

## ENGLISH 1301: MAJOR ERRORS EXAM REVIEW

### I. Mark on the answer sheet the letter of the correct description of each group of words.

- A. Complete Sentence    C. Comma Splice  
B. Sentence Fragment    D. Run- on (Fused) Sentence

- \_\_\_ 1. This is going to be the most difficult exam of your college career, you had better start studying for it immediately.
- \_\_\_ 2. The rest of the semester, though, will be a piece of cake compared to this.
- \_\_\_ 3. Although most sentences confuse me.
- \_\_\_ 4. When Phil doesn't study, he does poorly on exams Mandy does too.
- \_\_\_ 5. The student skipping class.
- \_\_\_ 6. We have a one- week vacation in March therefore I'm making plans to go to Padre.
- \_\_\_ 7. I went to register for my Fall classes yesterday, I did not get the English class I wanted.
- \_\_\_ 8. Instead of going home to call her parents, Alex called from the scene of the accident.
- \_\_\_ 9. When Dan got there in the late evening after waiting in the rain five hours.
- \_\_\_ 10. No one was around when the dog ate the she he was lying with it on his paws when we arrived.

### II. Mark the letter of the correct word on the answer sheet.

- \_\_\_ 1. There in the far corner of the room (A. sit, B. sits) my least favorite books.
- \_\_\_ 2. My favorite books, including the thriller about Desert Storm, (A. is, B. are) piled next to my bed.
- \_\_\_ 3. Either the twins or my brother (A. know, B. knows) who broke the remote control.

- \_\_\_ 4. Everybody in the room (A. wear, B. wears) green in support of the team.
- \_\_\_ 5. The group of butterflies (A. fly, B. flies) through our yard every winter.
- \_\_\_ 6. Peanut butter and jelly (A. stick, B. sticks) to the roof of my mouth.
- \_\_\_ 7. The team of delegates to the writers' convention (A. need, B. needs) to discuss future plans.
- \_\_\_ 8. *Arabian Nights* (A. is, B. are) my favorite book.

**III. Mark on the answer sheet the letter of the sentence which uses the semicolon(s) correctly. If no sentence uses the semicolon(s) correctly, mark "D."**

- \_\_\_ 1. A. Texas's mild winter climate is ideal for bicycling.  
In addition; the terrain is very flat.
- A. Texas's mild winter climate is ideal for bicycling;  
in addition, the terrain is very flat.
- B. Texas's mild winter climate is ideal for bicycling, in  
addition; the terrain is very flat.
- C. None of these sentences uses semicolons correctly.
- \_\_\_ 2. A. The police found a set of fingerprints; and they used  
them to identify the thief.
- A. The police found a set of fingerprints, and they used  
them; to identify the thief.
- B. The police found; a set of fingerprints, and they used  
them to identify the thief.
- C. None of these sentences use semicolons correctly.
- \_\_\_ 3. A. Most practical jokes, such as unexpected, loud,  
exploding fireworks; collapsing, unstable seats; and  
mysterious, deceptive, disappearing objects, are an  
exploitation of these situations.

A. Most practical jokes; such as unexpected, loud, exploding fireworks, collapsing, unstable seats, and mysterious, deceptive, disappearing objects are an exploitation of these situations.

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C. None of these sentences uses semicolons correctly.

**IV. Mark the letter of the correct word on the answer sheet.**

- \_\_\_ 1. I enjoy playing volleyball with anyone (A. who, B. whom) has time to play.
- \_\_\_ 2. The center is open to (A. whomever, B. whoever) wants to play basketball.
- \_\_\_ 3. With (A. who, B. whom) do you plan to go to the party?
- \_\_\_ 4. The dog chased Bill and (A. I, B. me, C. myself) into the convenience store.
- \_\_\_ 5. The instructor divided the work between Sam and (A. I, B. me).
- \_\_\_ 6. Although it was hard to be fair, (A. we, B. us) cheerleaders knew the best dancers would win.

**V. In each word group below, one word is misspelled. Mark on the answer sheet the letter of the misspelled word.**

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|----|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. | A. courtesy       | B. fullfil      | C. anxiety        | D. forehead |
| 2. | A. fourth         | B. handkerchief | C. seperate       | D. gauge    |
| 3. | A. announcment    | B. acceptable   | C. affectionately | D. grammar  |
| 4. | A. pronounciation | B. ocasion      | C. bargain        | D. average  |
| 5. | A. usually        | B. manageable   | C. cemetary       |             |
|    | D.accommodate     |                 |                   |             |

**VI. Mark the letter of the correct word on the answer sheet.**

- \_\_\_ 1. Because of the bad traffic in the town, the driving school lost (A. their, B. its) students.
- \_\_\_ 2. Does anyone have (A. his or her, B. their) driver's license around here?
- \_\_\_ 3. All applicants will receive an interview, regardless of (A. his or her, B. their) job skills.
- \_\_\_ 4. The family needs to be concerned with (A. their, B. its) finances this holiday.
- \_\_\_ 5. Each of the men in the group decided that (A. he, B. they) wanted to join.

**VII. Select one sentence from each pair that has no ambiguous, unclear or confusing pronoun reference.**

1. A. It is smart to check your answers on the exam before turning it in.  
A. Checking your answers on the exam before turning it in is the smart thing to do.
1. A. My mother is only two years older than my Aunt Judy. She looks ten years younger.  
A. My mother is only two years older than my Aunt Judy, who looks ten years younger.
2. A. It states in the college handbook that no one is allowed to cheat.  
B. The college handbook states that no one is allowed to cheat.