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Chapter 24 The Simple Sentence

Find the complete subject and the complete verb in each sentence. Then circle the letter of the choice that contains both the subject and the verb.

1. The president of the college asked the trustees for their opinion.

- a. trustees, asked
- b. president, asked
- c. president, college, opinion

2. Charlotte was proud of her final grades.

- a. Charlotte, was
- b. Charlotte, was, grades
- c. Charlotte, her final grades

3. Bananas are an excellent source of potassium and magnesium.

- a. Bananas, are
- b. Bananas, source
- c. Bananas, potassium, magnesium

4. Joe was introduced to Mina at the benefit dinner.

- a. Mina, was introduced
- b. Joe, Mina, benefit dinner
- c. Joe, was introduced

5. Laura could have scored that last run in the ninth inning.

- a. Laura, could have scored
- b. Laura, last run
- c. Laura, scored, run

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Chapter 25 Coordination and Subordination

Choose the sentence that uses the correct coordinating or subordinating conjunction and that is punctuated correctly. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. a. Harry worked for Du Pont for fifteen years, then he got a job with the Chrysler Corporation.
b. Harry worked for Du Pont for fifteen years and, then he got a job with the Chrysler Corporation.
c. Harry worked for Du Pont for fifteen years, and then he got a job with the Chrysler Corporation.
2. a. June's grandparents retired in Colorado but her parents preferred to retire in California.
b. June's grandparents retired in Colorado but, her parents preferred to retire in California.
c. June's grandparents retired in Colorado, but her parents preferred to retire in California.
3. a. Whenever Arnold started telling jokes, he got everyone's attention.
b. Whenever Arnold started telling jokes he got everyone's attention.
c. Arnold got everyone's attention, whenever he started telling jokes.
4. a. Alpert Construction could not put up the tool shed for another two months; therefore, we decided to build it ourselves.
b. Alpert Construction could not put up the tool shed for another two months, therefore, we decided to build it ourselves.
c. Alpert Construction could not put up the tool shed for another two months, therefore; we decided to build it ourselves.
5. a. She parked her car in a crosswalk, because she was late for a board meeting.
b. Because she was late for a board meeting she parked her car in a crosswalk.

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c. She parked her car in a crosswalk because she was late for a board meeting.

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Chapter 26 Avoiding Sentence Errors

Each group contains one correct sentence. Find the correct sentence and circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. a. Philip bounded up the stairs two at a time, he was exhausted when he reached the landing.
b. Philip bounded up the stairs two at a time; he was exhausted when he reached the landing.
c. Philip bounded up the stairs two at a time he was exhausted when he reached the landing.
2. a. She inexperienced in the world of business.
b. Her inexperience in the world of business creates problems.
c. Is inexperience in the world of business.
3. a. Charles carefully researched vacation spots before he discussed them with his wife and children.
b. Charles carefully researched vacation spots, before he discussed them with his wife and children.
c. Before he discussed them with his wife and children Charles carefully researched them.
4. a. Tom doesn't usually like to cook, nevertheless, he enjoyed preparing a Hawaiian feast for his boss's surprise birthday party.
b. Tom doesn't usually like to cook, nevertheless he enjoyed preparing a Hawaiian feast for his boss's surprise birthday party.
c. Tom doesn't usually like to cook; nevertheless, he enjoyed preparing a Hawaiian feast for his boss's surprise birthday party.
5. a. Finding an apartment in this neighborhood is not easy.
b. Finding an apartment in this neighborhood not easy.

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- c. To find an apartment in this neighborhood not easy.

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Chapter 27 Present Tense (Agreement)

A blank space appears where the verb should be. Decide which verb agrees with the subject of the sentence. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. One of the dentists _____ close to her office.
a. live
b. lives
2. My cat often _____ the mail carrier.
a. chase
b. chases
3. Each of those desserts _____ low in calories and fat.
a. are
b. is
4. Neither the buyer nor the seller _____ with the lawyer's suggestion for the closing date on the house.
a. agree
b. agrees
5. Where is the driver who usually _____ this route?
a. have
b. has

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Chapter 28 Past Tense

A blank space appears where the verb should be. Choose the correct past tense verb. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. In 1953, John F. Kennedy _____ Jacqueline Bouvier.
 - a. marries
 - b. married
 - c. marry

2. Jack _____ rewarding work at Lincoln Laboratory.
 - a. found
 - b. find
 - c. finded

3. After he _____ the pie, Chris wondered how many grams of fat it contained.
 - a. eat
 - b. eats
 - c. ate

4. Gwendolyn Brooks _____ the first African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize.
 - a. are
 - b. was
 - c. were

5. As a young man, Stuart _____ the clarinet, piano, and drums.
 - a. play
 - b. plays
 - c. played

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Chapter 29 The Past Participle

A blank space appears where the verb should be. Choose the correct helping verb and past participle form. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. Angela _____ dozens of phone calls for the Channel 41 telethon.

- a. has made
- b. have made
- c. had maded

2. Professors Smithson and Knoll _____ on math anxiety at three different colleges this year.

- a. have speak
- b. have spoken
- c. has spoken

3. The gardener _____ about these wild onions for months.

- a. have known
- b. has known
- c. has know

4. All the invitations for the wedding _____ before I realized the date was incorrect.

- a. were mailed
- b. was mailed
- c. were mail

5. Ms. Jenkins recovered the jewels that the thieves _____.

- a. has stolen
- b. had stolen
- c. have stolen

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Chapter 30 Nouns

Choose the correct noun to fill in each blank in the following sentences. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. Anthony thinks that _____ are the least attractive part of the human body.

a. feet

b. foots

c. foot

2. _____ can finally enjoy the newly renovated park in the center of town.

a. Childs

b. Children

c. Child

3. Steve had to buy Christmas gifts for several of his _____.

a. brothers-in-law

b. brother-in-law

c. brother-in-laws

4. _____ who have questions about nutrition should contact the health center for more information.

a. Women

b. Woman

c. Women's

5. Another _____ is to build an overpass to divert traffic.

a. idea

b. ideas

c. ideaes

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Chapter 31 Pronouns

Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blanks in the following sentences. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. Jonathan and _____ thought that skydiving might be fun to try.

a. I
b. me
c. her

2. Everyone must bring _____ own chair to the outdoor jazz concert.

a. their
b. our
c. his or her

3. The cab driver told Vic and _____ that traffic on the bridge was heavy at this time of day.

a. me
b. I
c. myself

4. The company launched _____ new environmental campaign today.

a. their
b. its
c. it's

5. _____ has never been to Disneyland or Epcot will go with _____ this July.

a. Whomever, us
b. Whoever, we
c. Whoever, us

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Chapter 32 Prepositions

Choose the correct preposition to insert in the following sentences. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. _____ April, Sam plans to build a deck for the house.

a. In

b. On

c. From

2. I left the sheet music _____ top of the piano.

a. in

b. on

c. for

3. Steve left the fruit flies _____ the laboratory overnight.

a. on

b. under

c. in

4. Marianne is agoraphobic; she has a fear _____ open spaces.

a. on

b. of

c. after

5. I am grateful to the university for offering this scholarship _____ me.

a. to

b. for

c. from

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Chapter 33 Adjectives and Adverbs

Choose the sentence in which every adjective and adverb is correct. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. a. Jordan could tell that Keisha was being careful by the way she slowly walked up the stairs.
b. Jordan could tell that Keisha was being carefully by the way she slowly walked up the stairs.
c. Jordan could tell that Keisha was being careful by the way she slower walked up the stairs.
2. a. I am sure that he will do poorly on his final exam; he was out every night this week.
b. I am surely that he will do poor on his final exam; he was out every night this week.
c. I am surely that he will do bad on his final exam; he was out every night this week.
3. a. This orange is more juicy than any I've ever tasted.
b. This orange is more juicier than any I've ever tasted.
c. This orange is the juiciest I've ever tasted.
4. a. Michael Jordan was the talentedest basketball player in the history of the game.
b. Michael Jordan was the most talent basketball player in the history of the game.
c. Michael Jordan was the most talented basketball player in the history of the game.
5. a. How good do you know Russian?
b. How well do you know Russian?
c. How better do you know Russian?

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Chapter 34 The Apostrophe

Choose the sentence in which all the apostrophes are used correctly. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. a. I borrowed Richards bicycle because I didn't bring mine to the island.
b. I borrowed Richard's bicycle because I didn't bring mine to the island.
c. I borrowed Richards' bicycle because I didnt bring mine to the island.
2. a. Mary and Diane's house has two bedrooms.
b. Mary's and Diane's house has two bedrooms.
c. Mary and Diane's house has two bedroom's.
3. a. If you dont dot your i's, they will look like l's.
b. If you don't dot your i's, they will look like l's.
c. If you don't dot your is they will look like ls.
4. a. I'm spending this week's paycheck on rent.
b. I'm spending this weeks paycheck on rent.
c. Im spending this weeks' paycheck on rent.
5. a. Everyones' going to Sashas' for dinner at eight.
b. Everyones going to Sasha's for dinner at eight.
c. Everyone's going to Sasha's for dinner at eight.

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Chapter 35 The Comma

Choose the sentence in which all the commas are used correctly. Then circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. a. At the dance school, we learned to waltz on Tuesday, to merengue on Thursday, and to line dance on Saturday.
b. At the dance school, we learned, to waltz on Tuesday, to merengue on Thursday, and to line dance on Saturday.
c. At the dance school, we learned to waltz on Tuesday, to merengue on Thursday and, to line dance on Saturday.
2. a. Because I did not know that Jackie, my roommate from college, was coming to visit me I went to Columbia South Carolina for the weekend.
b. Because I did not know that Jackie, my roommate from college, was coming to visit me, I went to Columbia, South Carolina, for the weekend.
c. Because I did not know that Jackie my roommate from college was coming to visit me, I went to Columbia, South Carolina for the weekend.
3. a. The 1985 Ford which has ignition trouble is hard to start.
b. The 1985 Ford, which has ignition trouble is hard to start.
c. The 1985 Ford, which has ignition trouble, is hard to start.
4. a. On Saturday, August 5, 1986, Saks' men's department sold more polo shirts, Izod sweaters, and canvas belts than it had in three months.
b. On Saturday, August 5, 1986, Saks' men's department sold more polo shirts, Izod sweaters and canvas belts than it had in three months.
c. On Saturday August 5, 1986, Saks' men's department sold more polo shirts Izod sweaters, and canvas belts than it had in three months.
5. a. Your plan for a day-care center by the way, is the best I have ever seen.
b. Your plan for a day-care center, by the way is the best I have ever seen.
c. Your plan for a day-care center, by the way, is the best I have ever seen.

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Chapter 36 Mechanics

Choose the sentence in which capital letters and punctuation have been used correctly.
Circle the letter that indicates your choice.

1. a. Arthur Ashe was the first African American man to win three Grand Slam titles:
the U.S. Open in 1968, the Australian Open in 1970, and Wimbledon in 1975.
b. Arthur Ashe was the first african american man to win three Grand Slam titles, the
U.S. Open in 1968, the Australian Open in 1970, and Wimbledon in 1975.
c. Arthur Ashe was the first African American man to win three Grand Slam titles:
the u.s. open in 1968, the australian open in 1970, and wimbledon in 1975.
2. a. The Tufts university lecture series invited Howard Zinn, author of A people's
history of the united states, to speak at Ballou hall on May 6.
b. The Tufts university lecture series invited Howard Zinn, author of A people's
history of the united states, to speak at Ballou hall on May 6.
c. The Tufts University Lecture Series invited Howard Zinn, author of A People's
History of the United States, to speak at Ballou Hall on May 6.
3. a. After watching the movie, my brother asked "Do you think that the actors
improvised some of the scenes?"
b. After watching the movie, my brother asked, "Do you think that the actors
improvised some of the scenes?"
c. After watching the movie my brother asked "Do you think that the actor's
improvised some of the scenes"?
4. a. Feeling optimistic, I packed summer clothes for my vacation: sandals, a swimsuit,
and several sundresses.
b. Feeling optimistic I packed summer clothes for my vacation: sandals a swimsuit,
and several sundresses.
c. Feeling optimistic, I packed Summer clothes for my vacation, sandals, a swimsuit,
and several sundresses.

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5. a. Last Fall, I withdrew from chemistry II.
 b. Last fall, I withdrew from Chemistry II.
 c. Last Fall I withdrew from chemistry II.

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Chapter 37 Putting Your Proofreading Skills to Work

Choose the sentence that includes an error. Circle the letter (a, b, or c) that indicates your choice.

1. a. The heels of some ladies' shoes are dangerously high.
 b. One of her students needs constant attention.
 c. You look like you seen a ghost.

2. a. She is rich, beautiful, and has talent.
 b. Neither the cats nor the dog has eaten breakfast.
 c. My sisters and brothers-in-law met me at the airport.

3. a. Although the firefighters arrived within five minutes.
 b. My car broke down; consequently, I was late for work.
 c. The college has posted the necessary forms on its website.

4. a. She has forgotten to turn off the lights again.
 b. We players want to buy a gift for our coach.
 c. Your not going to believe this story.

5. a. People who walk regularly are usually healthier than people who don't.
 b. There is a strong attraction between John and I.
 c. Google is one of the most popular search engines.