

Multiple Choice Questions, Set 2

(Questions 1–14, 10 minutes)

Improving Sentences

The following sentences are questioning you about sentence correctness and expression of information. Part, or all, of each sentence is underlined. Following the sentence, five versions of the underlined portion are presented. Choice **A** repeats the original; the other choices are different. If you think a better sentence can be found in Choices **B–E**, then choose one of them. If the sentence is correct as stated, your answer will be **A**.

1. While the sun disappeared and the wind gusting, I stepped into the frigid water, my teeth chattering, and my feet and legs growing numb.

 - A. While the sun disappeared and the wind gusting,
 - B. While the disappearing sun gusted the wind,
 - C. While wind gusted the disappearing sun,
 - D. Gusting wind and disappearing sun took place, and
 - E. While the sun disappeared and the wind gusted,
2. Bailey munched on the tidbits from dinner dropped to him by Bobby under the table.

 - A. Bailey munched on the tidbits from dinner dropped to him by Bobby under the table.
 - B. Munching tidbits from dinner Bobby dropped Bailey under the table.
 - C. Bobby dropped tidbits from dinner under the table for Bailey to munch.
 - D. Munching under the table on tidbits dropped by Bobby was Bailey.
 - E. Bailey, munching tidbits dropped by Bobby under the table.
3. The overwhelming desk clutter and towering piles of paper made it very difficult for Katya to find the contact lens that she dropped while rubbing her eyes when talking on the phone.

 - A. lens that she dropped while rubbing her eyes when talking
 - B. lens she dropped rubbing her eyes talking
 - C. lens dropped while talking rubbing her eyes
 - D. lens dropped by her while talking and rubbing her eyes
 - E. lens dropped when she rubbed her eyes when she had talked
4. In order to cultivate diverse and edifying experiences for her twins during this coming summer, Mrs. Prata took them to Europe, and when they return, they will attend enriched summer classes as well as begin riding lessons.

 - A. Mrs. Prata took them to Europe,
 - B. Mrs. Prata taking them to Europe,
 - C. Traveling to Europe with Mrs. Prata,
 - D. Mrs. Prata will take them to Europe,
 - E. Mrs. Prata had taken them to Europe,

5. Although the home decorating consultant touted continuity of color schemes and a similarity of furniture design among rooms, Michele preferred an eclectic look which include a great diversity of color from room to room as well as a variety of furniture styles throughout the house.
- A. look which include a great diversity of color
 - B. look that includes a great diversity of color
 - C. look which includes color of great diversity
 - D. look including great diverse colors
 - E. look that includes diverse and great color combinations
6. Sonia soon realized that her suburban view of the world was glazed with romantic naiveté, for when she left home to attend college in an urban university, she was made aware of the cynical nature of many of her peers.
- A. was glazed with romantic naiveté,
 - B. was romantically glazed with naiveté
 - C. was romantic and naïve in its glaze
 - D. was glazed with romance and naiveté
 - E. was glazed with romantic naiveté;
7. They not only spoke enthusiastically about the future of the new company but also praised the gentleman who bought it.
- A. They not only spoke enthusiastically about the future of the new company but also praised
 - B. They not only spoke enthusiastically about the future of the new company but also praising
 - C. They not only spoke enthusiastically about the future of the new company but also to praise
 - D. They spoke enthusiastically not only about the future of the new company but also praising
 - E. The spoke both enthusiastically and with praise about the future of the new company and
8. Megan and Faisa were among the runners chosen for the all-county track team, their performance in this having been exceptional.
- A. team, their performance in this having been exceptional
 - B. team: they have performed exceptionally in this.
 - C. team, for they have performed exceptionally in this
 - D. team; there performance has been exceptional
 - E. team, for their performance has been exceptional
9. If I agree to purchase the car today, I would have saved \$600.
- A. If I agree to purchase the car today,
 - B. Had I agreed to purchase the car today,
 - C. If I would of agreed to purchase the car today.
 - D. If the purchasing of the car was agreed today.
 - E. If today I will agree to purchase the car.
10. Shakespeare's play *Hamlet* is one that will be debated, discussed and talked about forever, and after reading it, the play will undoubtedly leave you with many unanswered questions.
- A. debated, discussed and talked about
 - B. discussed, debated and talked about
 - C. talked about while being debated and discussed
 - D. discussed and debated when being talked about
 - E. debated and talked about

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11. Despite all the new technological innovations, including cell phone cameras, pagers, hand-held computers, and a multitude of others that are intended to streamline and ease our hectic lives, sometimes they cause us as many problems as they solve.
- A. including cell phone cameras, pagers, hand-held computers, and a multitude of others
 - B. including cell phones, cameras, pagers, hand held-computers, and a multitude of others
 - C. which are including cell phone cameras, pagers, hand-held computers, and a multitude of others
 - D. including cell phone cameras, pagers, computers you can hold in one hand, and a multitude of others
 - E. including a multitude of cell phone cameras, pagers, hand-held computers and other such items
12. After his research paper was turned in, Sean has been criticized for plagiarizing passages from the Internet.
- A. Sean has been criticized for plagiarizing
 - B. Sean was criticized for plagiarizing
 - C. Sean will be criticized for plagiarizing
 - D. Sean would have been criticized for plagiarizing
 - E. Sean, being criticized for plagiarizing
13. At five years old, my grandmother took me on a plane for the very first time.
- A. At five years old, my grandmother took me on a plane for the very first time.
 - B. At five years old, my grandma took me on my first plane ride.
 - C. My grandmother took me at five years old on a plane ride for my first time.
 - D. When I was five, my grandmother took me for my first plane ride.
 - E. At age five I was taken by my grandmother on my first plane ride, something I had never experienced before.
14. Still being purchased for their appearance and charm, teddy bears, named for President Teddy Roosevelt, rank among the most popular toys ever invented.
- A. Still being purchased for their appearance and charm,
 - B. Still charming in appearance, people purchase,
 - C. Purchasing appearance and charm,
 - D. Still being purchased for their appearance and charming appeal,
 - E. Being purchased still for their charming appearance,

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS SECTION ONLY. DO NOT WORK ON ANY OTHER SECTION IN THE TEST.

