, the third person feminine singular pronoun referring to Sylvia and agreeing with "it was" is "she," not "her" (d).

## Question: 2

Which version of the sentence is written correctly?

- A. Veronica was contemptible of the noisy construction workers who made it hard to concentrate on her work.
- B. Veronica was contemptuous of the noisy construction workers who made it hard to concentrate on her work.
- C. Veronica was contempt of the noisy construction workers who made it hard to concentrate on her work
- D. Veronica was contemptful of the noisy construction workers who made it hard to concentrate on her work.

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Contempt is a feeling of scorn or disdain, and to be contemptuous is to experience or express that feeling. Contemptible refers to something that inspires contempt, which in Veronica's case, would be the noisy construction workers. Contemptful is not a word in standard English.

## Question: 3

Which of the following sentences does correctly place the modifier?

- A. I found a gold ring walking home.
- B. I slowly sipped the water.
- C. She returned the stained shirt to the store.
- D. Watching the fireworks, the child was mesmerized by the colors.

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

When a modifier is misplaced, it gives an attribute to an unintended word or phrase. The sentence, "I found a gold ring walking home" uses the modifier "walking" to describe the ring. Instead, we should write the sentence as, "Walking home, I found a gold ring."

### Question: 4

In the three cueing systems model of word recognition in reading instruction, which of the following types of cues relates primarily to the meanings of words?

- A. Graphophonic
- B. Semantic
- C. Syntactic
- D. Pragmatic

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Semantics is the branch of linguistics that deals with meaning. The semantic cueing system in the three cueing systems model is the set of cues (including words, phrases, sentences, discourse, and complete text) that readers can use to recognize words based on their meanings, so choice B is correct. Choice A is incorrect because the graphophonic system consists of cues related to the sounds of a language and their written representations. Choice C is incorrect because the syntactic system (C) consists of cues related to sentence structure, word order, and other elements of grammar. Choice D is incorrect because pragmatic cues are based on reader purposes for reading and reader understanding of text structure. Pragmatic cues are also not included in the three cueing systems model.

### Question: 5

Which of the following versions of this sentence is correct?

- A. It's time for the snake to shed its skin.
- B. It's time for the snake to shed its skin.
- C. It's time for the snake to shed its skin.
- D. It's time for the snake to shed its skin.

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

The possessive case of the pronoun "it" is correctly spelled "its" without an apostrophe, just as the possessive form of "him" is "his" with no apostrophe. "It's" is a contraction of the pronoun "it" and the verb "is," used correctly in options (b) and (c). Option (a) uses both incorrectly by omitting the apostrophe from the contraction and adding it to the possessive. Although option (d) uses the possessive correctly, it uses the contraction incorrectly by omitting the apostrophe.

### Question: 6

Choose the word that uses parallel structure to complete the sentence.

Chase watered the flowers, mowed the lawn, and \_\_\_\_\_ the pool.

- A. was vacuuming
- B. vacuumed
- C. he vacuumed
- D. vacuums

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Parallel structure uses the same pattern of words when describing related events. Here, the words used to describe Chase's actions are "watered" and "mowed." The only choice that fits this pattern is choice B, "vacuumed," because it is written in past tense and does not have a pronoun preceding it.

### Question: 7

Which of the following choices shows the best way to punctuate the sentence?

- A. I packed a picnic to take to the park with my friends; I made sure that I brought all of the plates and cups, too.
- B. I packed a picnic to take to the park with my friends, I made sure that I brought all of the plates and cups, too.
- C. I packed a picnic to take to the park with my friends I made sure that I brought all of the plates and cups, too.
- D. I packed a picnic to take to the park with my friends: I made sure that I brought all of the plates and cups, too.

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

A semicolon is used to connect two independent clauses that are closely related. A comma should not be used to separate independent clauses, as a comma is more for a pause in the text. The sentence needs some punctuation, so choice C is incorrect. Choice D uses a colon, which should be

used to show a list or provide an explanation.

### Question: 8

Which of the following sentences does not use parallel sentence structure?

- A. Jose wants to return the item and spoke to a manager.
- B. The wall was spackled, sanded, and painted.
- C. She looked forward to picking, scooping, and carving the pumpkin.
- D. They visited the museum, the theater, and the Statue of Liberty.

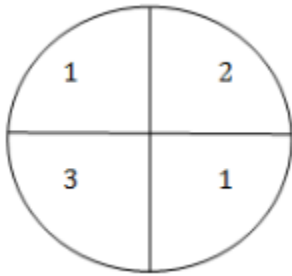
**Answer: A**

Explanation:

Parallelism requires that verbs be written in the same form or tense. Choice A does not meet this criterion because Jose wants to return the item (which shows a desire for the future), yet states that he already spoke to a manager (insinuating past tense).

### Question: 9

What is the probability of spinning a 2 on the first try on the spinner below?



- A.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{3}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{4}$
- D.  $\frac{2}{4}$

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

There are four equally possible places the spinner may land. The digit 2 is only present in one space, so the probability of landing there is 1 out of 4, or  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

### Question: 10

Put the following decimal numbers in order from least to greatest:

-1.32 0.014 0.31 0.308 -0.42 0

- A. -0.42, -1.32, 0.31, 0.308, 0, 0.014
- B. 0.014, 0, 0.308, 0.31, -1.32, -0.42
- C. -1.32, -0.42, 0, 0.014, 0.308, 0.31
- D. 0, -1.32, -0.42, 0.31, 0.308, 0.014

<b>Answer: C</b>
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Explanation:

To order these numbers, first order the negative numbers from least to greatest. Remember, the largest negative number is the smallest.

-1.32, -0.42

Then, 0 will separate the negative numbers from the positive numbers.

Finally, order the positive numbers from least to greatest.

0.014, 0.308, 0.31

The numbers ordered from least to greatest are: -1.32, -0.42, 0, 0.014, 0.308, 0.31.

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