

End of Course Warm-Ups

Monday, November 26, 2012

Read the passage

“The New Tent.”

Warm-Up #1

Which sentence in Paragraph 5 contains a shift in verb tense?

- A** When Uncle Norbert returned, he will see his trusty, musty, green canvas tent standing next to the fire ring.
- B** “I thought you were going to pitch Mike’s new tent,” he said.
- C** Mike had grabbed his fishing pole from its spot against a tree and began walking toward the river.
- D** “We did pitch it,” he said, calling over his shoulder.

Warm-Up #2

Which sentence in Paragraph 3 is irrelevant and should be deleted?

- F** When we arrived at the river, Uncle Norbert headed up to the park office to register so we could camp.
- G** Mike and I stayed behind to pitch the tent, the gleaming blue modern one, not the one from a previous era.
- H** While we were waiting for Uncle Norbert, a couple of squirrels came by looking for food.
- J** We talked glibly about how much easier it would be to pitch the new tent instead of dragging that heavy old thing out of the truck.

Warm-Up #3

The author reveals the character of Uncle Norbert through

- A** appearance.
- B** thoughts.
- C** actions.
- D** descriptions.

Warm-Up #4

Read the passage: “Revolutionary Letters”

Read this sentence.

In *Letters from the Revolutions*, two cousins who exchange letters provide a unique perspective on the American and French revolutions.

Which word would best replace who in the sentence above?

- F** that
- G** which
- H** whom
- J** no change

Warm-Up #5

Read this sentence.

The two cousins exchange letters with news about the American Revolution and its effects on their lives these letters comprise the format of the novel.

How should the underlined part be revised to correct this run-on sentence?

- A** lives, these
- B** lives; these
- C** lives. While these
- D** lives, and while these

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Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Read the passage

“Painter’s Block – A Review”

Warm-Up #6

Read this excerpt from the draft.

DeShawn will describe the author's writing style.

Which sentence pattern is used in the excerpt above?

- F** Subject – Verb
- G** Subject – Action verb – Direct object
- H** Subject – Action verb – Indirect object – Direct object
- J** Subject – Action verb – Direct object – Object complement

Warm-Up #7

Read this excerpt from the draft.

At this time, I would like to introduce Jonathan. He will review the acting in the drama.

Which sentence best combines these two sentences?

- A** At this time, I will introduce the one, Jonathan, he will review the acting in the drama.
- B** At this time, so that he can review the acting in the drama, I would like to introduce Jonathan.
- C** At this time, Jonathan will review the acting in the drama after I introduce him.
- D** At this time, I would like to introduce Jonathan, who will review the acting in the drama.

Warm-Up #8

Paragraph 2 is a summary, not a critique, because the author

- F** outlines the plot without describing the drama's ending.
- G** describes the main character without disclosing the name of the actress who plays this character.
- H** outlines the drama's main problem without explaining how the character tries to solve the problem.
- J** describes the plot without giving an opinion on the drama's overall success.

Warm-Up #9

What should members of the group do to help Laurel best engage her audience during the first part of her oral presentation?

- A** quickly prepare their own note cards while she is presenting
- B** silently listen to her speak to the audience
- C** make friendly eye contact with audience members
- D** whisper quietly among themselves while she is presenting

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Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Read

“Susan B. Anthony Speech:
Women’s Right to Vote”

Warm-Up #10

Which sentence is the thesis of the speech?

- F** It shall be my work this evening to prove to you that in thus voting, I not only committed no crime, but, instead, simply exercised my citizen's rights, guaranteed to me and all United States citizens by the National Constitution, beyond the power of any state to deny.
- G** It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union.
- H** And it is a downright mockery to talk to women of their enjoyment of the blessings of liberty while they are denied the use of the only means of securing them provided by this democratic-republican government—the ballot.
- J** For any state to make gender a qualification that must ever result in the disfranchisement of one entire half of the people, is to pass a bill of attainder, or, an ex post facto law, and is therefore a violation of the supreme law of the land.

Warm-Up #11

Which of these best describes the overall structure of the speech?

- A cause-effect
- B compare-contrast
- C proposition-support
- D theme-illustration

Warm-Up #12

Read this excerpt from the speech.

It is not a republic. It is an odious aristocracy; a hateful oligarchy of gender; the most hateful aristocracy ever established on the face of the globe; an oligarchy of wealth, where the rich govern the poor.

Which device is used in the excerpt?

- F** analogy
- G** hyperbole
- H** rhetorical question
- J** parallelism and repetition

Warm-Up #13

Read “One Time Zone for All”

Read this excerpt from the passage.

The benefit is that it would gain an hour of daylight in the morning. When children usually are waiting for school buses.

What is the correct way to write the underlined section to avoid the sentence fragment?

- A** morning when
- B** morning; when
- C** morning: and when
- D** morning; and when

Warm-Up #14

Read this sentence.

For example Knoxville is currently in the Eastern time zone.

Which revision shows correct comma usage?

- F** For example, Knoxville is currently in the Eastern time zone.
- G** For example Knoxville, is currently in the Eastern time zone.
- H** For example Knoxville is, currently, in the Eastern time zone.
- J** For example Knoxville is currently, in the Eastern time zone.

Warm-Up #15

Read this sentence.

This is an important safety issue, that affects many families.

What is the correct way to punctuate this sentence?

- A** This is an important, safety, issue that affects many families.
- B** This is an important safety issue that, affects many families.
- C** This is an important, safety issue that affects, many families.
- D** This is an important safety issue that affects many families.

Warm-Up #16

Read this sentence.

Another reason to move Eastern Tennessee to the Central time zone is to create early daylight hours.

What is the correct replacement for the underlined word in the sentence?

F most early

G earlier

H earliest

J more earliest

Warm-Up #17

Read this excerpt from the passage.

Banks and other businesses are throughout the state. Coming together in one time zone will make them more productive. They will be more efficient too. This is because they will have the same business hours.

Which of these best combines the sentences in the excerpt above?

- A** Throughout the state, productivity and efficiency will increase because of making one time zone for banks and other businesses coming together with the same business hours.
- B** Banks and other businesses will be more productive throughout the state, and also more efficient, because of having the same business hours coming together in one time zone.
- C** By coming together into one time zone, banks and other businesses throughout the state will be more productive and efficient because they will have the same business hours.
- D** Banks and other businesses are throughout the state and coming together in one time zone will make them more productive, and having the same business hours will be efficient.

Warm-Up #18

This passage would most appeal to people who are interested in

- F** foreign affairs.
- G** educational policies.
- H** regional concerns.
- J** environmental issues.

Warm-Up #19

What is the main device used in this passage?

- A** misuse of statistics
- B** snob appeal
- C** name-calling
- D** loaded words

Warm-Up #20

Which statement most likely reflects the author's assumptions when writing Paragraph 2?

- F** Tennesseans act in the best interest of important businesses located in the state.
- G** Tennesseans are interested in eliminating the state's needless inefficiencies.
- H** Tennesseans desire to help fellow citizens overcome commercial problems.
- J** Tennesseans value contributions from citizens all over the state.

Warm-Up #21

Which sentence from the passage best demonstrates the need for Tennessee to be in one time zone?

- A** Tennessee currently lies in two time zones.
- B** Eastern Tennessee adheres to Eastern standard time, and Middle and Western Tennessee adhere to Central standard time.
- C** Thus, two hours of productive work time can be lost simply due to the difference in time zones.
- D** It is true that this part of the state would lose an hour of daylight in the evening.

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Thursday, November 29, 2012

Read

“Climbing in the Clouds”

Warm-Up #22

Which task would be most important to consider in the group's preparation for this presentation?

- F** assigning all the research to the team member who most likes to read
- G** taking each member's ideas into consideration before making major decisions
- H** deciding who is the best speaker so that person can practice giving the presentation
- J** having each member prepare a section of the speech and then combining them before the presentation

Warm-Up #23

Read these sentences.

Hillary's spirit of exploration was not satisfied.
_____, he joined an expedition to Antarctica and reached the South Pole in 1958.

Which transitional word correctly fills in the blank?

- A** Instead
- B** Consequently
- C** Furthermore
- D** Similarly

Warm-Up #24

Read this sentence.

By the early 1950s, several expeditions had attempted to reach the summit of Everest, but all had failed.

Which word could be added before expeditions to best strengthen the description?

F worthwhile

G interesting

H valiant

J routine

Warm-Up #25

What is the best order for Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4?

A 3, 4, 2

B 4, 3, 2

C 2, 4, 3

D no change

Warm-Up #26

Read this sentence.

His list of activities also included an expedition up the Ganges River to its source in the Himalayas.

Based on the passage, which word is more precise than activities and should replace it for clarity of meaning?

F undertakings

G occupations

H accomplishments

J experiences

Warm-Up #27

Which Web site would be the best choice for further information about Sir Edmund Hillary's contributions to society?

- A** www.everestexpeditions.net
- B** www.siredmundhillary.org
- C** www.edmundhillarybiography.com
- D** www.sherpavillages.edu

Warm-Up #28

Which sentence from the passage gives implied evidence that Hillary was a man who possessed lifelong ambitions?

- F** Edmund Percival Hillary was one of the great explorers of the twentieth century.
- G** For instance, in his mid-sixties Hillary flew to the North Pole with Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon.
- H** He joined an expedition to Antarctica and reached the South Pole in 1958.
- J** Then, in 1953, Hillary and a Nepalese climber named Tenzing Norgay became the first two people to reach the top of the world.

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Friday, November 30, 2012

Read

“More Than Just a Road”

Warm-Up #29

Read these sentences from Paragraph 2.

(1) Believe it or not, some scientists believe the path where a road now lies may have been created by wild animals more than 8,000 years ago! **(2)** A perfect example of a road with such history is the Natchez Trace Parkway. **(3)** The history of this road actually began long before the road even existed.

Choose the correct order for these sentences.

A 1, 3, 2

B 2, 3, 1

C 3, 2, 1

D 3, 1, 2

Warm-Up #30

The author's purpose in this passage is to inform. Which sentence from the passage best shows this purpose?

F When was the last time you stopped to consider the road you were driving on?

G What secrets does a road know?

H By the 1700s, traders also began utilizing the route to travel through the wilderness.

J Today, you can travel the length of the trail, revisiting the steps of travelers and settlers from hundreds of years ago.

Warm-Up #31

Read “ReGreenEarth.org”

Which statement presents an incorrect inference based on the message on the Web page?

- A** Becoming eco-friendly can be done with a little effort.
- B** Recycling is easier to do than some people believe.
- C** It is better to replace than to repair household items.
- D** Reusing containers is a cost-effective practice.

Warm-Up #32

Read the excerpt from a newspaper article. The information in the Web site and this excerpt both emphasize the point that members of ReGreenEarth

- F** understand that community involvement is essential to protecting the environment.
- G** believe that repairing bikes is the easiest way to help protect Earth.
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