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Sentence correction test Quiz 27

Direction: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with one or more portions marked in boldface. Choose the best replacement (if needed) for the portions in bold to make the sentence meaningful and grammatically correct.

Questions:

1. Though every boy and girl **were present**, the Principal did not **turn down**.

- A. Was present, turned up
- B. Was present, turned off
- C. Was present, turned about
- D. Were present, turned on
- E. Was present, turned under

2. I am really sorry that **he is latest**; you must **are waiting** for a long time.

- A. He is latest, had been waiting
- B. He is late, has been waiting
- C. He is late, have been waiting
- D. He is late, is waiting
- E. He is latest, had being wait

3. I **shall wait** for you here till you **will finish** with your class in the college.

- A. Shall wait, shall finish
- B. Will wait, shall finish
- C. Wait, finish
- D. Shall wait, finish
- E. Shall be waiting, will be finishing

4. He **needs not mention** in the office that only the **three first lucky winners** will win a trip to Europe.

- A. Need not mention, first three lucky winners
- B. Need not mention, three lucky winners
- C. Needs not mention, first lucky winners
- D. Need not mentions, first three lucky winner
- E. Needs not have mentioned, first three lucky winners

5. **Every of the two boys** was asked about the stale fruits but they **did not buy some fruits** from the market.

- A. Each of the two boys, did not buy some fruits
- B. Each of the two boys, did not buy any fruits
- C. Every of the two boy, did not buy some mango
- D. Every of the two of the boys, did buy some mangoes
- E. Each of the two boy, did buy any mangoes

6. He has failed to produce no valid reason to keep him in the job despite his irregularity and insincerity towards the work.

- A. Has not failed to produce any valid reason
- B. Has not failed to produce no valid reason
- C. Has failed not to produce no valid reason
- D. Has failed to produce any valid reason
- E. No improvement required

7. India has signed an agreement with South Korea in the area of nuclear power development and under this agreement the nuclear scientists from both of the countries will work together to develop sustainable nuclear solutions for the world.

- A. Both countries together will work
- B. Both them will work together
- C. Both them will work together
- D. Together both the countries will work
- E. No improvement required

8. On account of his unavailability, we had to select a new captain at the eleventh hour without much consideration.

- A. On account in his unavailability
- B. On account of his availability
- C. On account of his not availability
- D. On account from his unavailability
- E. No improvement required

9. All the villagers are now protesting since they claim that the land was acquired without their consent and they were not adequately compensating.

- A. They were not adequately compensation
- B. They were not adequately compensated
- C. They were adequately compensation not given
- D. They were adequately compensating not given
- E. No improvement required

10. The way he reacted makes it clear that he had not conscious of the presence of his parents in the room along with his teachers.

- A. He did not conscious of
- B. He has not conscious of
- C. He was not conscious of
- D. He did conscious of
- E. No improvement required

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1. The given statement wants to imply that all the students were present but the Principal did not come and the given parts in bold have errors since *turn down* refers to rejecting something especially a proposal by somebody and also, if the subjects are preceded by every, the verb used with such subjects should be singular. Here *were* has been used with *every boy and girl*, this is not correct usage.

Hence, the correct sentence would be: *Though every boy and girl was present, the Principal did not turn up.*

Turned off refers to left one road to join another whereas *turned on* refers to attacked suddenly with full power.

Hence, option A is the correct choice among the given options.

2. The given sentence implies that he is late and somebody else has been waiting for a long time for me. If an action is still going on at the present time starting from some point of time in the past, the present perfect continuous tense is used for that action. Here, the person has been waiting for a long time but he is yet to come. That means the action is still in progress.

Now, *he is latest* is completely wrong since this does not imply anything meaningful. *He is late* makes sense in this context whereas *are waiting* is in present continuous tense and therefore, is not correct in the present context of the sentence, present perfect continuous tense should be used in this sentence i.e. *have been waiting*.

The correct sentence would be: *I am really sorry that he is late; you must have been waiting for a long time.*

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

3. According to the given sentence, it means that one will be waiting for another till the time the other is done with his class in the college.

In such sentence where there are two actions denoting two different points of time, we use the future indefinite tense for the action that will finish later whereas for the other action, the simple present tense is used in the sentence. Here, in the first part of the sentence, *shall wait* is correct but in the second part of the sentence *will finish* is not correct since here the simple present tense should have been used. The correct usage would have been *finish with your class*.

The correct sentence would be: *I shall wait for you till you finish with your class in the college.*
It makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

4. The given sentence explains that it is not required to mention in the office that only three winners will get a trip to Europe under the competition.

Now, if we look at the bold parts of the sentence, If *need* is followed by *not*, it turns into a modal auxiliary and you cannot use *needs* in that context. Hence, it is wrong to use *needs not mention* in the first part of the sentence. In the second part given in bold, it is observed that both the ordinal and cardinal numbers are in use i.e. both *three* and *first* are there. In such a scenario, the ordinal should always precede the cardinal number used. So, *first three lucky winners* would have been the correct usage.

The correct sentence would be: *He need not mention in the office that only the first three lucky winners will win a trip to Europe.*

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

5. The given statement explains that two boys were asked about the stale fruits but they did not buy anything from the market and that is why they were not able to give any answer regarding this.

In the first bold part of the sentence, the error lies in the fact that in case of two things, *every* is not used but *each* is used and therefore, *every of the two boys* is not correct usage in this part of the sentence. Regarding the second part of the sentence, *some* is used in order to indicate something in affirmative whereas *any* is used so that something negative may be expressed. In this context, the term *some / any* is used in the negative sense of the term and therefore, it is not correct. It should have been *did not buy any fruits*.

The correct sentence would be: *Each of the two boys was asked about the stale fruits but they did not buy any fruits from the market.*

This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

6. The part given in bold in the sentence is not correct since there is the error of usage of double negatives in this part. This is not grammatically correct to use double negatives and that is why, it needs to be replaced. Now, coming to the error, there is double negative and one should be done away with to make the sentence correct. Therefore, *has failed to produce any valid reason* should be used here.

The correct sentence is:

He **has failed to produce any valid reason** to keep him in the job despite his irregularity and insincerity towards the work.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

7. The bold part in the sentence is not correct since there is problem with the use of the preposition 'of' in the sentence. If *both* is followed by a noun, there is no requirement to add the preposition 'of' with that though in case of a pronoun, this preposition is necessary. In this case, *both* is followed by a noun and that is why, *both of the countries* is not the correct phrase but *both the countries* should have been used.

The correct sentence would have been:

India has signed an agreement with South Korea in the area of nuclear power development and under this agreement the nuclear scientists from **both the countries** will work together to develop sustainable nuclear solutions for the world.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

8. The bold part in this sentence is correct and no correction is required in this part of the sentence. So, option E is the correct choice as no improvement is required in the given statement.

This makes option E the correct choice among the given options.



9. There is error in the bold part of the sentence since it is a common rule in grammar that an adverb can only modify an adjective, a verb and another adverb, Here, *adequately* is the adverb but it is followed by the present continuous tense of the word *compensate*. There lies the error. This word should be either in verb, adjective or another adverb. Now, the correct usage would have been *they were not adequately compensated*.

The correct statement would be:

All the villagers are now protesting since they claim that the land was acquired without their consent and **they were not adequately compensated**.

This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

10. The bold part in the sentence is not correct since it does not give the actual meaning of the sentence. Here, it is intended to imply that the person was not conscious of the presence of certain persons in the room and that became very clear from his reaction. *Conscious* here should have been used with a be-verb to denote that the person was not conscious. So, the correct usage would have been: *he was not conscious of*.

The correct sentence would have been:

The way he reacted makes it clear that **he was not conscious of** the presence of his parents in the room along with his teachers.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.



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