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Sentence correction test Quiz 18

Directions: In the following questions, some part of the sentence is underlined. Which of the options given below the sentence should replace the part underlined to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is given then choose option E 'No Correction required' as the answer.

Questions:

1. The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 2.0 degrees Fahrenheit since the late 19th century, a change driving largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere.

- A. drive largely by
- B. driven largely by
- C. driven largely to
- D. driven largely with
- E. No correction required

2. By building dams across rivers, which create ponds and eventually change the rivers into wetlands, beavers help species to flourishing that would otherwise struggle.

- A. to flourish
- B. to flourished
- C. to be flourished
- D. to be flourish
- E. No correction required

3. Recreation is a well known factor as far as improving physical and mental health is concerned and also a major variable in stress reduction.

- A. Recreation being well known factor as far as
- B. Knowing recreation as a well known factor as far as
- C. Knowing of recreation is a well known factor for
- D. Recreation while being known as an important problem as far as
- E. No improvement required

4. There has been a lot of furore ever since the disclosure by them who maintain that it was an unauthorised act.

- A. ever since the disclosure by those whom are maintaining that
- B. ever since the disclosure by those who maintain that
- C. ever since the disclosure because those who maintain that
- D. ever since the disclosure by those who have been maintaining that it
- E. No improvement required

5. Informal social control is the internalization of social norms and behavior standards that allow a person to get along in their own society.

- A. that allows a person to get along in
- B. which allows a person to get along among
- C. that allows a person getting along in
- D. dissuading a person to get along in
- E. No improvement required

6. His business has doubled with respect not only to its market capitalization but also made a significant contribution towards gobbling up the lesser players ruthlessly.

- A. Not only his business is doubled with respect to its market capitalization
- B. His businesses has not only doubled with respect to its market capitalization
- C. His business has not only doubled with respect to its market capitalization
- D. With respect to not only his market capitalization, his business doubled
- E. No improvement required

7. Unless present policies are revised urgently, the world may probably suffer irreversible damage from the unregulated use of fossil fuels leading ultimately, to the destruction of mankind itself.

- A. Until present policies are revised for good
- B. Unless present policies should be revised urgently
- C. Unless they revised present policies urgently,
- D. With present policies revised on an urgent basis
- E. No improvement required

8. The Australian football team's winning it's first game of the Championship series excited the fans of the team.

- A. The Australians' football team's winning it's
- B. The Australian football team's having won its first game of
- C. The Australian football team's having won its first game for
- D. The Australian football team's winning its first game of
- E. No improvement required

9. The US and Australia have jointly test-fired a hypersonic missile capable of moving at a speed eight times more fast than sound, as part of \$54-million research project.

- A. at a speed eight times as fast as
- B. at a speed eight times faster
- C. with the speed eight times as faster as
- D. at a speed eight times much fast
- E. No improvement required

10. World football's governing body FIFA lifted the ban it had imposed on the Sudan Football Association (SFA) for failed to abide to agreements mentioned in articles 14 and 19 of the FIFA statute.

- A. for having failed to abide to agreements
- B. for its failure to abide by the agreements
- C. for failure to abide by agreement
- D. for having failed to abide by the agreement
- E. No improvement required

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	A	E	B	E	C	E	D	B	B

Explanations:

1. 'Driving largely by' is an incorrect form of the verb here and it should be replaced by the respective phrasal verb.

'Driven by' means providing the power to keep something working, or to make something happen.

'Driven by' is the correct phrasal verb that should be used here in this context.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

2. According to grammar rule, the base form of the verb 'flourish' must be used with the infinitive 'to'.

Ex. She likes to swim.

Options other than option A don't have the base form of the verb. Hence, they are incorrect.

Option A is the right answer.

3. The sentence is absolutely correct and thus needs no improvement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

4. The phrase given should use the demonstrative pronoun those instead of them.

Also,

Option A is incorrect due to usage of 'whom' instead of who.

Option C is absurd and the word 'because' breaks the flow of the sentence.

Option D is incorrect as 'have been' is usually used for something that started in the past and has continued up until now.

Clearly, option B is correct.

5. Option A is incorrect as 'that' here is the relative pronoun for 'standards' which are in plural number. The verb that follows has to agree to this.
Option B is false due to incorrect usage of which. A general thumb rule while choosing that or which is- if the sentence doesn't need the clause that the word in question is connecting, use which. If it does, use that. Thus, which should have been replaced with that. Plus, usage of 'among' as preposition is also ungrammatical as 'among' takes a plural noun or pronoun after it.
Option C is incorrect as usage of present participle is absurd here in the context.
Option D is the opposite of the sentence and false.
Clearly, the sentence has no error and needs no improvement.
Hence, option E is correct.

6. A simple thumb rule for such questions with 'not only' and 'but also' is as follows: since the words but also precede a phrase, the words not only should precede the previous phrase as well. This can be seen only in Option C.
Option A is incorrect as 'not only' is stressing on his business rather than the aspect of its getting doubled.
Option B is false due to plural businesses rather than business which further clashes with has. The correct phrase should be business has
Option D does not make any sense.
Hence, option C is correct.

7. Options A and B are incorrect due to the usage of for good and should be, which change the original meaning of the sentence.
Option C introduces an ambiguous word they and is incorrect.
Option D is opposite to the sentence and wrong
Clearly, the sentence is absolutely correct and thus needs no improvement.
Option E is hence the correct answer.

8. The correct possessive pronoun would be 'its'.
In addition, Options A and B are incorrect due to wrong usage of apostrophe.
Option C is wrong because of incorrect usage of 'for' instead of 'of'.
Option D is hence the correct answer.

9. The presence of the preposition 'than' right after the bold part confirm that an adjective of comparative degree must be used here. Option A and D get eliminated straightaway.

Option C is ungrammatical as an adjective of comparative degree is not used with 'as ... as' phrase.

Clearly, option B is the correct answer.

10. Here, the correct phrase should be 'abide by' and not 'abide to'.

Abide by (Phrasal Verb):

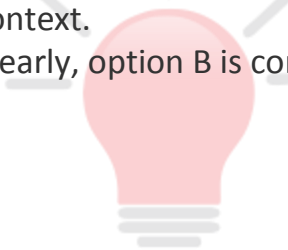
to follow a rule, decision, or instruction

Ex. They promised to abide by the rules of the contest.

Hence, Options A can be eliminated.

Option C and D can also be eliminated as well as it's clear that there are more than one agreement and the noun 'agreement' has to be in plural to stay relevant in the context.

Clearly, option B is correct.



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