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**PRACTICE NOT WRITING IN THE BOOKLET.**

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## GRAMMAR STUDY PRACTICE 1: Commas &amp; Clauses

Directions: Read each question and answer choice carefully. Then choose the one best answer and fill in the corresponding bubble on the scantron. Take your time to ensure you are answering the same numbered question as on the booklet.

1. Which of the following is one of the rules when it comes to using commas and clauses correctly?
  - a. You do not need a comma before a main clause if it comes after an dependent clause.
  - b. You need a comma after a main clause if it comes before a subordinate clause.
  - c. You do not need a comma before a subordinate clause if it comes after an independent clause.
  - d. You need a comma after a subordinate clause if it comes before a dependent clause.
  - e. none of the above
  
2. Which of the following describes the structure of the following sentence:  
 “As the jurors entered the courtroom, the accusers, accused, and witnesses all quieted down because they had reached a verdict, and since the deliberation wasn’t very long, it seemed like it would be a guilty one even though the evidence was circumstantial.”?
  - a. subordinate clause + independent clause + dependent clause + coordinate conjunction + main clause + independent clause + subordinate clause
  - b. subordinate clause + main clause + independent clause + coordinate conjunction + main clause + independent clause + subordinate clause
  - c. subordinate clause + main clause + subordinate clause + coordinate conjunction + subordinate clause + main clause + dependent clause
  - d. dependent clause + independent clause + subordinate clause + coordinate conjunction + independent clause + main clause + subordinate clause
  - e. none of the above
  
3. Which of the following is *not* a correctly punctuated sentence?
  - a. She wanted to make sure that she didn’t hit anyone else or injure herself, so she was extremely careful when she was riding the scooter in Santa Monica.
  - b. When she was riding the scooter in Santa Monica, she was extremely careful so that she didn’t injure herself, and she wanted to make sure that she didn’t hit anyone else either.
  - c. So that she didn’t injure herself, she was extremely careful when she was riding the scooter in Santa Monica, and she wanted to make sure that she didn’t hit anyone else either.
  - d. When she was riding the scooter in Santa Monica, she wanted to make sure that she didn’t hit anyone else, and she was also extremely careful so that she didn’t injure herself either.
  - e. none of the above
  
4. Which of the following is a sentence that is punctuated correctly and structured in the following way: dependent clause + main clause + coordinate conjunction + independent clause + subordinate clause?
  - a. Because he had numerous resources given to him, he could tell the teacher only wanted him to be successful, and he knew it was important for his future, even though he didn’t particularly like the class.
  - b. Even though he didn’t particularly like it he knew the class was important for his future, and he also could tell the teacher only wanted him to be successful because he had numerous resources given to him.
  - c. Even though he didn’t particularly like the class, he knew it was important for his future, and because he had numerous resources given to him, he could tell the teacher only wanted him to be successful.
  - d. Because he had numerous resources given to him, he could tell the teacher only wanted him to be successful, and even though he didn’t particularly like the class, he knew it was important for his future.
  - e. none of the above

5. Which of the following is *not* a subordinate clause?
- After the big game
  - Until we watched the movie
  - Before Imagine Dragons played
  - Once the restaurant opened
  - none of the above
6. Which of the following sentences still needs a comma to be punctuated correctly?
- At my grandma's house, we had more than enough food because there was a Thanksgiving feast, so before the dinner began we all made sure to invite some friends since we wanted to spread the wealth.
  - At my grandma's house, we had more than enough food because there was a Thanksgiving feast, so since we wanted to spread the wealth, we all made sure to invite some friends before the dinner began.
  - Because there was a Thanksgiving feast, we had more than enough food at my grandma's house, so since we wanted to spread the wealth, we all made sure to invite some friends before the dinner began.
  - Because there was a Thanksgiving feast, we had more than enough food at my grandma's house, so before the dinner began, we all made sure to invite some friends since we wanted to spread the wealth.
  - none of the above
7. Which of the following is *not* a correctly punctuated sentence?
- The air is fresh even if the weather is cool, and when I visit I feel rejuvenated in the mountains.
  - In the mountains the air is fresh, and when I visit, I feel rejuvenated even if the weather is cool.
  - Even if the weather is cool, the air is fresh in the mountains, and I feel rejuvenated when I visit.
  - In the mountains I feel rejuvenated when I visit, and even if the weather is cool, the air is fresh.
  - none of the above
8. What is wrong with the following sentence:  
"As she was walking home from our house, Grandma got run over by a reindeer on Christmas Eve, so you can say there's no such thing as Santa, though Grandpa and I will always believe."?
- There should be a comma after reindeer.
  - There should be no comma after reindeer and no comma after Santa.
  - There should be no comma after Santa, but there should be one after Grandpa.
  - There is nothing wrong with this sentence.
  - none of the above
9. Which of the following has *two* subordinate clauses, *two* independent clauses, and is punctuated correctly?
- Although the corn was rather runny, the mashed potatoes were perfect because my sister made them, and she is an excellent cook as she practices with new recipes all the time.
  - Because my sister made the mashed potatoes, they were perfect, and as she practices with new recipes all the time she is an excellent cook.
  - The mashed potatoes were perfect because my sister made them, and she is an excellent cook as she practices with new recipes all the time.
  - The corn was rather runny although my sister's mashed potatoes were perfect, and she is an excellent cook, as she practices with new recipes all the time.
  - none of the above
10. Which of the following describes the structure of the following sentence:  
"When I watched the football game, I knew I could throw like that quarterback too, but because it would take lots of practice, I made sure to spend 30 minutes each day throwing passes in the backyard."?
- dependent clause + main clause + coordinate conjunction + dependent clause + subordinate clause
  - subordinate clause + main clause + coordinate conjunction + independent clause + dependent clause
  - subordinate clause + main clause + coordinate conjunction + dependent clause + independent clause
  - dependent clause + independent clause + coordinate conjunction + main clause + subordinate clause
  - none of the above