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QUESTION 1

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised. Choose the correct answer.

When he emerged from the pool, wondering how good he had done, he immediately looked to the clock.

- A. wondering if he had done good,
- B. No error
- C. wondering how well he had done,
- D. wondering well, had he done good,
- E. done wondering he had done well,

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Since it is being used as the object of he had done, the correct form is well.

QUESTION 2

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised. Choose the correct option.

McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States state department.

- A. McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States state department
- B. McCarthyism was an ideology, an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century, targeted communists in the United States state department
- C. McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted Communists in the United States state department
- D. McCarthyism will be an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States
- E. McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States State department

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: The original choice is wrong strictly for the lack of capitalization of "State Department." Choice "McCarthyism was an ideology, an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century, targeted communists in the United States state department" complicates problems more than "McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States state department" by deleting certain words that turn the sentence into a run-on sentence. Choice "McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted Communists in the United States state department" fails to capitalize "State Department" (it needs to be capitalized because it is a proper noun --

the United States State Department, not just "a state department"). Although choice "McCarthyism will be an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States" corrects the capitalization error, it changes "was" to "will be," which is an illogical verb tense (i.e. future) because later in the sentence it is stated that the ideology arose "in the middle of the twentieth century," which has already passed. Choice "McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States State department" corrects the capitalization error and leaves the sentence as it is. Sometimes just minor changes are needed.

QUESTION 3

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised. Choose the correct option.

There will be a wide path, almost big enough for a car.

- A. No error
- B. Will there be a wide path,
- C. They\\re will be a wide path
- D. There will not be a wide path,
- E. They\\re will be a wide path,

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The original sentence is correct.

QUESTION 4

Determine whether the underlined portion of the sentence below is correct or whether it needs to be revised. Choose the correct option.

Plenty of high school students spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.

- A. spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.
- B. spend his time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.
- C. spend one\\s time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.
- D. spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and senior citizens.
- E. spend their time involving in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: By breaking the parallelism (continuity of a pattern, in this case), the underlined portion of this sentence must be changed. By simply changing "also helping senior citizens" to "senior citizens" the list is clearly discussing people in the community from various age groups. Each other choice besides "spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and senior citizens" uses incorrect pronouns (i.e. his) and/or parallel

structure (i.e. also helping senior citizens).

QUESTION 5

Identify the error in the following sentence:

On a saturday night in the spring, the Jacksons threw an anniversary party for Henry and Jackie.

- A. saturday night
- B. Jacksons
- C. an anniversary party
- D. for Henry and Jackie.
- E. No error

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The names of the days of the week should be capitalized.

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