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**PRACTICE NOT WRITING IN THE BOOKLET.**

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## GRAMMAR STUDY PRACTICE 2: 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 *not* a way to describe the structure of the following sentence:  
"Life can be difficult when you are challenged and feel overwhelmed, but if you do not give up and stay positive, you will overcome and be better for it."?
  - a. independent clause + but + dependent clause + main clause
  - b. a simple sentence + coordinate conjunction + a complex sentence
  - c. main clause + a "FANBOYS" conjunction + subordinate clause + independent clause
  - d. independent clause + coordinate conjunction + subordinate clause + a simple sentence
  - e. none of the above
  
2. Which of the following is a correctly punctuated sentence?
  - a. When you use deodorant, it is an example of personal hygiene, and your body odor will be potent, if you do not use this product.
  - b. If you do not use deodorant, your body odor will be potent, and when you use this product it is an example of personal hygiene.
  - c. Your body odor will be potent if you do not use deodorant, and it is an example of personal hygiene, when you use this product.
  - d. It is an example of personal hygiene when you use deodorant, and if you do not use this product, your body odor will be potent.
  - e. none of the above
  
3. Which of the following is *not* a subordinate conjunction?
  - a. until
  - b. nor
  - c. if
  - d. in order that
  - e. none of the above
  
4. Which of the following is a sentence that is punctuated correctly and structured in the following way:  
independent clause + subordinate clause + coordinate conjunction + dependent clause + main clause?
  - a. My mother was thankful for her job while my father appreciated his health, but when it was my turn, I said that I was grateful for the chance to receive an education because there are so many who don't have that.
  - b. My mother was thankful for her job while my father appreciated his health, but when it was my turn I said that I was grateful for the chance to receive an education.
  - c. While my father appreciated his health, my mother was thankful for her job, but when it was my turn, I said that I was grateful for the chance to receive an education.
  - d. My mother was thankful for her job while my father appreciated his health, but I said that I was grateful for the chance to receive an education when it was my turn.
  - e. none of the above
  
5. Which of the following is *not* a correctly punctuated sentence?
  - a. Whenever I see the sunset, I remember that life is good, and even if today wasn't the best, I know that tomorrow will be better.
  - b. Even if today wasn't the best, I know that tomorrow will be better, and I remember that life is good whenever I see the sunset.

- c. I remember that life is good whenever I see the sunset, and I know that tomorrow will be better even if today wasn't the best.
- d. I know that tomorrow will be better even if today wasn't the best, and whenever I see the sunset I remember that life is good.
- e. none of the above
6. Which of the following is a coordinate conjunction?
- a. as
- b. since
- c. so that
- d. so
- e. none of the above
7. Which of the following has *three* subordinate clauses?
- a. Because she voted, the candidate won and the proposition passed, and if she hadn't, who knows what would have happened.
- b. This past Tuesday who knows what would have happened if she hadn't voted, but because she did, the candidate won and the proposition passed.
- c. When it was time for elections, the candidate won and the proposition passed, and if she hadn't voted, who knows what would have happened.
- d. During this past Tuesday's elections, the candidate won and the proposition passed because she voted, and who knows what would have happened if she hadn't.
- e. none of the above
8. Which of the following is a sentence that is punctuated correctly and structured in the following way: main clause + subordinate clause + coordinate conjunction + dependent clause + independent clause + subordinate clause?
- a. In the poem it says to not go gentle into the night, because all that is left will have no light, and since wise men know that the dark is not right, we must rage on so that we kill the light.
- b. In the poem it says to not go gentle into the night because all things will burn without the light, and though men at their end know that the dark may be right, they cry because they have nothing left to fight.
- c. In the poem it says to not go gentle into the night because the day's end will bring pain to all that it is bright, and if the wise men try to fight their plight, a rage will kill the looming light.
- d. In the poem it says to not go gentle into the night because death is near for all in sight, and once the rage kills what is left of the light, wise men will know their fate and fall to their knees in utter fright.
- e. none of the above
9. Which of the following is one of the rules when it comes to using commas and clauses correctly?
- a. When an independent clause begins the sentence, you need a comma before the main clause.
- b. When a dependent clause begins the sentence, you need a comma before the main clause.
- c. When a main clause begins the sentence, you need a comma before the dependent clause.
- d. When a subordinate clause begins the sentence, you need a comma before the dependent clause.
- e. none of the above
10. Which of the following describes the structure of the following sentence:  
 "Before midnight on the final day of the spaceship's visit, the leader of the humans looked up in horror, and nobody knew what to do as the world had been controlled by machines since the beginning of their lives."?
- a. subordinate clause + main clause + subordinate clause + coordinate conjunction + subordinate clause + main clause + dependent clause
- b. subordinate clause + main clause + dependent clause + coordinate conjunction + independent clause + subordinate clause
- c. subordinate clause + main clause + coordinate conjunction + independent clause + subordinate clause
- d. dependent clause + main clause + coordinate conjunction + subordinate clause + main clause + subordinate clause
- e. none of the above